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THE FIRST REPUBLICAN PAPER STARTED IN VALLEY CO., MONT.

J. Earl Barrington, Manager of the Crows Theatrical Company, called at the Searchlight office Tuesday and had many compliments to pay Culbertson and her citizens. He said the Tanner & Best Opera Hall was the best, with perhaps one exception, that of Minot, between here and Grand Forks, N. D. He said the city had the finest hotel, The Evans, of any town of its size that he ever saw any where, and that the fine business blocks here would be a credit to a place many times the size of Culbertson. Our people were just as much pleased with Mr. Barrington and his excellent theatrical company as he was with the town and we hope to see them here again in the near future.

The extreme cold weather this week has been general all over northern Montana, ranging from 20 below zero to 40 below. On Tuesday night the government instrument dropped to 40 below in Culbertson and has been lingering in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 below since that time. However Culbertson has no cause for complaint as the fall was very pleasant and the first month of winter was mild. The cold weather cannot last long now. It is an old and true saying, "As the days grow longer the cold grows stronger."

When the State Legislature assembled Monday W. W. McDowell, of Silver Bow County, was elected speaker of the house and Lieut. Governor W. R. Allen is of

course president of the Senate. The first day was about all employed in effecting an organization and the reading of the message of Governor Norris.

A Twelfth-Night Party.

"The sixth of January lends itself for merriment and gaiety out of the usual order, and certainly nothing could be so unique or furnish more real pleasure than an evening en masque says WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION for January.

"After all the guests have arrived, at a signal merry bells are jingled, the music starts, and all fall in line and march around the room, swinging hands in circle; at another signal they arrange themselves about the table, on which reposes the wonderful "Twelfth-Night Cake of Mystery." The cake is always placed on a thick mat of holly, with twelve lighted candles arranged around it on the table, the shades of which carry out the special color scheme selected. Over the cake swings a large cotton bell, containing a small metal ball, the hostess rings this to signify that the cake is ready to be cut. Each guest cuts a slice, he who gets the one containing a pea is made King, and the one finding a bean becomes Queen.

The monarchs are crowned with much ceremony, and together they lead the dance or games of the evening and preside at the head of the festive board. The unlucky possessor of the slice concealing a clove becomes the King's jester, is supplied with the peaked cap and bells, and is expected to amuse the crowd.

The refreshments should be suggestive of the occasion, and all kinds of rich and palatable viands may be served. The centerpiece may be a Twelfth-Night pie, covered with cream paper, to represent crust, with a perforated slice for each guest. Through the crust pass a ribbon attached to souvenir placed in the pie, have the ribbon extend to each plate, and fasten to a place card pinned to a tiny, grotesquely dressed doll. Belfano, the Santa Claus of Twelfth Night, should be standing on top of the pie; he may be represented by a tall doll, dressed in an odd hood and long red cloak, in which he is supposed to appear.

At the conclusion of the feast the hostess draws the first string, after which the others follow her example, the paper easily tears and great is the excitement as Belfano's ridiculous and odd gifts are drawn out and unwrapped.

The Royal Neighbors Lodge meets the first and third Wednesday evenings in each month at Masonic Hall in the S. S. Moon block. Mrs. G. H. Coulter, Sec. if

Furlined coats \$20.00 up to \$100.00 at The Big Store.

Plentywood Items.

From the Herald, Jan. 11, 1909.

Albert Chapman, the U. S. Commissioner, will have his office in the bank temporarily until his own quarters are completed.

F. R. Faltz of Arthur, N. D. who has been here for the last month looking up the producing qualities of Montana dirt, has gone home, but will return in the spring with a complete farming outfit.

Marion Chandler of Culbertson has purchased the livery barn owned by C. C. Malcomb. Chandler says he expects to make some changes in the barn, and that he is now fully prepared to do all kinds of work in his line.

The Christmas dance at the Gem Restaurant was well attend and everybody reports a good time. The Jordan prize for the best waltzers was awarded to Mrs. Toffelmeyer and Mr. Ramstead. The decision of the Judges met general approval.

Our ball fans, who are generally able to resist anything but temptation, congregated on the local diamond last Sunday for the purpose of opening their spring training. A fast team is assured although it is slightly beefy, especially in the corners where Bolster, Jarvis and Rowley expect to operate. But when the season opens, watch us scatter a gloomy atmosphere over such burgs as Culbertson, Ambrose and Crosby.

Silas Star has connected with the long limb of the law and has been under arrest charged with the crime of accepting a bribe, but was later released on bond. The warrant was issued by County Attorney Slattery who has been working on the case since last spring. When the warrant was placed in the hands of the local officer Star got "Wise" from some unknown source, but later went to Culbertson and gave himself up to the authorities.

Rank Foolishness.

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Movable High School to Instruct Farmers.

Bozeman, Jan. 2.—Prof. F. S. Cooley, superintendent of the Montana Farmer's institutes, stated today that it is intended by those in charge of the institute work to arrange for a system of movable high schools, which will start next September. These high schools will be a part of the regular institute work and are now conducted successfully in a number of the eastern states. Professor Taft of Michigan Agricultural college is the father of this system of education and the system to be introduced in Montana will be about the same as that used in Michigan.

Prof. Cooley stated that now the plans are rather vague and undeveloped in regard to the schools, but work will be done from now on perfecting the system and it is expected to know definitely by next April what will be done. At first it is intended to employ one instructor. This person will travel throughout the country districts of the state and remain for several weeks at each place. He will organize classes where he stops and give instruction in practical farm problems as well as in house hold economy and sanitation. It is likely that some instruction will also be given in the beautifying of farms and country homes.

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Mass at 10 a. m.; Benediction at 7 p. m.
The Catholic Priest and Missionary will be for the first half of each month on Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and in the second half of each month on Fort Peck Indian Reserve.
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