

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Montana has its fair share of the veterans of the Union Army and as a consequence the Grand Army of the Republic is in a flourishing condition. Each of the existing Posts have, during the year, added materially to its membership, and on the 23d inst. Mustering Officer Ross Deegan mustered in George Meade Post No. 16, with a membership of 40. The following will show the officers of the organization:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.—Department Commander, E. C. Waters, Billings; Senior Vice Commander, H. S. Howell, Helena; Junior Vice Commander, H. C. Kessler, Butte; Medical Director, G. W. Grant, Livingston; Chaplain, Rev. R. E. Smith, Helena.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.—Assistant Adjutant General, E. C. Culver, Billings; Assistant Quartermaster General, Jas. R. Goss, Billings; Inspector General, Henry Romeyn, Fort Keogh; Judge Advocate General, W. F. Saunders, Helena; Chief Mustering Officer, Ross Deegan, Helena; Assistant Mustering Officer, J. D. Jenks, Butte.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.—Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Livingston; R. E. Fisk, Helena; L. F. Wyman, Butte; Will Kennedy, Missoula; E. F. Ferris, Bozeman.

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.—P. R. Dolman, Butte; Geo. W. Shaw, Helena.

ALTERNATES.—J. E. Callaway, Virginia City; M. P. Wyman, Glendive.

AIDS-DE-CAMPS.—M. P. Wyman, Glendive; John Bechtel, Butte; George W. White, Helena; George W. Burns, Virginia City; J. W. Fredericks, Horton; David Lamont, Dillon; Wm. Harmon, Miles City; Geo. T. Chambers, Livingston; H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, Helena; C. E. Price, Fort Custer; John Moffitt, Helena; D. J. McMillan, Deer Lodge; O. F. Parmeter, Sheridan; W. Y. Smith, Bozeman; C. W. Lombard, Missoula; A. S. Kellogg, Boulder Valley; E. C. Culver, Billings; R. A. Craig, Helena; A. J. Fisk, Helena.

POST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.—Thomas P. Fuller, Helena; Charles S. Warren, Butte.

ROSTER—DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R., 1887.

NO.	NAME OF POST.	LOCATION.	COMMANDER.	ADJUTANT.	QUARTERMASTER.
1	John Buford	Fort Custer	C. E. Price	E. M. Walker	C. Hanson
2	Lincoln	Butte	C. S. Shoemaker	L. E. Holmes	S. T. Smith
3	Wadsworth	Helena	J. G. Sanders	John Moffitt	H. F. C. Kleinschmidt
4	Geo. H. Thomas	Deer Lodge	Lew. Coleman	B. F. Martz	H. A. Smurr
5	Custer	Sheridan	L. D. Moore	W. A. Means	H. D. Rositer
6	Frank Blair	Virginia City	Eugene Stark	D. W. Lindsay	A. E. Gloyd
7	Farragut	Livingston	F. W. Wright	Geo. T. Chambers	W. M. Green
8	Steadman	Dillon	Otho Klemm	T. M. O'Connor	Fred Hopp
10	Wm. English	Bozeman	B. F. Osborn	E. P. Wilber	Wm. Y. Smith
11	Frederick Winthrop	Missoula	John L. Sloan	W. J. Livingston	Will Kennedy
12	Thos. L. Kane	Glendive	Henry C. Tuttle	Jas. McCormick	M. P. Wyman
13	J. B. McPherson	Boulder Valley	Geo. Ten Eyck	A. S. Kellogg	S. S. Harpet
14	U. S. Grant	Miles City	Henry Romeyn	R. W. Corwin	C. H. Allen
15	John A. Logan	Billings	Lucius Whitney	Jas. R. Goss	M. G. Maines

KAISER HOUSE, PHILIPSBURG, M. T.

Philipsburg boasts of several first class hotels, and among the best is the Kaiser House, of which M. Kaiser is the proprietor. The hotel is furnished in fine style. The table is supplied with the best that the market affords, and the cooking is equal to any in Montana. While in Philipsburg don't fail to stop at the Kaiser House.

EVERYDAY PHILOSOPHY.

The diction of merchandise topics is dull and uninteresting to the average reader. Articles of this nature are shunned, or hastily passed over by the wary searcher after knowledge, for the very excellent reason that he or she has frequently been excited to the highest pinnacle of interest only to discover that the fertile brain of "John Smith" has taken this method of informing the public of the superiority and cheapness of his wares.

I think, however, that Montana's citizens may be excepted from this rule; to this extent, our history, although brilliant, is brief, the future is what interests us most. The success of our various enterprises and institutions concerns all. The struggle for supremacy is all right enough, but care should be taken that it engenders no feeling of bitterness or animosity against the successful ones. Our interests are identical. A sentiment which says it is not right that you should succeed—your brains, your capital, are not entitled to their just reward, certainly would not advance the interests of anybody. "The followers

are not less than the leaders," for all to perform their parts with unanimity and harmony, means progression and prosperity, anything less than this means disruption and adversity.

The shining lights in our mercantile firmament should inspire emulation. As an illustration of successful enterprise I know of no more striking example than that of the Bonner Mercantile Company. From an insignificant beginning it has reached the topmost round of the financial and commercial ladder. To-day it stands without a peer in our Territory, represents all that capital, brains and able management can accomplish. Its business is enormous, its system perfect. It is the only house in Montana conducted on the department plan. Each of its sixteen departments are conducted exclusive and separate from the other, its salesrooms, three great floors, are provided with every modern convenience for the successful conduct of its business, the whole being connected by a steam passenger elevator (the only one in the Territory). These features in connection with its well-known business policy of lowest living prices and fair dealing with all, account for its great popularity and marvelous business. An increase of this class of enterprise is what Montana needs.

JACK GAME.

WORK OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

The Judicial District of which Silver Bow County is a portion, comprises the Counties of Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead and Missoula, and is presided over by Associate Justice Galbraith. During the year there have been 350 cases docketed and heard, either partially or entirely. Of this number 250 were civil actions and 58 criminal.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR.

The Public Administrator is elected by the people at the regular bi-annual elections, and holds his office for a term of two years. It is the duty of the Public Administrator to take charge of the estates of persons dying in the county as follows: First.—Of the estates of decedents for which no administrators are appointed, and which, in consequence thereof, are being wasted, uncared for or lost.

Second.—Of the estates of decedents who have no known heirs, or, are strangers.

Third.—Of the estates ordered into his hands by the Probate Court.

Fourth.—Of the estates upon which letters of administration have been issued to him by the Probate Court.

George Pascoe, Esq., during his incumbency, has administered upon the following estates: J. R. Hurlays, G. W. Buell, C. H. Hart, Dan Cameron, Pat Foley, Wm. Elgin, Mrs. E. E. Theibault, C. E. Savage and C. K. Norris. The aggregate value of the estates is about \$23,000. Mr. Pascoe makes a monthly report of his doings to the Probate Court, and publishes semi-annually, in January and June, full exhibits of the condition of each estate under his charge.

THE BUSKETT MERCANTILE COMPANY.

In the town of Granite is one of the most pretentious mercantile establishments in the Territory. It is the Buskett Mercantile Company, and the deserved patronage it receives would be a wonder to Eastern people. The company was organized in July, 1886, with a capital stock of \$50,000, and is officered as follows: President, J. C. Curtin, of Clarke, Conrad & Curtin, Helena; Vice-President and General Manager, W. C. Buskett, formerly of H. D. Hauser & Co., at Wickes, and afterwards with Bach, Cory & Co., Helena; Treasurer, W. D. Smith, an old resident of Helena; Secretary and Assistant Manager, T. C. Baker, who was formerly the General Manager of the La Grange Iron Co., of Tennessee. When the company was organized it purchased the valuable goods of Thos. Trevaile & Co., and have since made such large additions to it that to-day it carries one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in Montana. They buy in carload lots, and there is nothing that they do not supply when asked for it. In the spring they will build a commodious store, with warehouse and grainhouse attached. A number of clerks are employed and the company, in addition to supplying Granite, furnish goods to the wood camps and many mining camps in the vicinity. Mr. Buskett has just completed a handsome residence in the town, which he occupies with his family, and he gives his personal attention to the business of the company. Mr. Baker, the Secretary, also resides in Granite.

UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE.

Superintendent Spruille Braden, of the United States Assay Office at Helena, furnishes the following statement of gold and silver deposited during the year 1887 at that institution.

MONTHS.	VALUE GOLD.	VALUE SILVER
January	\$ 58,168 89	\$1,425 47
February	42,299 41	595 39
March	24,352 63	394 55
April	56,838 91	872 78
May	95,909 74	6,508 20
June	78,932 85	2,279 65
July	95,052 89	1,602 26
August	161,070 43	3,547 64
September	248,832 81	7,397 93
October	135,942 48	3,316 95
November	217,172 70	5,047 37
December (approximate)	108,586 52	2,523 61
Total	\$1,323,090 26	\$31,808 79

Total value gold and silver, \$1,354,897.05.

O'MARA & MALONY.

This firm keep one of the finest and best appointed resorts in Philipsburg. Only the best of goods are sold, and one of the proprietors is always on duty. Mr. O'Mara and his partner are both well known in Butte and vicinity, and they will always be glad to welcome and entertain any of their old friends.