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### THE PRINTING TANGLE.

Commissioners Consider a Protest Against Awarding the Printing Contract to the Times.

The county commissioners met again on Monday for the purpose of taking official action on various matters that had to be deferred until the settlement between Custer and Rosebud counties could be effected. The first matter brought up was the signing of the contract with W. K. McDowell for the transcribing of the records, which was made out in accordance with the agreement previously reached, and Mr. McDowell left in the happy possession of his contract after giving the board the assurance that he would furnish a bond for the performance of his work.

A. Buchanan, of the ROSEBUD COUNTY NEWS, through his attorney, Sydney Sanner, then presented a protest to the board against awarding the printing contract to the Times. The protest recited four reasons, any one of which is sufficient to invalidate the action of the board in a court of law, and which are substantially as follows:

That the board had no authority to enter into a contract before settling with the old county.

That no such company, corporation or individual as "The Forsyth Times Printing Co." which purported to make the contract, existed.

That the bond furnished by the alleged corporation was signed by three insolvent bondsmen, by two county officials, and the rest held stock in the Times concern.

That a member of the board held stock in the company.

The protest was presented on Monday and Mr. Sanner made a brief argument defining his position. He stated that his client was really doing the board a favor in setting them straight in the matter, that the contract was invalid and asked for the board to name a time for hearing the matter discussed by both sides.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Lyndes representing the Times, and Mr. Sanner appeared before the board and argued the points at length. Mr. Lyndes contended that the section of the Rosebud county act providing that no contracts should be entered into by the board until the settlement should be effected was void. He admitted that the bond was defective, that there was no such concern as the Forsyth Times Printing Co., that two shares of stock were owned by one of the members, but that in spite of all this the contract should stand.

The question was brought up again yesterday afternoon, and in the absence of Mr. Sanner, Mr. Lingenfelter represented the News. Arguments were heard on both sides and the board then asked for time in which to consider the matter.

The final decision of the board was to let a new contract with the Forsyth Times Publishing Co. without giving the News an opportunity to put in a bid, and it was so ordered on the minutes.

### MONTANA HORSES FOR AFRICA.

England Gets Her Supply of Hounds for Tommy Atkins in the Far North-west.

Horses that have roamed over the Montana ranges for several years past in herds and have been looked upon as of little value are becoming worth something now days as a result of the Boer war and the demand by the English government of hardy animals upon which to mount the infantry sent against Oom Paul's followers in the land of the veldt. Agents of the English government have been buying western horses for several months and shipping them to Cape Town for the English army. A large number of horses have been sent from Montana. These are said to give general satisfaction.

Robert H. Walsh, of the firm of Moncreiffe Bros., of Sheridan, Wyo., who has been making extensive purchases of Montana horses for the English government said to a Helena Herald man:

"Yes, we have purchased quite a number of Montana horses for South Africa. Since the middle of January I guess about 2,000 head have been bought. They are mobilized at Sheridan, Wyo., then sent to New Orleans

where they are loaded on boats for Cape Town. I have made purchases in various eastern counties and am now here to see what I can get. I shall go to Deer Lodge and perhaps further west."

"Do these western horses give satisfaction?" asked the reporter.

"Most assuredly," replied Mr. Walsh. "You see the advantage these western horses possess in a campaign like that being waged in South Africa is their ability to go a long time without food and when necessary do their own rustling. A Montana horse on the veldt where he can get a few mouthfuls of grass here and there will keep up, while an eastern horse accustomed to his regular feed would soon play out. I understand that the Montana and Wyoming horses that are being used by the mounted infantry are giving satisfaction."

Mr. Walsh says that he buys horses between the ages of six and nine of medium build and well seasoned. He does not buy the highest priced nor the lowest priced. The animals must be ridden in his presence before he will purchase them.

He did not care to talk for publication about prices but said that owners are getting what the horses were worth.

### Attention Teachers.

The following enactment of the recent legislature will be of interest to school teachers:

Sec. 6. That section 1910 of the Political Code be amended by substituting the word "last" for the word "third" in the third line thereof, so that said section, as amended, will read as follows:

Sec. 1910. The county superintendent shall hold public examinations of all persons, over 18 years of age, offering themselves as candidates for teachers of county schools at the county seat on the last Friday in February, April, August and November of each year, and when necessary such examinations may be continued on the following day; at which time he shall examine them by a series of written or printed questions, according to the rules prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. If the percentage of correct answers required by the rules and other evidence disclosed by the examination, including particularly the superintendent's knowledge and information of the candidate's successful experience, the applicant is found to be a person of good moral character, to possess a knowledge and understanding together with aptness to teach and govern, which shall enable such applicant to teach in the common schools of the state the various branches required by law, said superintendent shall grant to such applicant a certificate of qualification.

### Stockgrowers' Convention.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Montana Stockgrowers' association will be held at Miles City, Montana, beginning Monday, April 15, 1901. In addition to the hotel accommodations of last year, each of the Miles City hotels have added largely to their ability to comfortably care for their guests, and no one needs now stay away through fear of not getting adequate accommodations. The railroads have granted the usual courtesies of reduced fare for the occasion, and it is hoped and expected that the meeting will be the largest and most enthusiastic that has been held for years. A special feature of addresses by prominent speakers on interesting subjects has been arranged by President Holt, and though unable at this time to announce a positive program, Mr. Holt feels assured of gratifying results along this line. W. G. PREUITT, Sec.

### State News.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will give their annual ball in the Hefferlin opera house on Monday, April 8.—Livingston Enterprise.

Dispatcher T. C. Murphy returned Tuesday from his winter sojourn at Salt Lake City, Utah, much improved in health, and renewed his trick in the N. P. office Thursday.—Glendive Independent.

The secretary of the interior has ordered patented to the state of Mon-

tana 14,078 acres of land in the Helena district, selected under the grant for the school of Mines, and 2,640 acres in the Missoula district, on account of the grant for public buildings at the state capital.

The smallpox seems to be entirely stamped out in Glendive, to the gratification of all. The prompt action of the board of health and the hearty cooperation of our citizens in carrying out their rules has been the great lever that has helped to keep the disease from spreading.—Review

Chas. E. Hollibaugh and Eric Buntin, who were arrested two weeks ago at Buffalo, Wyo., on the charge of having murdered "Arapahoe" Brown, a wealthy stockman, have confessed. It is said they shot and killed Brown January 23, last, and burned his body in a gulch on Powder river above Arvada. The object of the crime was robbery. Hollibaugh was interested with Brown in a herd of horses on a ranch near Arvada. Buntin is only 18 years of age.

Smallpox has made its appearance at Red Lodge, two cases being discovered in the Central hotel Saturday. The patients are two brothers named Holleywood, who arrived in that city about two weeks ago from Billings. The men have been here but a short time, having come to this city from Sheridan. A post house has been erected just outside the city limits of Red Lodge, and the patients were taken there. The central hotel has been quarantined with its 25 or 30 lodgers. Among those quarantined are S. D. Childs, the new editor of the Carbon County Democrat and three compositors of the Carbon County Democrat and three compositors of the Picket. Editor Alderson telegraphed to this city Sunday for a printer.—Gazette.

### Railroad Notes.

Mr. J. Allar, who has held down the position of night operator here for the past month, has been transferred to Glendive. He is succeeded by H. J. Carrel, formerly of Hodges, Mont.

The work train, John Mack conductor and E. S. Johnson engineer, will tie up here nights instead of at Rosebud.

Another delegation of dagoes arrived Sunday for work at Dewey camp.

Geo. Bills and E. H. Frank dead-headed to Glendive Sunday for work on the third district freight service.

C. W. Huston, of Glendive, has been appointed to the office of train master, and entered upon the discharge of his duties this week.

W. J. Nix, roadmaster, has recently patented an invention which has been the study of railroad mechanics for years. It consists of a plan whereby the rails are practically continuous, thereby greatly lessening the danger of breaking rails. It is expected the roads will adopt his invention.

There are three work trains and crews employed on the east end of the division, ditching and widening the road bed preparatory to the laying of new steel, which will begin about the first of May. Last year, it will be remembered, new steel rails were laid from Billings to Forsyth, and this season the work will be completed to Glendive.

H. E. Stafford, who has been serving as telegraph operator at Rosebud, has been transferred to Miles City in place of R. E. Bean, sent to Glendive.

A bulletin at the depot announces that the train crews of No. 53 and 54 are expected to run through from Glendive to Billings, order taking effect April 1.

J. C. Taylor, N. P. superintendent of construction, was in town the first of the week looking over the improvements being made in the N. P. yards.

Secretary of State Hays has arranged the copy of the bills passed by the legislature which have received the approval of the governor to be printed in the session laws and handed it over to the printer Wednesday. The governor approved 111 bills, of which 28 made appropriations to supply deficiencies, three joint memorials and four resolutions. He vetoed six bills.