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J. J. Frank,
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RED LODGE POSTOFFICE.
General delivery..... 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sundays..... 12:30 m. to 1:50 p.m.
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Department..... 9:00 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.
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Train No. 32..... 12:00 m.
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Local Brevities

Money to loan. Sichler & Co. 1317
Pearl Solomon left last Saturday to join her mother in Billings.
Mrs. C. B. Clarke drove into the city Monday from the Clarke Fork country.
A. E. Owen, the Laurel rancher, was in Livingston last week renewing acquaintances.
A son was born last Friday evening to the wife of County Treasurer Charles E. Wright.
George W. Robertson, the wool-grower, has moved his family to Red Lodge for the winter.
F. C. Woodward, county attorney by recount, Tuesday departed for Helena, where he spent a few days on legal business.
Miss Frankie Cochrane of this city left last Saturday for Jackson, Mich. Miss Cochrane expects to spend about a year with her aunt, Dr. Strong, and will then return to Red Lodge.
Miss M. M. Brashear, formerly assistant principal of the Red Lodge schools, but now teacher of English in the schools of Anaconda, arrived in the city last Sunday and spent Christmas with her sister, Miss Ida Brashear, going from here to Bozeman to attend the Montana Teachers' association meeting.

THE RED LODGE FURNITURE COMPANY IS TOO BUSY TO ADVERTISE!

Sloves at cost. Olcott & Chapman. Mrs. J. A. Metcalf on Tuesday arrived from Helena to join Mr. Metcalf in residence in this city.

D. F. Cushing, treasurer of the Carbon Stock association, was in the city last Friday from his Fishtail cattle ranch.

Howard Flager, Irma Bowen and Kate Watson are home from the Bozeman college to spend the holiday vacation.

Chris Hansen of Fishtail will commute his homestead entry before Commissioner Lyle in this city on Jan. 31.

Wanted, at once—a strong, reliable woman to work two or three days a week. Address "D," care of The Red Lodge Picket.

School warrant books, suitable for any district in the county, \$1 each. For sale at The Picket office. Mail orders promptly filled.

Mrs. E. J. North departed Monday for Michigan where she will arrive on Christmas eve for a visit with "the old folks at home."

Burton Harris, formerly of Red Lodge, accompanied by Mrs. Harris, has been visiting relatives in the city. From here Mr. and Mrs. Harris departed for a visit in the south.

Miss Kathryn Feeley, one of the teachers in the Bozeman public schools, arrived in the city last Saturday to spend her Christmas vacation in Red Lodge, her former home.

George W. Alderson departed last Saturday for Chicago to consult a specialist and undergo treatment in the hope of regaining his eyesight. He will probably be absent several months.

J. J. Poits of Billings, who was found at Park City in a demented condition and taken to Hunters Hot Springs, is now being cared for at his home in Billings by his brother from Absarokee.

E. J. Dailey, the former Red Lodge dancing master who was last week convicted at Butte of homicide as the result of having fatally stabbed a man during the progress of a drunken fight, has been sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

Miss Elma Van Housen of the Red Lodge schools departed last Saturday for Livingston, where she spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Bradford. From Livingston Miss Van Housen will go to Bozeman to attend the meeting of the State Teachers' association.

H. B. Segur, the popular general agent of the Burlington at Billings, who has been ill for several months, is home from West Baden, Indiana, where he went for the benefit of his health. His many friends are glad to note that his condition is gradually improving.

Chief of Police E. S. Jackson of Billings handed in his resignation to Mayor W. B. George last Friday. He gave as the reason that he was tired of the bickering that had been going on since the appointment of a "police commission" and denied that it was at all due to certain charges said to be pending against his administration of police affairs.

The Carbon Building & Loan association of this city has money to loan, but there are none of the present members who seem to be in need of spandulax. It has therefore been decided to open a new series, to be known as series B, for the benefit of those who would like to take stock in the association and borrow money with which to build, but do not feel like paying back monthly dues to the beginning of series C, which is required before a loan can be made. The opening of a new series will immediately operate to place new members on the same footing as old members.

The Finn band gave a concert and masquerade ball Saturday evening that was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Mrs. C. C. Huyek and family arrived Monday from Roberts to spend Christmas and the holidays at the hospitable home of Mrs. Huyek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tinkcom.

R. L. Davis on Monday assumed the position of cashier in the Red Lodge office of the Northern Pacific. S. L. Provan, the former cashier, left the same day to assume his new duties as agent at Wilsey.

Retiring County Clerk Jesse L. Smith is an applicant for the position of reporting clerk in the forthcoming session of the legislature. He has been making an active canvass for the place among new and old members of both house and senate.

L. D. Hoy of Topinish, Washington, was in the city last week, being called here as a witness in the water right suit before the court. Mr. Hoy was a former resident of this valley and one of the first to use the waters of Rock creek for irrigation.

Hon. and Mrs. John T. Smith of Livingston, who were the guests of Hon. and Mrs. W. F. Meyer last week, departed Saturday for their home at Livingston. Mr. Smith will return the second Monday in January to be in attendance at the adjourned term of court.

Carl Sorensen, the erstwhile Laurel rancher and cattleman who was arrested in Helena last week for disposing of mortgaged cattle, pleaded guilty before Justice Mann at Billings and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$500. The complaining witness was the First National bank of Billings.

Jacob Elk, the butcher creek wool-grower, has rented a house in Red Lodge and will next week remove his family to this city to reside for winter in order to send his children to school. Mr. Elk has been endeavoring for some time to secure the establishment of a new school district in his vicinity, but thus far has been unable to do so.

The government is advertising for bids for carrying mail by stage between Billings and Coburn, a station on the Burlington Coaly branch. The mail for the Basin county heretofore has been carried by the "all rail route" via Toluca, but a great saving in time will be accomplished by having it taken overland to Coburn. The distance from Billings is only 14 miles.

A company of the Montana National Guard of Big Timber met last week to fill the vacancy in the ranks caused by the promotion of the first lieutenant to the position of captain, made vacant by the much-lamented death of Captain Preston. The second lieutenant became first and J. H. White was chosen second lieutenant. That leaves a first sergeant to be appointed.

Tom Arthur of Absarokee returned last week from a visit to his brother John at Alberta, Canada. Mr. Arthur is very much taken with that country, which, he says, possesses the best range for stock that he knows of. Grass is abundant all over that section, the growth being much more luxuriant than here in Montana, while the snowfall is considerable less than it is here, and as a rule disappears within a day or two after it falls. John Arthur is now located in Alberta and engaged in the cattle business on an extensive scale. It is the present purpose of Tom to take up a ranch near his brother next spring and engage in the stock business. With that purpose in view he intends to gather together the nucleus of a cattle herd this winter and drive the band over the Canadian line next spring.

Drop into Foard's place, opposite the opera house for a cool glass of beer—only 5c.

Mike Larkin of Ottumwa, Ia., arrived in the city Tuesday on a visit with his brother, ex-Mayor William Larkin.

God watch lost at Methodist church Christmas eve. Reward if left at Central hotel.

Robert Solga and Mrs. Emma Yates were married Christmas afternoon by Rev. W. H. Watson.

A. J. McKate and Miss Hulda Miller were united in marriage Christmas day by Justice Chatfield.

Mrs. Hugh Hatfield, accompanied by her children, spent Christmas with her sister in Big Timber.

It will be the best time you ever had in your life! Where? When? What? At the opera house; New Year's night; grand ball to be given by the Women of Woodcraft. Best of music; most graceful of dancers; good time for everybody. Tickets, \$1 per couple.

Helena Press: In the Stillwater region, a section inhabited less than ten years ago by Indians, the settlers are being supplied with a telephone system which reaches to many parts of the Pacific northwest. There are now 1,000 people living in the valley and its tributaries who have located there since the Indians ceded that part of the county to the government. They have well improved ranches, most of them are free from debt and have surrounded themselves with small bunches of live stock in addition to the comforts which come to those who by dint of hard work succeed in carving out homes in newly opened territory.

On the train the other day a Picket representative met P. M. Gallagher, superintendent civil engineer of the mines and plant being opened up and erected at Storrs, near the Bozeman tunnel, by the Anaconda company. Mr. Gallagher expects to have the coke ovens completed and the property ready to turn over to the Amalgamated management by the first of next May. Then he will come to Carbon county, he told The Picket, to superintend the opening up of the Bear creek coal fields. Mr. Gallagher said there was no doubt about the inauguration of operations at Bear creek on an extensive scale by a "community of interests," as he put it.

Frank Bellar, a former resident of Red Lodge, will again become under sheriff of Park county, having been appointed by A. S. Robertson, the Livingston blacksmith who was elected sheriff at the recent election over the present faithful incumbent, Frank Beley. Mr. Bellar was under sheriff at the time Sheriff Young was killed by a desperado at Springdale some two years ago, when he himself was shot and dangerously wounded by the same outlaw, who, by the way, is now known to have staid one night in "King" McMann's cabin in Red Lodge while eluding the Livingston posse that reached here a couple of days after the murderer made his escape on horseback to Wyoming.

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Miss Mignon Quaw, teacher in the Red Lodge high school departed Saturday to spend Christmastide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Quaw, at Bozeman.

W. E. Hymer, president of the Red Lodge Townsite company, left on Monday for his home in University Place, Neb., to spend the holidays with his family.

W. H. Fouse of Chance, accompanied by his entire family, left Red Lodge last Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa., where they will spend the next two months visiting Mrs. Fouse's mother and brothers. On their way back to Montana they expect to stop in York, Neb., and in the Black Hills, where Mr. Fouse will have the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with old-time friends, having previously lived for a number of years in that famous gold-mining country.

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