

WHOLESALE FRAUD PERPETRATED ON COUNTY UNDER FINANCIAL AID ACT

Persons with Substantial and in Some Cases Large Incomes Receiving Aid From the County

ONE WOMAN HAS \$9,000 RANCH, FOUR HOUSES AND \$2,000 IN BANK; COUNTY SUPPORTS HER CHILDREN

Names of 32 Women Who Have Been Receiving \$640 a Month From County Are Stricken From the List

Silver Bow County's Treasury Is Now Paying Out Between \$76,000 and \$80,000 a Year for the Support of Needy Widows With Minor Children to Support, and Officials Find That a Large Percentage Have Secured Public Aid Through False Statements as to Resources.

Wholesale frauds upon the county in the operation of the statute providing for county aid for indigent widows with minor children have been unearthed by probation officers of the district court working under the direction of Judge John V. Dwyer.

For some time past the impression has prevailed among certain county authorities that the financial act was being greatly abused in Silver Bow county and that many widows were drawing aid for the support of children who were not entitled to receive it.

Thirty-two Cases. This morning Mr. McCarthy appeared before the county commission.

GERMAN SHIP SHELLS COAST OF ENGLAND

Raid Made by Small Vessel. No Casualties Result From Firing.

London, Jan. 26.—An unidentified German vessel shelled the Suffolk coast of England last night. There were no casualties.

DEATH ENDS SUFFERING OF THIRTY YEARS IN HOSPITAL

Alexander McKenzie, an Early Day Gardener, Stricken With Paralysis in 1887, Dies Today in St. James Hospital. Never Left Building.

Early this afternoon Alexander McKenzie, aged 72 years, was freed by death from an illness of 30 years.

In the early days in Butte he was engaged in truck gardening and prior to the attack which prevented him from working drove a thriving business with many Butte hotel men, restaurateurs and housewives who bought

BUT WILL HE STICK?



—Washington Star.

INAUGURATION LIKENED TO CORONATION IN SENATE AND CAPITAL HOTELKEEPERS ARE COMPARED TO BUCCANEERS OF OLD

GREATER THOMPSON PARK PROPOSED IN BILL FOR BIG FEDERAL LAND GRANT

Measure Introduced in Congress by Representative Evans Provides for Conveyance to City of Butte by the Government of 5,500 Acres Lying Contiguous to Tract in Nine Mile Canyon Given Last Year by Son of Former Mayor. Would Constitute One of the Finest Natural Pleasure Parks in the West.

Thompson park in the Nine-Mile canyon, the gift of W. B. Thompson of New York to the city of Butte, will be enlarged to a tract with an area of nearly 5,800 acres and will constitute one of the finest natural pleasure parks in the west if a bill introduced in the lower house of congress today by Representative John M. Evans is enacted.

The tract given to the city last fall by William B. Thompson, son of a former Butte mayor, for park purposes constitutes 112 acres. It lies south of the Nine Mile house from a point just above the dam and is described in the deed delivered to the city as lots 37, 38 and 40 of the Black Tail Deer Creek Placer.

The land which the measure introduced today proposed to add to this is directly adjacent to it and comprises nine sections. They are sections 9, 10 and 11 in township 1 north, range 7 west, and sections 27, 28, 33 and 34 and the east half of section 22 in township 2 north, range 27 west.

The tract comprises many beautiful little parks and constitutes an ideal picnic ground. The land, save for a comparatively small bench, is not adapted to agricultural purposes and its chief value is as a park.

Mayor Lane has been working in behalf of a government grant to enlarge the park for several months and finally enlisted the aid of Congressman Evans in its behalf.

SECRETARY REDFIELD ILL. Washington, Jan. 26.—Secretary Redfield is sick with grippe and it was said today he would not be at his office before next week.

\$25,000 VOTED FOR EXPENSES OF INAUGURAL

Senator Says Washington Hoteliers Are Preparing for a Slaughter.

SAILORS OF SPANISH MAIN WOULD TURN WITH ENVY

Works Objects to Coronation Every Four Years as Undemocratic.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The senate voted favorably today on the \$25,000 appropriation to pay for the inauguration expenses at the capital but not until there had been some lively talk about how Washington hotelkeepers rob visitors and some observations that the inaugural ceremonies have come to resemble a coronation pageant.

When Senator Overman brought the resolution from the appropriation committee Senator McCumber, republican, suggested that it should include provisions to prevent hotelkeepers from raising their rates.

Coronation Every Four Years. "I'm not going to object to this resolution," said Senator Works, republican, "but I would like to see one

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WIN POINT AGAINST THE BILL

Senate Committee Frames New Measure—Strikes Not Forbidden.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Railroad strikes and lockouts are not forbidden by the terms of a bill to supplement the Adamson law which the senate interstate commerce committee virtually had completed today.

MILWAUKEE RAILROAD ISSUES MORTGAGE BONDS

New York, Jan. 26.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company has sold to a banking syndicate here \$25,000,000 worth of 4 1/2 per cent general and refunding mortgage gold bonds, it was learned today.

VERDUN AGAIN THE SCENE OF HARD ATTACKS

Germans Hurl Their Forces at Hill 304 and Deadman Heights.

SOME FRENCH TRENCHES ARE HELD BY TEUTONS

Russians Are Again Forced Back in Riga Battle Region.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

In what appears to have been the most important offensive movement undertaken on the Franco-Belgian front in several weeks, French trenches on a front of approximately a mile in the region of hill 304, northwest of Verdun, were stormed by the German troops yesterday, the Berlin war office announces.

The Paris account of the German offensive reports it launched along a rather wide front, the attacks being delivered at four points between Avocourt wood, on the extreme left of the French lines about Verdun and Dead Man hill, a distance of more than 3 1/2 miles.

In Vicinity of Riga. Fighting in the Riga region, the northernmost sector of the Russian front, continues to show advances for the Germans, according to Berlin, which reports additional Russian positions gained on both sides of the River Daugava, southwest of Riga, bordering the great Tird marsh.

The fighting in this marshy region is made possible at this season by the freezing of the swamps. A Russian offensive early this month was taken to be aimed at Mitau, the German base south of Riga, but it failed of decisive

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GRADUATION IN CITY SCHOOLS AT END OF SEMESTER

At High 23 Complete Course, 81 at Junior High and 179 in Grades.

Twenty-three high school students, undeterred by the hoodoo-number, completed their course at the close of the first semester at 1 o'clock this afternoon. They will graduate in June with the other students of the next semester.

At the close of the first semester this afternoon the students at the high school were dismissed at 2 o'clock. They will reassemble on Monday morning, when the rearrangements of the classes for the second semester will take place.

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FIRE IN SHAFT OF BLACK ROCK CAUSES A SHUTDOWN

Property Will Probably Resume Operations Tomorrow Morning. Night Shift Had Come Off Before Fire Broke Out. Damage to the Shaft is Slight.

Fire, which originated on the 150-foot level, damaged the shaft of the Black Rock mine of the Butte and Superior Copper company at 5 o'clock this morning, causing a suspension of operations at that property but little other loss than the delay in the hoisting of ore. The property will be

RECEIVE PROTESTS AGAINST PROPOSED MINING TAX BILLS

Residents of Three Counties Address Senate on Subject.

STATE INSURANCE BILL ADVANCED IN SENATE

House Favors Measure to Require Payment of Wages Semi-Monthly.

Special to the Post.

Helena, Jan. 26.—The senate received three protests today from as many counties of the state against the proposed license tax on mines. Senator Junod of Madison offered one protest from residents of Virginia City. Senator Merzhon of Granite introduced another from his county and Senator Gnose of Deer Lodge county offered one from the people of Anaconda and vicinity.

Senator Edwards introduced a communication signed by a number of prominent men asking the state to employ Granville Stuart for two years at a salary of \$3,000 a year to complete his memoirs which have been in preparation for a long time.

Duty of the State.

Mr. Stuart as one of the discoverers of gold in Montana is a leading pioneer. He was formerly public librarian at Butte and more recently has been a resident of Missoula, where he is trying to compile his book on Montana. The petition said that the day would soon pass when first-hand information on the early history of the territory could be had and that it was the duty of the state to take steps to preserve records that, in a few years, would not be available.

For State Insurance.

By a vote of 26 to 11 the senate today advanced the (S) bill providing for state insurance on public buildings. This measure had been referred to the committee on insurance. A majority of the committee recom-

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FORCIBLE FEEDING MAY SOON BE RESORTED TO

Woman Hunger Striker May Be Taken in Hand by the Jail Authorities.

New York, Jan. 26.—The "hunger strike" begun Monday night by Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who is serving a 30-day term following conviction as a birth-control propagandist, is gradually weakening the woman, according to today's bulletin of the prison physician.

Her blood pressure was "within normal limits, but wavering," the bulletin said, while temperature was slightly below normal and pulse had "moderately weakened." At noon today she had fasted nearly 90 hours.

The commissioner said it rested with the prison medical board to decide whether Mrs. Byrne would be fed forcibly if she persisted in refusing to eat.

PROPERTY WILL PROBABLY RESUME OPERATIONS TOMORROW MORNING. NIGHT SHIFT HAD COME OFF BEFORE FIRE BROKE OUT. DAMAGE TO THE SHAFT IS SLIGHT.

closed down for one day. An examination of the shaft today disclosed that little damage had been done and that probably tomorrow's day shift would work, while Manager J. L. Bruce was hopeful that the damage might be repaired in time for the night shift to go to work tonight. However, this was regarded as improbable.

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