

MONTANA MITES.

[Miner.]

On Friday last Judge Spratt, on behalf of A. C. Witter, filed a notice of protest against the validity of the election certificate recently issued to James McAndrews, who, on the face of the returns, was alleged to have a majority of one at the recent election, and to whom a certificate of election was given by the county clerk on the strength of abstracts certified to by county commissioner Batterton, the other commissioner and the acting member of the board having refused to sanction the count. This matter will bring the whole matter up before the district judge, who will examine into all the circumstances of the case and determine the legal rights of the claimants. It is unfortunate that the closeness of the vote necessitates such costly and doubtless protracted investigation; but it is to be hoped that the imbroglia will be thoroughly inquired into, and the legally successful candidate duly installed in office.

[Herald.]

The Territorial debt will probably be reduced \$20,000 or \$30,000 this year.

Fine specimens of quartz containing free gold have recently been brought in from the Judith mines.

There is now a sufficient quantity of cash in the Territorial Treasury to pay all outstanding warrants. Interest on them ceases November 30th.

There are ten applications for divorce pending at the present term of the District Court.

A big strike is reported on the 140 foot level of the Atlantis mine, at Glendale. The "strike" consists of an immense body of ore which is richer than any yet taken from the mine. The Atlantis is one of the mines belonging to the Hecla Company.

Mr. J. W. Bowles, a resident of the Judith Basin, is in the city. He informs us that Col. DeLucy has completed his survey and will return to Helena some time this week. He further states that buffalo are abundant, and a great many Bloods and Piegans are living in the Basin. They are peaceable to the whites and have made no trouble. A short time since they had a battle with the Sioux, in which they were victorious, bringing back to camp three or four scalps, among which was the scalp of a medicine man.

About 12 o'clock Thursday night two men effected an entrance into the sleeping apartment of Geo. Weiskie, on Jackson street. Mr. Weiskie was in bed at the time and was not awakened by the thieves. A wallet containing a large sum of money was taken, but fortunately as the men were leaving the building they attracted the attention of Sheriff Jefferis and Jas. Hathaway, who happened to be passing. The Sheriff seized one man and ordered the other to halt. The man, however, took to his heels. The Sheriff fired a shot at him from his revolver, and Hathaway followed in pursuit. A splendid dash resulted. Jim fired two shots at his man, but after an exciting race the thief made his escape. By singular good fortune the man captured had possession of the stolen pocket-book, and the money has been returned to the owner. This afternoon the prisoner was brought before Judge Hedges, and gave the name of George Pratt. He waived examination and was remanded to jail.

[Independent.]

R. D. Kinyon, of Fort Logan, is in the city. He reports the cattle as doing well in his vicinity on the 30th inst. The winds had piled the snow on the foothills and valleys, and there was no difficulty in stock procuring abundant grass.

We learn from Rev. L. B. Palladino that the total receipts of the Esther entertainments were \$917.25, and the expenditures \$420.75, leaving a profit of \$496.50.

An ice gorge in the Madison river, near Gallatin City, has temporarily changed the course of the current, and fears are entertained that if the blockade continues the water may run through the town in large quantities.

A man named Jacob Loda was killed at Wickes on the 1st inst. He fell in the upper rolls of the Krom mill of the Alta Montana Company while feeding ore. His arm was caught in the rolls and he was instantly dragged in, crushing his arm and breaking his neck. He had friends in Baltimore and New York; was a young man, sober and industrious and highly esteemed. This is the first accident that has ever happened in the works of the Alta Company.

[Avant Courier.]

We learn that V. A. Cockrill recently sold his hotel, bridge, and extensive farm at Central Park, to Cowen Brothers, of East Gallatin. The property is considered quite valuable and remunerative. We do not know the price paid.

Brown, the young man who, a few months ago, had a desperate encounter with a bear on Cherry creek, and was almost torn to shreds, is now in town. We are pleased to see that his wounds have healed, and that he is looking almost as good as new.

One night last week some bloodthirsty animal or animals succeeded in effecting an entrance into Mr. Lafferty's chicken-house, about a mile south of town, and slaughtered forty-two out of forty-seven choice chickens. They were not mangled or devoured, in whole or in part, and there was nothing to indicate how the wholesale killing had been effected save slight punctures in the neck of each fowl, just back of the head.

We are informed that on Monday night last Daniel Maynard, residing in East Boze-

man, caught a full-grown, genuine wild cat, in a steel trap he set for the purpose. Mr. Maynard had discovered the unpleasant fact that the "varmint" had been making too free use of his chickens, so he set a large steel trap for the feline robber of his chicken-roost, with the result as stated.

[Husbandman.]

We are informed that the desert land entries of Len Lewis and J. T. Moore on the beautiful bench between Newlan creek and the Springs have been abandoned.

The winter season at the health resort is not generally considered very pleasant, but this winter has been an exception. The weather has been no colder than in other places in the Territory, and there has been but little wind.

At an impromptu party given at Mrs. Barrows' hotel, on the Musselshell, Thanksgiving, there were fifteen ladies present. Nearly one-half of this number were unmarried. Only a few years more, and the bachelors of the frontier valleys of the "cow county" will not have to go East to seek for a life companion.

The school census of the White Sulphur Springs district this year foots up one hundred and sixteen, of which ninety-eight are of school age. This is about double what it was last year, and is conclusive evidence that this section is flourishing handsomely. At this rate of increase it is evident that a graded school will become necessary before another year has closed. In view of this fact, and in order that we may keep abreast of the times in the all important matter of education, we would urge the earnest consideration of some project by which a building for that purpose may be erected during the coming summer.

[Madisonian.]

On Tuesday morning a painful accident befell Mrs. McIntosh, of the Madison valley. While doing some chores around the house, she fell upon the ice, breaking her arm near the wrist. Her husband set the injured member as well as he could, and then brought her to Virginia City for proper surgical aid. Dr. Yager set the broken limb, and the patient was able to leave for home on Wednesday.

Mr. G. L. Seybolt, special agent of the Post Office Department, arrived from Omaha Thursday. One of the duties with which he is charged is to examine and report upon new mail routes and others that have been applied for. Mr. S. is an old Montanan, his first visit to this country having been made in 1863. There are a good many irregularities in the postal service which Mr. Seybolt and Mr. Furray, the latter having gone to Butte, will inquire into during their trip, and, we hope, rectify.

Pursuant to notice given by the county commissioners, an election to fill the office of probate judge was held last Monday, and resulted in the choice of John Williams for the place. There seemed to be a good deal of apathy in the Democratic ranks, while some active work was done by Republican partisans. Silver Star and Iron Rod, which, at the general election polled 26 votes for Clark, only polled 4 on Monday, and several other precincts voted in nearly the same proportion. Twin Bridges, which gave Clark a majority of 14 on November 24, now gives 23 majority for Williams. "You can't most always sometimes tell" what the independent voter will do when he goes a'chopping. We hope the judge elect will prove a faithful and competent officer, and discharge the duties of the position in a manner commensurate with its importance.

[New North-West.]

The net indebtedness of Deer Lodge county, March 1st, 1879, was \$39,752.49, and although the revenues largely increased during the year, the enormous criminal business in the courts and the erection of the new jail run the net indebtedness on March 1, 1880, to \$62,122.60. This year the increase of taxable property has exceeded half a million dollars, and there has also been an increase of license receipts, while the expenditures have been moderate. The result is there will be this year a surplus of over \$25,000 to apply on the county debt, reducing it to about \$37,000, which is less than it has been for 12 years. Under these circumstances it looks as reduction of the rate of taxation would be highly proper and satisfactory.

Wednesday last was to travelers the most disagreeable day of the season. Coaches were delayed by the drivers losing the road, and save those whose business made it a necessity none ventured on the road. No cases of persons having been frozen are reported, but a passenger on the Deer Lodge and Helena road narrowly escaped. Theo. Carrick is the driver, and is a man who has not only been in the employ of the company for years but is temperate, reliable and attentive. Night overtook the coach in the Dog Creek Hills. He had as passengers Messrs. Burk, Herofode and Jones, in the employ of the government telegraph line, and ordered to report at Fort Missoula. The passengers did not apparently suffer from cold, and Mr. Herofode was thought to be the most comfortable man in the party. Just below town where the lane fence commences, the driver had some difficulty in keeping the road owing to a fierce driving and drifting snow. He got out of the sled, took a lantern, led his horses and managed to reach here about 8 p. m.—four hours behind time. On arrival Messrs. Burk and Jones alighted, but on attempting to arouse their companion he was found to be in a stupor. They then attempted to remove him from the sled, but he was, seemingly, perfectly rigid. Thoroughly alarmed, they applied the usual remedies and in a short time had the satisfaction of seeing

him recover without even a frost bite. It was a narrow escape, as the man was unconscious of cold, and it is that state produced by cold which immediately precedes death. Mr. Herofode rightly concluded not to journey further that night.

Northern Pacific Syndicate

From the engineer's estimate it is thought that \$40,000,000 will prove more than enough to complete the line. The syndicate take this amount in the first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds, which are to be issued at the rate of \$25,000 per mile. As the entire line will be over 2,000 miles in length, it will be noticed that the whole issue will be exhausted before this limit is reached. But of the total issue an amount equal to the bonds on the Pen d'Oreille division, which is bonded at the rate of \$25,000 a mile, and the bonds of the Missouri division, which is bonded at half that amount, will be reserved to retire those bonds at maturity. The syndicate agree to take \$10,000,000 of the issue during the coming year, and this is thought to be all that can be expended with advantage by the company. The Northern Pacific is to build the road itself, dealing directly with the contractors who do the work, and without the intervention of a construction company. As the company has now completed road enough upon which to issue the entire amount of the bonds that are to be sold during the first year, work on three divisions of the line will begin simultaneously. The advance guard are now grading the line on the Missouri division, the surveyors are locating the line on the Yellowstone division of 420 miles, and work will soon begin on the Cascade division on the Pacific Coast. The expectation is now that the company will be able to complete a mile a day at least during the coming year.

Death of Unit Rasin.

Mr. Unit Rasin, an old and well-known citizen, died about half-past 7 o'clock last evening at his residence, 1433 Poplar street, from general debility after an illness of about six weeks. He was 75 years of age. He was born on the eastern shores of Maryland and came to St. Louis in 1837. He was for years a member of the firm of Rasin & Cabanne, commission merchants. Mr. Rasin was favorably known by all the old residents and esteemed for integrity and honesty. He knew many people and was a perfect repository of the local history of the city and State. In 1856, during the administration of Major John Howe, he was elected one of the alderman from the Sixth ward. He was a director in the old State bank of Missouri. He leaves a wife and four sons and five daughters. His two sons, Hanson and Thos., were present at his death, while Joseph M. is living in Montana, and Mackall is absent in Oregon. His daughters, Eunice, wife of James Alfred Pearce of Chestertown, Md.; Hattie, wife of Charles R. Woodin of this city; Mary, wife of Thos. Horsey of Galena, Md., and two single daughters, Laura and Matilda, were all present at the house at the time of Mr. Rasin's death.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

The Mr. Rasin whose death is chronicled above was the father of J. M. Rasin, who is a resident of Sun River Crossing and a son-in-law of Mr. LaCroix, of the Independent. Mr. Rasin, who during his stay in that section has gained the esteem and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact, has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

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