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FIRE'S AWFUL WORK

MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

Six Towns in Minnesota Wiped Out of Existence—Scenes of Frightful Desolation—Incidental Loss of Property—Relief Trains Quickly on the Scene.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 2.—Six towns wiped out and more than 500 dead is the record made by the forest fires in this state in the past twenty-four hours. In Hinckley, Sandstone, Pokegama, Sandstone Junction, Skunk Lake and Mission Creek there are 355 known dead. In addition, several hundred are missing, while from 150 to 200 were scattered on farms throughout the district burned over. The destruction was complete in most of the towns named, but some of the forest land escaped. The loss, however, will be in the millions, and the loss of life will not be definitely known for several days, if ever. The relief trains brought supplies sent out from this city, Minneapolis, Duluth and other towns, and the sufferers are being cared for at Pine City and other points.

St. Paul was quick to respond to the needs of the stricken people. In an incredibly short space of time \$4,000 worth of provisions and clothes were raised and together with hospital supplies, tents, etc., for the use of the survivors, were hurriedly sent on a special train for the scene. The people of Rush City and Pine City have also responded nobly to the call for relief.

The Disaster Not Exaggerated.

St. Paul, Sept. 3.—Later details simply confirm the reports received yesterday as to the magnitude of the Hinckley disaster. The most conservative estimates of deaths in the six towns of Pine county are 302, and from that figure go up to 1,600. Although the exact number of dead will never be known, enough is known to make this one of the most appalling disasters in American history. More have perished, but never so many in so terrible a manner.

Worse and Worse.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Reports to the Tribune from portions of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, in which forest fires are raging, show that the loss of property at a low estimate has already reached \$12,000,000, not including the standing timber destroyed. But even worse is the loss of life, which it is feared will reach as high as a thousand. About twenty towns have been destroyed, driving thousands of families from their homes.

Accurate Estimate of the Dead.

St. Paul, Sept. 4.—A Pioneer Press special from Pine City says: Buried at Hinckley and vicinity, 235; Sandstone, 63; Pokegama, 35; Miller, 14; estimate of dead not found, 30; total, 379. The Hinckley horror is causing in its awful magnitude. There are now lying in desolate cemeteries, under a shallow covering of sand, 216 bodies.

THE STATE FIREMEN.

Program for Their Meeting at Missoula, September 19 to 21.

MISSOULA, Sept. 2. Chief McEnturff has prepared the following program for the annual meeting of the State Firemen's association, which will be held here September 19, 20 and 21:

What is the Best Method of Caring for Horses?—Butte Fire Department.

Should Small Cities Have a Partially Paid Fire Department?—Walkerville and Deer Lodge.

Importance of Cultivating a Feeling of Unity and to Discourage Petty Strifes in Our Association.—Bozeman and Deer Lodge.

What Additional Legislation is Required for the Good of the Fire Departments of the State?—Missoula and Bozeman.

What is the Best Method of Handling Fires in Mills and Smelters?—Walkerville, Anaconda and Great Falls.

What is the Best Method of Extinguishing Fires in Mines?—Butte Fire Brigade.

What is the Advantage, if any, of Chemically Over Water in the Incapacity of Fire?—Butte Fire Department.

They May Settle in Africa.

A barbecue was recently held at Enterprise, Miss., by a large crowd of negroes, at which it was decided to send two of their number to Africa to examine into the condition of that country. If, on their return, the report is favorable the negroes of that section declare they will leave en masse and settle in the land of their forefathers.

Bought the "Madisonian."

W. W. Cheeley, formerly of the Dillon Tribune, but lately of the Butte Miner reportorial staff, has purchased the Virginia City Madisonian from the A. B. Kiser estate.

Roxie Choquette Sent Up.

Roxie Choquette, convicted of involuntary manslaughter in killing his wife, was sentenced by Judge Woody at Missoula, Saturday, to five years in the state penitentiary.

THE TICKET COMPLETED.

The Populist Central Committee Names Candidates for the Vacancies.

At a meeting of the Deer Lodge county Populist central committee, held in Anaconda, Wednesday, D. P. Hallaban of Anaconda was chosen to fill the vacancy on the ticket caused by the failure of J. R. Whitmore to accept the nomination for county treasurer, and J. P. Mitchell of this city was named as the candidate for county surveyor, the county convention having failed to make a nomination for that place.

Resolutions were passed censuring Louis Rotwit, secretary of state, for his dereliction in failing to carry out the provisions of the constitutional amendment relating to the election of county commissioners, and calling upon him to have the vexed question settled by the supreme court at his own expense.

Tenure of the terms for which the several candidates for county commissioner shall serve if elected were fixed as follows: Thomas McCormick six years, Charles H. Williams four years, and W. N. Aylesworth two years.

M. Maguire of Anaconda was nominated and elected by acclamation as treasurer of the county central committee.

After a general discussion of campaign matters the committee adjourned to meet at Deer Lodge, October 3.

WHO WILL LEAD?

Gossip Concerning the Coming Knights of Labor Election.

New York, Sept. 1.—The re-election of James R. Sovereign as general master workman of the Knights of Labor is being discussed by District Assembly No. 49, Knights of Labor.

Mr. Sovereign came to this city a few days ago and conferred with the local leaders. They assured him that the Knights of Labor of New York would vote for him.

Strenuous efforts, it was said, had been made by ex-General Master Workman Powderly to run against Sovereign. Powderly had his agents in Philadelphia last week at a meeting of the general executive board, which had convened to discuss the possibility of Sovereign's re-election. The agents informed Mr. Powderly that Sovereign stood the better chance, and Powderly thereupon concluded to put up a candidate of his own in the person of James Campbell, of Local Assembly No. 300, Pittsburgh.

HARTMAN AND HUNT.

Montana Republicans Name Their State Ticket at Helena, Thursday.

The Republican state convention at Helena, yesterday, nominated Charles S. Hartman for congress and Judge W. H. Hunt for associate justice of the state supreme court. Representative Hartman was re-nominated without opposition and amid great enthusiasm. For associate justice there were three candidates—Theo. Brantly of this city, W. H. Hunt of Helena, and the incumbent, E. N. Harwood, of Billings. The vote stood: Hunt 156, Brantly 73, Harwood 67. The resolutions adopted denounce the Democratic administration and the tariff bill, lay the hard times to the repeal of the silver law and threats of free trade, demand the free coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one, and pledge the candidates of the party to support the cause of silver.

Placed on the Market.

The plat of Larabee's addition to Deer Lodge has been accepted by the county commissioners. There are 250 lots in the addition which will be sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$225. Payments can be made if desired; one-third cash, one-third in six months and one-third in twelve months, interest at 8 per cent. per annum. These lots comprise the most beautiful portion of Deer Lodge for residences. Plat can be seen at the bank office. 37-11

Losses by the Recent Strike.

Fire Marshal Joe Fitzgerald of Chicago, from his record book and a copy of reports, shows the following loss in incendiary fires during the recent strike: One hundred and sixty-six freight cars, eight switch towers, six freight depots, five switch shanties and one hay barn. He says the fires were kindled by boys, none of whom were over nineteen years of age.

Missoula County Populists.

The Missoula county Populist convention nominated the following ticket last Saturday: Sheriff, H. L. Shepperd; county attorney, B. D. Moore; county clerk, W. H. H. Dickerson; treasurer, J. E. Garrett; state senator, B. P. Nesmitt; representatives, F. J. Burke, E. J. Powers and J. A. Lohrer.

Building a Home at Royal.

Willard Bennett, manager of the Royal Gold company, is building a commodious residence at Royal, which will be in readiness for the accommodation of his family when they return from Chicago, where the children are now attending school.—Phillipsburg Mail.

THE MINING RECORD

A LOCAL AND GENERAL REVIEW OF THE LEADING INDUSTRY.

The Rock Creek Excitement Montana Men in a California Deal Record of Mining Locations—Is the Government Hedging?—General Mining Notes.

Brief mention was made in these columns last week of a recent strike of importance in the Alps district, on Rock creek, in Granite county. The strike has occasioned considerable excitement and something of a stampede, there being at this time about 200 men in the district, with the population increasing at the rate of fifteen or twenty a day. A large number of locations have been made, some of which are said to be good prospects. The present indications are that there will be a big rush into the camp this fall. The discovery that has attracted attention to the district was made by two Swedes not familiar with mining. The ore is said to assay from \$800 to \$1,000 in gold and some very handsome specimens of gold quartz have been exhibited as coming from it. Phillipsburg parties have obtained a head on this particular property for \$30,000, paying \$1,500 down. They are already working about twenty men.

Montana Men in the Deal.

A San Francisco dispatch states that the Seth Cook group of gold mines at Coulterville, Mariposa county, California, have been sold to a company of Boston and Montana capitalists for \$100,000. The mines have been idle for twenty years, owing to lack of good transportation facilities. The purchasers include Thomas Couch, a millionaire of Butte, and J. A. Coram, of Boston, who, with his associates, own forty-three mining properties at Butte and an enormous reduction works at Great Falls. The purchasers of the Seth Cook mines intend to erect a stamp mill and building a railroad.

Record of Mining Locations.

Following are the mining and water-right locations recently filed for record with the county clerk and recorder:

Quartz Locations—Alice, three-fourths of a mile south of Chalope mine at headwaters of Big Blackfoot river, by Edward W. Caver, Danche, Bald Butte district, by Benjamin H. Tatem, Lulu and Robert Duan, on Lost Creek, by J. P. Dorn, et al. Helena, Lincoln district, by E. W. Miller, et al. Sand Pat, one mile east of Copper Cliff, by John Hayes et al. Essex, eight miles north of Helena, by M. G. Smith et al. Lincoln, one-fourth of mile north of town of Lincoln, by C. H. Eschburg et al. West, six miles east of Helena, by Geo. W. White.

Placer Locations—Viola, on Hall's Gulch, township 11 north, range 8 west, by James S. Bill; 180 acres of placer ground on Little Blackfoot river, by Robert J. Lucas et al; 20 acres of placer ground on Gold Creek, by M. S. Parker.

Is the Government "Hedging"?

In view of the fact that a bill passed a few months ago by congress instructing the secretary of the treasury to coin the silver seigniorage was vetoed by the president, it is interesting to note the present mint activity in the coinage of the seigniorage and also the principal Mint Director Preston, disavowing on the 423,000 standard silver dollars minted in July, says that the bullion from which these dollars were coined was acquired under the act of July 14, 1890, which is the only bullion held by the treasury available for the coinage of silver dollars. The cost of the bullion contained in these dollars was \$285,661.36, showing a gain or seigniorage of \$137,338.25; consequently, \$385,661.75 will be held for the redemption of treasury notes, and \$137,338.25 will be used in the payment of the obligations of the government and will add to the circulating medium to that extent. A much larger amount was coined last month, and it is understood that the millions of silver on hand will be thus speedily put into circulation. Mining and Scientific Press.

General Mining Notes.

"Silver Dick" Bland of Missouri has been re-nominated for the twelfth time.

In 1893 the total value of the mineral production of Canada was \$19,250,000.

A single corporation controls more than nine-tenths of the world's product of diamonds.

The gold fever is raging in Coquimbo, Chile. The gold is very fine and in quantities. During the eleven months ending May 1, 1894, Uncle Sam exported 181,993,500 pounds of copper.

The gold yield of Cripple Creek, Col., for the first half of last month was at the rate of \$8,500,000 per annum.

A single carload of nearly pure silver ore from the Smuggler mine recently received at Denver was worth \$400,000.

A Colorado mining paper asserts that with the new and improved methods of

mining, it is thought that it will cost less than twenty-two cents on the dollar this year to mine gold in Colorado.

The total production of gold in the world in 1893 was valued at \$155,521,700, and the output of silver was valued at \$125,706,400.

Miners in the Forty-Mile country, Alaska, are reported having a tough time by reason of the recent hard winter and the scarcity of supplies.

Reports to the director of the mint show that since July 1 the number of silver dollars coined amounted to 893,000, of which 419,000 were coined since August 1.

Those who like the excitement of "crushing" have now a great choice of places to rush to—Western Australia, South Africa, Philippine Islands, and now comes news of virgin gold fields of wonderful richness in Chile.

The most costly of all metals, save only gallium, which is worth \$3,000 an ounce, is germanium, which is quoted at \$1,125 an ounce. Rhenium is worth \$112.50 an ounce; ruthenium, \$90 an ounce; iridium, \$37.50 an ounce; osmium, \$26 an ounce, and palladium, \$26 an ounce.

A letter from Mullau, Idaho, states that the mines have nearly all resumed operations, but none but union men get employment. The soldiers sent there to protect property are still there, and it is thought that a military post will be regularly established there, which will insure peace and tranquility.

A twelve-inch vein of ore, increasing to eighteen inches, was exposed this week by the lessees of Gilbert's Villard mine. The quartz is crystallized with bromic coloring, but differs considerably from that heretofore exposed. Assays of some show \$100 in gold and from 400 to 600 ounces in silver per ton.—Virginia City Madisonian.

DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND SCHOOL.

It Will Be Open for the Reception of Applicants Next Wednesday.

The state school for the deaf, dumb and blind, located in Boulder, will resume operations on Wednesday, September 12, 1894, under the superintendence of Prof. J. A. Tillinghast, an experienced and accomplished teacher of the deaf and dumb, recently connected with the Colorado institution. Mrs. Tillinghast, who is well versed and well trained in the duties incumbent upon the position, will be matron of the institution. Miss Daisy Doyle, who was teacher of the blind the past year, will occupy the same position the coming year.

Those who desire to enter the school should send an application to the secretary of the local executive board, Mr. W. P. Hoopes, Boulder. The small appropriation made for the institution by the last legislature makes it necessary that all who are admitted shall furnish their own transportation and clothing, the state making provision for everything else. Where applicants are unable to pay railroad fare and other expenses, they should apply to the commissioners of their respective counties for assistance.

DESERT LAND CLAIMS.

The Annual Expenditure Dispersed for This Year.

Numerous inquiries have been received from parties holding claims under the desert land law as to the full meaning of the recent act of congress relating to the annual expenditure. In a letter to the Missoula land office, Acting Commissioner E. A. Bowers of the general land office, says: "By an act of congress approved August 4, 1894, the annual expenditure of \$1.00 per acre for the year 1894, and the proof thereof has been dispensed with." The local land office interprets this to mean that the parties holding desert claims will not have to make any payment for this year, nor will they have to file any proof of having complied with the law. Many of those having such claims, however, have already made proof and payment for 1894. For such, it is understood, there is no rebate.

State Pharmaceutical Association.

The State Pharmaceutical Association, which met in Helena Thursday of last week, elected the following officers: President, J. H. Hechler, Helena; vice president, G. W. Shoemaker, Billings; secretary, J. B. Lockwood, Helena; treasurer, W. M. McGinnis, White Sulphur Springs. Helena was chosen as the place for next year's meeting.

Perfect Photograph of the Moon.

The photographs of the Paris Observatory have just finished for the Academy of Sciences the clearest view ever secured of the moon. They have photographed her surface in sections, which make a great image five feet in diameter. The work is so perfect that towns, forests and rivers would be perceptible if they existed.

You can buy yourself a ready-made wrapper in calico, sateen or flannel for less money than you can buy the goods to make them, at Kleinschmidt's. 67-

IT'S MERELY FORMAL

BUT DEER LODGE COUNTY REPUBLICANS NOMINATE A TICKET.

An Aggregation of Good Men Whom It Pains Us to Defeat—Delegates to the State Convention—Granite and Silver Bow Republican Nominations.

Pursuant to call, the Republican county convention met in this city last Saturday. There was a fair delegation present, though several outlying precincts were not fully represented. L. O. Leonard, chairman of the county central committee, called the meeting to order and J. C. English, of Anaconda, officiated as temporary secretary. Subsequently, L. A. King of Anaconda was made permanent chairman and W. E. Fisher of this city secretary.

After considerable caucusing and wire-pulling, one of the results of which was to burst the Deer Lodge slate "from soda to hock," the following ticket was placed in nomination:

For the Legislature—J. B. Losee, Dr. O. Leiser, Anaconda; T. B. Manly, Helmsville; H. R. Whitehill, Deer Lodge; Frank Vye, Elliston. For Sheriff—George Linsley. For Clerk and Recorder—John Fisher. For Treasurer—E. S. Stackpole. For Assessor—W. C. McFarland. For Auditor—Thomas Jones. For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Elizabeth L. Thomson. For County Attorney—J. C. English. For Public Administrator—A. J. Calcott. For Coroner—M. Bieu. For County Commissioners—The long term: Henry Hoffman, of Deer Lodge; Jesse Miller, Warm Springs; Dan C. McKenzie, Avon.

The following delegates and alternates to the state convention were selected: Delegates—H. S. Blanchard, W. B. Rodgers, H. R. Whitehill, James H. Mills, John Fisher, W. B. Burke, Dr. O. Leiser, R. T. Williams, J. B. Losee, J. C. English, T. C. Davidson, Chas. Graham, T. B. Manly, C. A. Wood.

Alternates—George Hammond, Lev. Coleman, John Heinenberg, T. S. Stackpole, C. S. Ballenger, Dave Sheffield, L. O. Leonard, F. S. Baum, George Tighe, G. S. Wisner, J. H. Standall, Jesse Miller, J. R. Bartley, T. Lynch, T. W. Jones.

Granite County Republican Ticket.

The Republican county convention for Granite county met at Phillipsburg, Tuesday, and nominated the following ticket: State senator, Dr. J. M. Sligh, of Granite; sheriff, Levi C. Johnson, of Phillipsburg; clerk and recorder, G. J. Beck, of Granite; treasurer, John Nixon, of Granite; assessor, W. W. Royal, of Drummond; clerk of the district court, J. Snell, of Phillipsburg; county attorney, W. E. Moore, of Phillipsburg; superintendent of schools, C. B. Stevens, of Phillipsburg; county commissioners, Ben Pizer, of Phillipsburg; R. D. McRae, of Stone Station; E. L. Holland, of Bi-Metallic; representatives, Willard Bennett and R. T. Rombauer, of Royal.

The convention unanimously passed resolutions instructing the delegates to the state convention to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Hon. Theo. Brantly, of Deer Lodge, as candidate for associate justice of the supreme court.

Silver Bow Republican Ticket.

The Republicans of Silver Bow county held their convention at Butte, Thursday of last week, and placed the following ticket in nomination: State senator, Chas. R. Leonard; representatives, J. H. Mountain, W. H. Swett, David Lawrence, E. H. Metcalf, E. S. South, Stephen Williams, H. R. Cunningham, Howard Panchal, J. S. Shropshire, George A. Cook and Edwin Gray; sheriff, Sam J. Reynolds; county attorney, M. L. Wines; county treasurer, W. L. Hill; county clerk and recorder, C. O. Johnson; county assessor, Carlos Warfield; county superintendent of schools, Prof. J. P. Davies; public administrator, W. J. Jamison; county auditor, W. T. Boardman; county surveyor, Fred Gutelius; coroner, Joseph Reynolds; county commissioners, Savin Lisa, D. J. Charles, John E. Lloyd.

TIME: 2:02 1-2 1

Robert J. Lowers the Facing Record One and One-Half Seconds.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 6.—In the great pacing race this afternoon between Robert J. and Joe Patchen, the little son of Hartford took the first heat in 2:03 1/2, the fastest mile ever paced in a race. In the second heat Robert J. paced in 2:02 1/2, the fastest heat ever trotted or paced.

Only Two "War Governors" Left.

Andrew G. Curtin of Pennsylvania and William Sprague of Rhode Island are left by the death of Austin Blair as the only survivors of the famous group of "War Governors." Curtin is seventy-nine years old and Sprague, who was one of the youngest men ever elected governor, is sixty-four.

FOURTEEN state conventions this year have adopted resolutions to make United States senators elective by the people.