

JUSTICE.

Proceedings of the Third Judicial District Court.

The Third Judicial District Court opened Wednesday, April 20th, at 9 a. m. The Grand Jury was charged by Chief Justice Wade upon the points which he is required by law to present, especially calling attention to the late laws regarding selling liquors to the Indians, and to the thorough investigation of county officers, and to inquiring into all murders, or attempt at murder, which may have been committed in this county. After calling the petit jury and assigning cases ready for trial the Court adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Court opened at 9 a. m. The demurrer in the case of Kingsbury vs. Carruthers, filed by defendant's attorneys, was overruled and the answer ordered to be filed.

The same order was made in the similar case of Devenport vs. McGowen. The above cases are ejectment suits to recover possession of desert land claims.

The demurrer in Hacksaw vs. Hacksaw filed by defendant was overruled and answer ordered to be filed.

The divorce suit of Smith vs. Smith then came on. A jury was impaneled after some exercise of challenging. A motion for judgment, the pleadings were denied by the court. The plaintiff then introduced testimony to show her husband was intemperate and cruel, had often threatened and had ill treated and that his character was bad.

The defense brought forward evidence to show that the plaintiff was also intemperate and immoral. Some of the details of this case are unfit for publication.

After arguments by Messrs. Buck & Hunt, for the plaintiff, and by Messrs. Waterman and Kanouse for the defendant, the case was submitted to the jury, who brought in a verdict for the defendant.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met at 9 a. m. The case of the Territory vs. Lacy was dismissed.

In the case of Evans vs. Steamer Helena, arguments were heard on the demurrer to the jurisdiction participated in by Messrs. Tattan, Rolfe & Cullen for the plaintiff and Donnelly for the defense. Decision reserved.

Mittendorf vs. Neubert was set for Monday.

Territory vs. McDevitt; appeal on account of costs, was passed until the last of the week.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met at the usual hour. In the matter of Smith vs. Smith, Judge Wade stated that the evidence showed neither parents fit persons to be entrusted with a child, but since the father had testified he had no means of support he would temporarily give the child to the mother, intimating that he would be liable to change the condition for cause.

The ruling of the court in reference to the steamer Helena cases was that that part of the code relative to the attachment of boats was unconstitutional; that such cases must be brought in a court setting as a United States court at Helena, but the parties would have a right to bring action against the owners of boats in this court or any other having common law jurisdiction. This decision is of much interest to the citizens of this county. However, it only changes the manner of procedure and does not affect the legal rights of anyone.

Upon the case of the Territory vs. Turner. District Attorney Lowry asked leave to *nonne prosequi* the case. He stated that he had examined the witnesses for the prosecution and that the principal witness had denied that there was any attempt to commit the crime, and that she had been induced to swear falsely by other persons. This vindication although tardy, must be gratifying to the friends of justice. But words would fail to express the indignation which must be felt towards the ones who have thus sought to destroy the reputation of an innocent man and bring disgrace upon his family.

The demurrer in the cases of Wetzel & Weatherwax vs. Mayhew & Grondchonk was overruled and an answer ordered.

The forcible entry and detainer case of Kingsbury vs. Carruthers, appealed from the Justice court, came in for trial at 1 o'clock. The plaintiff showed that he had built a cabin on his claim in 1879, and filed under the Territorial law, and that he surveyed and marked the corners of the land and filed in the U. S. Land office a desert land claim and received a receipt from the office. That he commenced to take out a ditch and had notified the defendant to leave the claim when he jumped it. Decision reserved until Monday.

In the case of the Territory vs. Hanna for incest, Hanna plead not guilty and was assigned Messrs. Cullen & Waterman for counsel. The case was set for Monday.

Wetzel & Weatherwax vs. Mayhew & Grondchonk was set for the same day.

In the case of Budd vs. Budd, the court ordered a decree of divorce.

The following persons were made citizens of the United States: James Fitzgerald, Andrew Ockerman, August Ockerman, and Charles Peterson.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

In the Forcible Entry and Detained Suit of Kingsbury vs. Carruthers, Judge Wade ruled that it was not competent in an action of ejectment for testimony to be introduced respecting the character of the land; that

when a party took out a Desert land claim he had three years to get out his ditches and prove up on the land and the courts would give him possession, but in an action for Forcible Entry and Detainer in our territory force must be shown, and as this had not been proven he should decide in favor of the defendants.

The case of Wetzel & Weatherwax vs. Maybur & Gwadchamp came to trial. The plaintiffs showed that they had bought thirty tons of hay off one Michel Longringt, that he had together with Maybur put up the hay and had bought provisions of the plaintiffs. The Defendants' testimony was to the effect that Longringt & Maybur were not partners but joint owners of the hay.

Arguments by Buck & Hunt for the plaintiffs, and H. P. Rolfe for the defendants were heard.

After which the court ruled that partnership was the gist of the action, this not having been proven by the plaintiffs, judgment should be given for the defendants.

Territory vs. Cary was next taken up. The court room was well filled with spectators. T. J. Lowry appeared for the Territory, and Max Waterman for the defendant. The witnesses on behalf of the Territory proved that Cary, with an accomplice, partially masked, entered a dwelling on a moonlight night, and that one stood with a gun over the occupants while the other pillaged the dwelling, after which they left, taking away the plunder and some horses. The defendant Cary denied the allegations, and attempts were made to break down the evidence in respect to the matter of identifying the burglars. Despite the efforts and arguments of Counsel for defence the Jury brought in a verdict of Guilty, after being out about two hours.

In the ejectment suit of Kingsbury & Carruthers the motion of the plaintiff to strike out certain portions of defendant's answer was granted.

The case of Isabell & Johnson vs. H. L. Wright was dismissed by plaintiff.

Hacksaw vs. Hacksaw on the fifth day was dismissed by the plaintiff's attorney on ground of client prevarication.

SIXTH DAY.

The case of Boisenault vs. McDevitt was taken up, and the Court set aside the assessment of costs made by the lower court.

Mittendorf vs. Neubert, a case of forcible entry and detainer. Argued by Messrs. Cullen and Rolfe on the part of Mr. Neubert, and Buck & Hunt on the part of Mittendorf.

LOCALS, FROM SUNDAY'S EDITION.

Go to Hirshberg & Nathan for your spring clothing and hats. They are receiving new styles from New York every week by express.

A full supply of oil-tanned California buck gloves, are constantly in stock at Hirshberg & Nathan's. Buy a pair before you start on the round-up.

The town is once more assuming that lively appearance that the steamboat season always brings. Our hotels and restaurants are doing a rushing business.

The best and only place to buy your clothing, over-shirts and underwear is at Hirshberg & Nathan's. They turn out perfect fitting goods, and allow none to undersell them.

Byer & Duke are congratulating themselves on "standing in" with the element. If it had not been for the recent raise they would not have been able to furnish baths for the multitude of applicants.

Parties wishing anything in the way of harness, saddlery, bridles, bits, etc., should give Rosencrans a call. He carries a complete assortment of everything in his line. Go and see him.

As near as can be estimated fully 150 head of horses have been stolen from the Highwood and Shonkin ranchmen. This nuisance will culminate in some one dying with their boots—or moccasin on.

Miss Mattie May Douglass appears to be enjoying that success which her close attention to business would warrant. The lady exercises personal supervision over every department, hence the satisfaction.

The people along the Shonkin are agitating the continuance of their road over the Highwood, up the middle fork of the Shonkin and over the divide to Barker. This road will save at least 30 miles between Benton and that camp.

John J. Kennedy, who has been loitering in the east for a couple of months, returned Friday evening. J. J. looks like a Boston drummer, is good natured as ever but has a far away look in his eyes. Guess he left "some one waiting" in the distant east.

Al. Lester has reopened his ever popular resort and it presents an attractive appearance. He is one of those gentlemen who make it pleasant for all, and if you want a choice Sultana or a beverage to quench the thirst, call and see him. We know where-of we speak.

Marion Reazin, who recently purchased a ranch of Mr. Henry Wareham, had a number of valuable thorough-bred colts stolen recently—presumably by the reds who have been infesting that section. Mr. Kenzie has since disposed of his ranch and removed to Chestnut, his former home.

It is almost unnecessary to call the attention of the public to the bakery of J. C. Guthrie, who is an experienced baker and confectioner. If you want a nice fresh pie or a loaf of sweet bread or a few nice fresh

buns, or any thing in his line, give him a call. All goods delivered to any part of the city.

General Herman Haupt, of Philadelphia, has been appointed General Manager of the Northern Pacific Railroad, in place of Gen. Sargent, resigned. General Haupt is one of the best engineers in the world. He is the inventor of the diamond drill, which has become a necessity for mining and other uses. —Herald.

We learn from a resident of the Shonkin, that the people there have been put to great inconvenience by the Indians camped in that vicinity. The same party informs us that traders from town had been selling the reds whisky in large quantities. Where, oh! where, are our U. S. Marshals and sheriffs and constables.

If you want a number one cigar; if you want to pass your time pleasantly with Sunday reading matter; if you want a dozen nice lemons or sweet oranges; if you want toilet paper, you have but one place to go for it, and that is at Crane & Green's. Call and see them whether you want anything or not. They take great pleasure in showing goods.

"The Gem" is the name of Johnny Murphy's ever popular resort and we are glad to learn that the proprietor is doing a large and lucrative business. Persons in search of a really fine quality of liquor or a number one cigar can always depend on getting it at the "Gem." We know whereof we speak. We have sampled them.

John Lilly has thoroughly renovated the place formerly kept by Lee Isabell, and now has a neat and attractive resort. During the evening a string band discourses sweet music to those in attendance. Mr. Lilly keeps a first-class house, and one in search of a glass of fine wine or liquor, or a good Havana cigar, should drop in and see him.

The Exchange, kept by Mr. Bourassa, appears to be enjoying a large and lucrative business. One of the most important things about a place of this kind is cleanliness and that is always visible. The best of cigars, liquors, etc., are kept and Peter will serve you with the grace of a courtier. Call in and see them, they are pleasant gentlemen to do business with.

The "Summer Resort," is the name of Allen & Tierney's popular saloon. Both gentlemen are too well and favorably known to require any extended notice. But, at the same time, it is due these gentlemen to say that they keep one of the finest stocks of goods in town. You can find the best brands of wines, liquors and cigars for the very reasonable sum of 12½ cents. Call and see them.

Messrs. Price & Co. have opened the butcher shop formerly kept by Mr. Kennedy, and now carry a complete assortment of meat, fish and game. The business is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Thos. Currier, who is indefatigable in his efforts to please. We bespeak for the new firm an extensive and lucrative business. If you want a fine roast or a choice steak, call on them.

The Eataphone Restaurant appears to be doing a rushing business. They give three meals for a dollar and furnish the best of board for the moderate sum of \$6.00 per week. Both the gentlemen are young, imbued with perseverance and enterprise, and deserve the success they are enjoying. Go and stop with them if you want to grow fleshy and live on the best the market affords.

Mr. J. B. Wetzel, who had some horses stolen from him, a few days since, has had a man hunting for them; who, Saturday, discovered two Indians and one white man driving a large band of horses before them, on the other side of the Shonkin. They seemed to be trying to make the Missouri river below. The man tried to approach them when he was shot at by one of the parties, and he started for town to try and get some help to recover them.

We understand some of the county officials are rather indignant at the very pertinent questions propounded in Wednesday's River Press by "Citizens." The card was inserted by respectable taxpayers and these officials should answer them through the columns of a paper. It is due all parties that these questions should receive attention from official sources, and it is to be hoped that an answer will be given. Our columns are at their disposal for such replies as these public servants may desire to publish.

The "Jungle," under the management of that ever popular caterer to the public, George Farmer, is doing a nice business. George is just in receipt of a large and extensive stock of goods, amongst which we notice the famous Berkeles' whiskies, the Gardina and San Domingo Messenger cigars. A trial convinced us that both liquor and cigars were of the finest, and we recommend those in search of either to call and interview either George or Teddie. You are sure to get nothing but the very best.

THE CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL. Episcopal Church services are held every Sunday at the Court House, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Rev. S. C. Blackiston Pastor.

CATHOLIC. Catholic Church services will be held at the several churches as follows: Fort Benton—First and last Sundays of each month. San River—Second Sunday of each month. Fort Assinabolin and Fort Shaw (alternately)—Third Sunday of each month. First Mass 8 a. m.; High Mass and Sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.; Evening Service and Lectures, 7:30 p. m. Rev. H. J. Camp, S. J.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Roofing iron at Wackerlin & Co.'s.

Purchase your queensware and lamps of Kleinschmidt & Bro.

A shapely hand—four axes and a kieg.

Go to Wackerlin & Co. for crockery and glassware.

A put up job—the physician's prescription.

Bryer and Dutriuelle have the finest baths to be found in Montana.

Modesty is such a rare possession that most persons blush to own it.

Go to Wackerlin & Co. for hardware and tinware of all kinds.

Go to the Choteau House for fine accommodations and good board.

Blessed are the poor in furniture, for they shall get moved cheap.

Rosencrans has just received a fine assortment of cord, black-unks, whips, saddles, bridles, and in fact everything pertaining to his trade.

Old as the hills—the valleys between them.

Kleinschmidt & Bro., offer their entire stock of dry goods and notions at cost.

A Mexican with nenepe in his pocket is considered a real gentleman.

Go to Bryer & Duke for a clean shave and a good shampoo.

For water coolers, ice cream freezers and refrigerators, go to Wackerlin & Co.

News, like other animate matter, when it is once despatched is dead.

Attention, sheep men. Kleinschmidt & Bro. have the reliable Mallinckott sheep dip for sale.

It is a wise man who knows which side his bread is oleomargarined on.

"Wetzel's Favorite" cigar is the cheapest for the quality of tobacco in them the market affords.

This is the season of the year when nature emulates art and turns its attention to spatterwork.

The Choteau house has been newly refitted and is now the "boss" hostelry of Northern Montana.

Zebras are very stylish animals. They wear striped stockings up to their necks.

Five hundred dozen gloves and mittens, positively 1 cent, at Kleinschmidt & Bro.'s.

A man who was formerly a night watchman, refers to it as his late occupation.

Ladies' and gentlemen's underwear at bargains, at Kleinschmidt & Bro.'s.

"Women?" said an expert; "well some of them are worse than others, but none are better."

Breakfast bacon, sweet and fresh at Murphy, Neel & Co's new building, corner of Front and Benton streets.

The Philadelphia News man says he can't see the point of Punch's jokes. We congratulate him.

For the best brands of liquors in wine, whisky and beer, you will find that Wetzel & Co. will give the best prices.

The man whose only claim to sanctity is a long face, should dispose of a portion of his cheek.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. have all sizes of the celebrated Jackson wagons ready for the spring trade.

Staple and fancy groceries in all lines at Wetzel's, from canned turkey and French fruits to New Orleans molasses.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. are selling clothing hats, caps, boots and shoes, away down, to close out their present stock. Examine their goods and prices.

One thousand pounds of fresh garden seeds from the well known firm of D. M. Ferry & Co. Michigan, just received and for sale at Kleinschmidt's.

A few barrels of Jas. M. O'Donnell's Blue Ribbon O. K. whisky (the only genuine) at Murphy Neel & Co's new store, corner of Front and Benton streets.

The Nihilistic method of informing a ruler that he must go doesn't leave the poor man a leg to stand upon.

Kleinschmidt & Bro. is the only firm in the Territory who sell the celebrated Buford Plows, the best in the world.

Mr. Blaine's first diplomatic triumph! See morning dispatches. "American Pork Vindicated! Hooray! In Hog Signo Vincas.

The medicated baths of Bryer & Dutriuelle are of great advantage to the medical profession in almost every description of disease.

A druggist advertises "bicarbonate of soda," but you are not compelled to buy it if you don't want it.

John Endre's celebrated grape creek sour mash whisky for sale at Murphy, Neel & Co's. Special inducements offered to parties buying at wholesale.

Dry goods and clothing of every variety, quality and style at Wetzel's, where every pains will be taken to exhibit them to customers.

Lady—"Oh, Ann, how did you manage to break the soup tureen?" Ann—"I didn't break it, ma'am; it slipped out of my hand."

Remember that Murphy, Neel & Co., are the only agents for the genuine Jas. M. O'Donnell, Blue Ribbon O. K. whisky, and that you can buy it of them cheaper than of any house in Montana.

What utter nonsense to talk of stock reports! Any child knows that the report does not come from the stock, but from the barrel.

It would be well for ranchmen and freighters who contemplate buying wagons this spring to call at T. C. Power & Bro., and examine their immense stock, of which they have the largest in Montana.

New York consumers have complained so bitterly of the high price of coal that the dealers have kindly reduced the wages of coal shovelers.

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NOTICE.

I hereby warn all persons against trusting any one, no matter whom, on my account, without an order signed by myself. NARCIS VAUX.



Choteau Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F. A regular meeting of the above Lodge will be held on Wednesday evening of each week, at their lodge room in this city. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend. J. N. O. P. MURPHY, N. G. J. P. McCABE, Secretary.



Benton Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M. Regular Communications of the above named Lodge are held at 7 p. m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. RUFUS PAYNE, W. M. H. P. ROLFE, Secretary.

BEWARE.

All persons are hereby warned against skimming any dead cattle branded NV without a special permit from me, and all parties are notified not to buy hides with said brand. NARCIS VAUX (Capt. Neise).

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