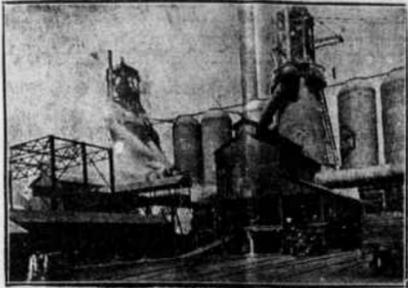


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There are few journalists in Montana who have had a more varied experience in the newspaper game than Pete Snelson, who at present is holding down the chair in the managing editor's office of the Record-Herald at Helena, and his narration of these experiences are always worth listening to, as, for instance, the following:

"It was in the high wine room of the Ostracized club in San Francisco one evening," said Pete. "Hank Burmeister, who used to work in Butte, had been reading, and he suddenly jumped to his feet and contemptuously tore up the volume, which happened to be Robinson Crusoe.

"You might as well try to peddle alarm clocks in a deaf and dumb asylum as to inveigle me into any more fancy stunts," observed Hank. "I'm going to settle down on a regular job."

"My last departure from the prosy path was in covering the water front for a month on the Daily Piccolo, Frogport, Ore., and it's golden loving cups to pewter thimbles that never again will a bunch of scene shifters be clustered together who could touch the staff on that rag, and I'm not using the word "touch" in a mercenary way either.

### A Wealthy Printer.

"The Piccolo was owned by an old printer whose purse was inclined to obesity he having made a wad of money by a scratch in the mines. One day in a mellow, r miniscient mood, he recalled that there was quite a herd of derelict journalists ambling about the country, and then and there, in the goodness of his heart, he resolved to start a newspaper for their special benefit.

"Bill Swift was the name of the charitable chap, and the flock of language butchers he had under his wing was something to marvel at.

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Bill made it a rule that no one could work on the Piccolo unless he had ben exiled five times from some other newspaper for becoming over-ber-eraged. Anyone who owned a trunk or a watch was barred.

"When I began my marine painting at Frogport the graft had been so thoroughly advertised that cots had to be placed in every available niche of the Salvation Army to accommodate the army of eligibles.

### The City Editor.

"The city editor of the Piccolo had worn a journalistic groove from Biddeford, Maine, to San Diego, California, with a breakover beginning at Palatka, Florida, and terminating at Blaine, Wash. Some time he used his shirtfront as an assignment book and his hair was more than 20 ems long. His unwavering financial inefficiency was remarkable.

"Jim Gatt, who did police and society, probably had exasperated more city editors and pestered more business office cashiers than there are flaws in Josephus Daniels' naval policy. He and I roomed together until I had to divorce him. He became so light-fingered that I had to sleep on my pawn tickets.

"Jack Leggat, who covered the courthouse and politics, was surely the most forgetful fellow who ever had his copy chopped. His cunning tower was so full of other and irrelevant things that he couldn't remember if anyone owed him money. The boss' feet became a little frosty when Jack made the paper say that Sheriff Johnson, whom we were supporting for re-election, couldn't catch cold in an icehouse, but when Leggat got a story saying that the leading society woman of Frogport had eaten a can of caviar, thinking it was blackberry jam, Jack had "30" embossed all over him with the toe of the boss' boot and he was again turned loose on a cheerless world. The last we heard of him he was driving a milk wagon at Centralia.

### Steamboat Rivalry.

"But let us get to the finale. The Little Muddy river, which moistens one edge of Frogport, was sparsely populated with steamers of the stern-wheel variety. The flash packets on the Muddy were the Cleopatra, 18 tons seven dwt burthen; and the Gazelle, of similar size, which was built more like a piano box than a gazelle. There was intense rivalry between the captains of these boats, which culminated in arrangements for a race from Jamestown to Frogport, a distance of eight miles. News of the contest spread through the town and soon there was nothing of tangible value that was not wagered on the result.

"The captain of the Gazelle and Bill Swift, owner of the Piccolo, were great friends, and as that boat's wheel possessed six more paddles than the Cleopatra, Bill had the craft doped so strong to win that he wagered the cylinder press against the Cleopatra that the Gazelle would romp home ahead. The proteations of the staff against desperate

hazards of this character were ineffectual.

"On the day of the race the banks of the river were lined, and I was detailed to write the story for the Piccolo. Bill was mounted on a reformed mustang, intending to ride along the river bank and jolly up the Gazelle's captain and crew.

### Stopped With a Jerk.

"The start was fair enough, but the Gazelle had only gone 23 feet when she stopped with a jerk that threw the pilot off the bridge. The Cleopatra shot around a bend and disappeared.

"Bill nearly fell off his horse and yelled to the captain of the Gazelle to kill a few galleys and get busy. The later crammed on enough steam to last a battleship six months, but the Gazelle only made a noise like a menagerie. Bill got so frantic that he could hardly be restrained from wading out and soaking the captain with a fence rail. In the meantime, the Cleopatra was leisurely making her way to Frogport, where afterward the captain became manager of the Piccolo.

"But what's the use of trying to make a comedy out of a tragedy? I suppose the Gazelle would be grunting along yet on her hands and knees if the captain hadn't discovered that someone had tied an anvil to her keel."

"What became of Bill," inquired Pete.

"The last I heard he was soliciting job work for a ten per cent commission for a shop in Decorah, Ia.," replied Hank.

### ROUNDING UP THE DESERTERS.

A British soldier went into a grocery store establishment to buy some articles. Seeing some bananas lying on the counter, he asked what they were.

"Soldiers, my friend," said the grocer, winking at the company.

"Are they?" returned the son of Mars.

"Then I'll take them as deserters."

### A Promising Recruit.

The officer of the day, during his tour of duty, paused to question a sentry who was a new recruit.

"If you should see an armed party approaching, what would you do?" asked the officer.

"Turn out the guard, sir."

"Very well. Suppose you saw a battleship coming across the parade-ground, what would you do?"

"Report to the hospital for examination, sir," was the prompt reply.

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## THE STATE.

Noxon—A community club is being organized.

Phillipsburg—A rifle club is being organized here.

Glasgow—The Shannon hotel will be enlarged to 120 rooms.

Butte—A modern Hotel, to cost \$500,000 is planned for Butte.

Livingston—An ornamental street lighting system is to be installed here.

Baker—Warren Armstrong, of Pueblo, will build a 200 barrel flour mill here.

Fort Benton—The Chouteau county fair will be held September 18, 19 and 20.

Gilman—J. S. Poole has purchased 3,000 head of sheep from John Gingass.

Big Sandy—The contract has been let for construction of water and sewer systems.

Havre—Crop prospects for this season were never better at this season of the year.

Great Falls—The Great Northern will make shop improvements to the extent of \$200,000.

Billings—A five story apartment house, to cost \$100,000 will be constructed immediately.

Billings—Great floods and ice gorges are expected along the Yellowstone river this spring.

Harlem—Thomas Buckley has sold 2,200 head of sheep to J. Stapler for \$11.50 per head.

Malta—The Malta creamery will establish an ice cream factory in connection with the business.

Lewistown—Gamblers raided one night recently paid fines into the city treasury aggregating \$2,300.

Fort Benton—The county authorities have decided to establish a ferry across the Missouri river at Carter.

Roundup—Roundup is to have a city auditor, who will be in effect a city manager, at a salary of \$1,800 per year.

Helena—A home guard company, composed of men between the ages of 45 and 60 years, is being organized here.

Harlowton—The Continental Bank and Trust company has been organized here by local men. The capital is \$150,000.

Great Falls—The labor differences have been adjusted. Both sides have agreed to submit all future wage problems to arbitration.

Helena—Governor Stewart is considering the advisability of creating a commission with the idea of increasing the seeded area this year.

Plains—For the first time in 15 years the farmers of this section have been obliged to ship in hay.

Helena—Montana at present contains 101,200 Catholics, according to the 1917 edition of the official Catholic directory, published in New York.

Billings—Over 100 farmers are interested in the Yellowstone Farmers' Co-operative Seed Company, just incorporated with a capitalization of \$40,000.

Hanover—Work on the \$1,000,000 cement plant to be erected here, is being pushed. A large hotel has been erected to accommodate the workers.

Butte—All air entering the new Rialto Thrayer will be washed. It will be pumped through a thin sheet of water, which will catch all the dust particles.

Billings—The Billings budget for city government for the ensuing year amount to \$101,190. The police department has an appropriation of \$20,160, the largest single item.

Helena—There is invested in the dairy industry in the state, according to the figures of Dairy Commissioner A. G. Scholes, \$1,775,000, while the annual production is worth \$11,252,000.

Butte—J. D. Hemple has sold his stock and sheep outfit, near Melrose, for \$87,500. He has also disposed of his Alder gulch land and sheep interests to Louis R. Hanson for \$62,500.

Red Lodge—Red Lodge has accepted the proposal of the Carnegie foundation, which was to build a \$15,000 library building, providing the city would guarantee its maintenance.

Lewistown—Fred De Maranville will ship 5,000 head of cattle into Montana in May to be sold to the ranchers of northern Montana. The cattle are Herefords, Durhams and Black Polls.

Deer Lodge—Frank Conley, warden of the penitentiary, has been elected mayor of Deer Lodge for the seventh time. In point of continuous service he is the oldest mayor in Montana.

Great Falls—Adjustment of labor differences here has started a building boom of proportions. It is estimated that \$1,000,000 will be expended in construction during the coming season.

Butte—Violet Buddie, recently released from the state industrial school at Miles City, charges A. C. Dorr, the director, with having flogged her, and has brought suit for \$25,000 damages.

Fort Benton—To stimulate the production of dairy cattle and to encourage the farmers to buy dairy stock, the Fort Benton Creamery Company will offer for sale a large number of high grade dairy cattle.

Helena—Eastern wool experts estimate that Montana will share from three to five million pounds of wool this year less than last year. Extremely high prices are responsible for a decrease of 10 per cent in the number of sheep in the state.

Lewistown—The Great Northern's long tunnel, through the McDonald creek divide, will be completed in about five weeks. As soon as the bore is finished the track will be laid on to Grass Range, without waiting for the concreting of the tunnel.

Fort Benton—With the enormous amount of snow in the mountains, residents of Fort Benton and other towns on the Missouri river are apprehending some exceptionally high water this year. It is hoped that the floods of 1908 will not be repeated.

## PIONEER STOCKMAN SAYS LOSS IS SMALL

"Cattle losses in eastern Montana this winter are due more to the long delayed departure of the snow and the lack of early grazing ground than the severe winter and the shortage of hay," E. D. Coleman of Glasgow said recently. Mr. Coleman has been a resident in Montana for 30 years, and most of the time engaged in the cattle business. He is widely known in the state and met a number of old friends in Butte.

"In all my residence in Montana I never experienced a winter such as this and it is well known that we had several which were severe and trying for the cattlemen. I am glad that the cattle were not on the open ranges this winter as they were in the past, or the losses would have been frightful. The losses were comparatively small in considering the great number of small herds."

## LOOKS LIKE GENEROSITY.

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"Eh?"

"Few things are like that. The dealer seems to be trying to give you all he possibly can."

## FARM ACCIDENTS Who's Next?

There are more accidents of one kind or another in farming and ranching than in any other occupation, and in the past it has been practically impossible for a farmer or his employees to get accident insurance. The Western Accident and Indemnity Company of Helena, however, is now writing a fine Farmers' Accident Policy, which pays for time lost when you are laid up from an accident, even if your disability lasts as long as two years. It also pays substantial sums for the loss of an arm, leg, your eyesight or for loss of life as a result of an accident. There is no red tape or delay about settling claims, either, and we can refer you to any number of our policy holders who have been paid claims and attest to our fairness and promptness in settling. We also write a policy that, in addition to giving you protection against accidents, takes care of you when you are sick. In time of trouble some ready cash is a great consolation to you, as well as for your family, and this protection costs so little. Let us send you the name of our agent in your territory, and he will explain the policy thoroughly to you. Agents wanted in some sections.

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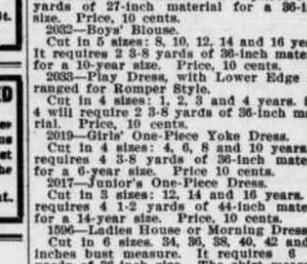
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