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BASIN, WYOMING.

RANCHERS BRING SUIT

Farmers of Rock Creek Valley Want Rocky Fork Coal Company Perpetually Enjoined.

TOO MUCH COAL SLACK

Complaint Filed In District Court Yesterday in Name of Pippenger and Mahan.

The long contemplated suit by injunction against the Rocky Fork Coal company was on Wednesday commenced in the district court. The action is brought in the names of B. F. Pippenger and W. R. Mahan and contemplates an issuance by the court of an injunction perpetually restraining the coal company from emptying coal refuse into the waters of Rock creek.

The action is backed up by nearly all the ranchers who have property along the valley of the creek and it is stated that the sum of \$2,000 has been subscribed by them for the prosecution of the suit and that they have already paid a retainer fee of \$500 to their attorney, T. J. Walsh of Helena.

The complaint, as filed in the district court, sets up the facts to be that B. F. Pippenger and W. R. Mahan took up lands in Carbon county (describing the ranches owned by the two plaintiffs directly north of the city,) the former in 1888 and the latter in 1885, and that they in time proved up upon their properties; that there is a stream flowing through the valley in which their ranches are situated and which makes such valley especially adapted to agricultural pursuits and stock raising and that such valley extends for forty miles; that it is necessary to irrigate these lands from the stream described and that for that purpose ditches have been dug into the ranches in order to direct the waters of the stream; that when the waters were first used they were clear and well adapted for domestic purposes, irrigating and the watering of stock, and that they were filled with fish which the plaintiffs and the other residents along the stream were in the habit of taking out; that the defendant company for a period in excess of a year has been dumping into this stream and has permitted to be dumped into it screenings from the coal and mine, together with washings, slack and other refuse, until the waters of the creek are no longer fit for domestic use; that its value for watering stock and irrigating lands has greatly deteriorated and diminished, and that the fish have been killed and driven away. It is also alleged that the irrigating ditches and their laterals have been clogged and the passage of water through them obstructed.

The complaint ends by asking for the perpetual enjoining of the defendant company from further dumping screenings, washings, etc. into the stream and for a decree allowing plaintiffs the costs in the case.

The suit will not come up at this term of court, but it will appear on the September calendar.

BOLD BURGLARY AT BOWLEN'S.

The Mayor's Lumber Yard Office Broken Into and the Till Tapped.

A bold burglary took place on the afternoon of Decoration day, when Mayor C. C. Bowlen's lumber yard office was broken into and the till touched for its contents, between \$12 and \$15 in silver, about half of which was in nickels which the city's chief magistrate had been saving up with which to supply the cravings of Tom Pollard's capacious slot machine. It is supposed that the burglary was perpetrated by the same gang of youthful scoundrels which recently operated at the confectionery stores of Ed Clements and R. S. Richardson.

The burglars timed their unlawful visit to the lumber yard at an hour when everybody was away from the place and effected an entrance into the office by breaking the locks on the two rear doors. Then, with a hatchet which they picked up on the outside, they broke open the money drawer and pocketed the contents. They also ransacked Mr. Bowlen's private desk and left the papers strewn all about.

The burglary was discovered about 5 o'clock and the officers notified. Two or three suspected parties are under surveillance, but thus far no arrests have been made.

MARITAL TROUBLES BEING SETTLED.

Mrs. Samuel Owens Gets the Stock and a Thousand Dollars in Cash.

The trouble existing between Samuel Owens and his wife of Joliet, which culminated two or three months ago in his arrest on a charge of assault in the first degree, preferred by Mrs. Owens, is in a fair way of being amicably adjusted out of court. The lady was in the city the

first of the week, having relinquished her right to the homestead entry, and, in addition to receiving \$1000 worth of cattle and other stock, was paid \$1000 in cash, and the final proof contest which was to have come up before Commissioner Whitney at Carbonade will be dismissed. As a result of her relinquishment the filing made on the homestead by James Owens, a cousin of Sam Owens has been accepted by the Bozeman land office and James is now in possession of the ranch, which he has leased to T. H. Smith of Joliet. These matters having been settled, it is not expected that Mrs. Owens will make it a point to appear against her husband when the assault case comes up for hearing at the forthcoming term of the district court. Pending a suit for divorce Mr. Owens will allow his two youngest children to remain with their mother and permit the eldest child, a boy of 13 years, who is now stopping on the Chapman ranch, to choose between his father and mother as to which one he prefers to live with.

NO POOR HOUSE FOR HER.

Calamity Jane Would Not Satisfy to Become a Public Charge at Livingston.

A dispatch from Livingston says: Calamity Jane, the well-known character of the west and the dime museum heroine of the east, was brought down on the park branch Monday night at the expense of the county, to be taken to the county poor farm. She has been ill for the past week at her shack in Gardiner and the county commissioners decided to send her where she could receive medical assistance and be taken care of. Friday morning, however, Calamity came to the conclusion that the poor farm was not the place for her and she refused to be taken there, so she borrowed enough money to buy a few drinks of whiskey and a ticket to Laramie and left for that place by the first train.

Calamity Jane was taken east last summer by Mrs. Josephine Winifred Brake of Buffalo, who proposed to give her a home, but instead she was set to peddling a blood-curdling tale of western life written by her friend and benefactor. Calamity persuaded Buffalo Bill, her old-time friend and companion in many an Indian fight, to furnish her with a ticket and expense money for her return to Montana, and made things lively at several points where she stopped off on her way home.

She arrived at Livingston about a month ago and was preparing to follow her usual vocation during the summer of selling a small book, giving a sketch of her life and adventures, to the tourists who pass through here on their way to Wonderland.

The commissioners will place no obstacle in her way if she wants to leave the county.

EXODUS OF SCHOOL MA'AMS.

Nearly All of the Red Lodge Teachers Are Leaving for Vacation.

The teachers of the public schools will spend their summer vacation as follows: Miss M. M. Brashear will visit friends at Lander, Wyo., for which place she will leave in a few days. Next year Miss Brashear goes to Anaconda to teach English.

Miss Van Housen will attend the training school at the Nebraska state normal, at Fremont, Neb.

Miss Johnston will spend the summer with relatives at Billings.

Miss Ida Brashear will go to her home at Kirksville, Mo., for the summer.

Miss Osborne will go to her home in Kansas.

Miss Ross and Miss Feely are contemplating taking a course at some summer training school, but have not progressed with their plans so far as to decide what institution of learning they will go to.

Principal Kay will remain in Red Lodge for the summer.

A SAD DEATH.

Bride-Wife of George J. Scharff Surrenders Her Life in Motherhood.

After less than a year of domestic happiness, Mrs. Melvie Scharff, the bride wife of George J. Scharff, a rancher at the Butcher creek crossing, died at 2 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon from childbirth, following an unconscious state extending for a period of thirty-one hours. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Kime and a sister of Elder Stewart Kime, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church of this city. Hardly 18 years of age, her death under the attendant circumstances is particularly distressing and hard for her husband and parents to bear. In addition to these the deceased leaves four brothers and four sisters to mourn her early demise.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Adventist church in this city, the services being conducted by Elder W. D. White of Missoula. The interment was in the city cemetery.

Billings Times: S. G. Reynolds, the new agent of the Crow Indians, who went to Crow Agency a week ago, has not yet been sworn in, but will be in about a week.

WAS HIS FIRST SHIFT

Michael Fleming Had Only Been Working a Couple of Hours When Fatal Explosion Came.

BROTHER BRINGS BODY

Remains Reached Red Lodge Last Saturday and Funeral Was Held Sunday. Largely Attended.

Roger J. Fleming arrived home last Saturday from Fernie, B. C., with the remains of his brother, Michael Fleming, who was among the victims of the British Columbia coal mine explosion.

Mr. Fleming was not long at Fernie, arriving there on Monday evening of last week and leaving with the body the next morning. During the brief space of time he was in the stricken city he learned that his brother had just entered the employ of the mine, was on his first shift and had been underground but about two and a half hours when the explosion occurred. Michael and about thirty other miners, together with the mining boss, had evidently tried to get to the surface, as their bodies, the first ones discovered, were found in positions which would indicate that they had been made aware of the explosion and were hastening together to the slope when overtaken by the fatal aftermath, all dying together. Like the others of this group, Mr. Fleming's body was not burned nor the features disfigured. The number of victims was placed by the mining company at 133, but the miners themselves think that there were fully 200 of the dead.

Mr. Fleming found that Will Davis, son of Daniel Davis of this city, who was an employe of the mine, was safe. The young man, luckily for him, was laid up at the time of the explosion with a sore foot. Since returning home inquiry has been made of Mr. Fleming as to the safety of Thomas Miller, a former employe of the Rocky Fork mine who went to Fernie about a year and a half ago. Mr. Fleming found nothing about him, neither has his name appeared among the list of the dead.

The funeral of the late Michael Fleming occurred last Sunday afternoon from the Fleming residence in this city. The remains were followed to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery by a large concourse of citizens, there being twenty-seven carriages in the sad procession. The services were exceedingly simple, it being impossible to secure the attendance of either Rev. Father Stack, the resident priest, or any other clergyman of the Catholic faith, as they were all in attendance upon the annual retreat at St. Ignace on the Flathead reservation.

The pall bearers were Alderman Barney Hart, Hugh O'Donnell, M. M. Donoghue, Thomas Skelly, James McAllister and Thomas Conway.

CORONER'S JURY INVESTIGATION.

The Coal Mine Disaster in British Columbia Is Being Officially Probed.

Yesterday Roger Fleming received a copy of last Sunday's Daily News, published at Nelson, B. C., containing a special from the ill-fated coal camp of Fernie and giving the story of the preliminary investigation instituted by the coroner into the disaster in which Michael J. Fleming, together with some one hundred and fifty other miners, met his death. On the examination of one witness the inquisition was adjourned to next Monday, after which another and different investigation will probably follow. In this latter investigation, the special dispatch says, the government and the miners each will nominate a commissioner, a third being found in one of the supreme court judges. This commission will attempt to analyze the disaster and make use of the terrible lesson in suggesting desirable amendments to the coal mine regulations in the matter of more effectually protecting the lives of workers in the provincial collieries.

The coroner's investigation finds the Western Federation of Miners, the Dominion government and the company represented by attorneys. The witness examined was Michael Finnen, a shot-firer employed in the Crow's Nest Coal company's mine from May 2 until the date of the explosion. His testimony was largely the story of what he had seen of the work during his short employment in the mines. He declared that he had never encountered any gas in the No. 2 mine, neither had he ever seen gas reported on the books. He said, however, that the mine was a particularly dry and dusty one and that he had seen dry dust along the roadways from six to eighteen inches deep; that there was no provision for systematic waterings, and that the practice was to drill a center hole as well as two side holes in the face, the center hole

being intended to lessen the resistance and render the danger of "blow-out shots" infinitely less. He said that these center shots worked satisfactorily and acknowledged that the direct cause of the disaster was to him a mystery. He testified that the practice of himself and others was to water back a distance of only twelve feet from the face, although the rule was to extend the watering back sixty feet. Upon being asked why, if the law and safety demanded watering back sixty feet before firing, he had only watered twelve feet, the witness replied that if he had brought water and watered this distance he would never have gotten out the amount of coal expected of him, and probably would not have held his job. He said that sometimes there would be two or three fires in a day and that the flames from the shots frequently ignited the dust lying about the workings.

On the day of the explosion, testified the witness, only one machine was working, and he had never had any "blow-out shots" nor had he been troubled with gas. Just prior to the explosion he had noted nothing wrong with the air while in the workings, but on going outside had found the atmosphere growing heavy and had remarked that there would be much gas made in the mine as a consequence.

HUNTERS HOT SPRINGS.

Substantial Improvements Contemplated for This Popular Health Resort.

Judging from the improvements which are outlined for this season at Hunters Hot Springs, the building of the much talked of new hotel at that popular resort is not to be delayed longer than next year at the outside, says the Livingston Post. F. S. Hornbeck expects to go to the Springs in a few days to commence the construction of two reservoirs, which are intended to supply the new hotel when it is built, as there is no present need for them. The proposed reservoirs will confine cold as well as hot water and will have an elevation of at least 100 feet above the proposed hotel site. The latter is supposed to be near the Mendenhall lake, about two miles east of the present hotels. The lake is to be dredged and enlarged and its banks will be boulevarded and planted with shade trees. Altogether it appears as if Hunters Springs will be heard from in the matter of substantial improvements next year.

SECTION BOSS KILLED.

His Life Was Crushed Out by a Burlington Freight Train.

Billings Times: When the Burlington freight train, which arrives in Billings about 6 o'clock in the morning, stopped at Crow Agency Sunday night, the crew noticed for the first time that the engine pilot was bespattered with what was unmistakably human brains. Word was immediately telegraphed to Sheridan for the next train to keep a lookout for the body of a man. The next train, which was also a freight, found the body of the dead man just as they pulled into Little Horn. The man was horribly mangled, but the crew was able to identify him as a section boss named Dresser. Pieces of a velocipede scattered along the track indicated that he was riding probably in the same direction that the train was going and was probably too much under the influence of whiskey to hear the coming locomotive, as a sack containing pieces of a jug smelling strongly of liquor was found near the dead man.

CHESNUT STRIKE SETTLED.

Western Federation of Miners Decides That Men Had No Grievance.

The trouble at Chesnut between the miners was settled last week and all hands returned to work, says the Livingston Enterprise. The trouble originated over a complaint of the miners that certain shafts were not safe and that they would not return to work until repairs were made. The company denied the charge and after considerable wrangling a committee from the Western Federation of Miners at Butte was selected to come to Chesnut and inspect the mine. The committee made a thorough inspection and sustained the company in its stand that no danger existed, and when this had been done the miners withdrew their demands and returned to work.

DR. OWEN GETTING TO THE FRONT.

Son of a Carbon County Rancher Weds a Butte School Marm.

The following from the Livingston Post refers to a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Owen, ranch residents near Laurel: The marriage of Dr. George B. Owen, and Miss Kate McCarthy of Calmet, Mich., took place at Butte, at the home of the bride's sister, last Saturday. The groom is one of Anaconda's best known physicians, and the bride has been a teacher in the Butte public schools for the past two years. Dr. Owen is well known in this city and has many friends here. He is a graduate of the Livingston high school, '95, and received his medical education at the university of Minnesota. Dr. and Mrs. Owen will spend a few weeks in visiting San Francisco and other Pacific coast points, after which they will take up their residence at the Montana hotel in Anaconda.