

THE RIVER PRESS.

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The news that the right of way bill has become a law is likely to be flashed over the wire at any moment.

MILES CITY made wonderful progress during the past year, the building improvements aggregating \$368,150.

The Pioneer Press has established a Dakota department, in charge of ex-Governor Pierce, and it is a most interesting feature of that excellent journal. A Montana department will be next in order.

CHOTEAU has been put back into the third judicial district, where it properly belongs. Before the next term of court we will enjoy the luxury of another new judge, as Judge Wade's term expires next month.

THE tax levy in this county has been reduced one mill—from 15 to 14 mills. During the year just closed a decided reduction in the indebtedness of the county has been effected, and the present year, with the great increase in wealth to follow the advent of the railroad, the reduction will be many-fold greater.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that railroads enter St. Paul from almost every possible direction, the business of the river is steadily increasing and several new boats will be put on between St. Paul and St. Louis next year. The same will be true of the upper Missouri, especially after the river is properly improved.

A PATENT known as the thermic motor will, it is claimed, effect a saving of 50 per cent. in fuel consumed by a steamboat. It has been thoroughly tested and pronounced a perfect success. The St. Paul & St. Louis Packet company is having one of their boats fitted up with this motor to be thoroughly tested in the spring. The experiment will be watched with interest. On the upper Missouri fuel is one of the big items of expense, and if this invention does half that is claimed for it the motor will doubtless be called into play on the upper Big Muddy, thus lightening the cost of transportation.

THE New York Times talks sensibly about the big Indian reservations, as follows: "The policy that would keep these great tracts of unused lands in their present condition while they can be used for the great benefit of the Indians and without injustice to them and with their consent as well as for the benefit of the white settlers is not only impracticable but injurious to those for whose welfare its supporters profess to be working. The advocacy of it can only delay the satisfactory solution of a great problem. The policy that would build 'walls of adamant' around large tracts of land which the Indians do not and can not use while they are willing to have the surplus lands sold by the government for their own benefit, while they are willing to become citizens and take farms to be held under the protection of the government, and while the tide of civilization is surging all around them, is a policy of almost incomprehensible folly."

Hibbs Convicted.

HELENA, January 7.—Hibbs, the Lewistown, Idaho, P. M., who issued bogus postal orders and carried out wholesale system of swindling, was convicted at Spokane Falls yesterday. He fled to British Columbia nearly a year ago, but was extradited.

After the Pawn Brokers of Butte.

HELENA, January 7.—The citizens of Butte are circulating petitions to legislature requesting it to pass measures regulating the business methods of numerous pawn brokers in that city. They are said to be as brazen as were the highwaymen of Alder gulch of old. The best citizens are moving in the matter.

Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Moonlight, appointed governor of Wyoming, was confirmed to-day by the senate.

Pension for Mrs. Logan.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—A pension bill granting Mrs. Logan \$2,000 a year has passed the senate. Vest also introduced a pension bill for the widow and family of Francis P. Blair for \$3,000, which was immediately passed.

What is the Country Coming to?

WASHINGTON, January 5.—James V. Reid, of 6th congressional district of N. C., handed his resignation to the speaker of the house, dated Dec. 31, 1886, to take effect from date. It was laid on the table.

Mr. Roach's Condition.

NEW YORK, January 5.—At 11 o'clock to-night the family of John Roach issued a bulletin to the associated press that Mr. Roach is gradually growing weaker, though the change has been very slight to-day. No sudden change is anticipated or probable to-night.

A Tunnel Sold.

BOSTON, January 5.—Hoosac tunnel, with its accompanying 44 miles of railroad, was sold by the governor and city council to the Filchburg railroad company to-day.

OUR HELENA LETTER.

HELENA, Jan. 2, 1887.

To-day closes the holiday season, and to-morrow is blue Monday—the bluest Monday in the calendar—the day for a grand winding up of financial affairs for the past year, and woe to the luckless individual who checks up short in the currency of the realm. He had better hie himself into some secluded spot in the main range and there in sack cloth and ashes meditate over the dissipation of the last week and wait until the relentless collectors have worn out their patience and rubber shoes in their wild chase after delinquents.

New Year's was generally observed throughout the city in the good old fashioned way of making calls. Nearly every conveyance in the city was under requisition early in the day, and many were compelled to foot it on their rounds, not a very easy task at this time, since Helen has "spread over" such an extensive area.

Probably the happiest family in the city was that of W. Kemp Roberts, who that morning was restored to his home and those nearest and dearest to him. Hard indeed would have been the heart that would not have been moved to its utmost depths at the sight of that reunited household, and which could not share in their great joy. The act of Gov. Hauser in extending executive clemency in this case is almost universally approved in Lewis and Clarke county and throughout the territory. It was an act worthy and characteristic of the man. The governor was one of the bondsmen, and had verbally agreed to protect the other signer, which he did by paying out of his own pocket the sum of \$19,000. All who knew governor Hauser intimately were satisfied that when he became fully convinced of the fact that the pardon was generally desired by the people he was more than willing to grant it. It is safe to assume that a nobler act will probably never adorn the history of a governor of Montana.

For the last two days the balmy breath of the chinook has fanned the rosy cheeks of the fair and bronzed features of the brave of Montana's Queen City, and per consequence everybody and his girl was out either afoot, a horseback or a-sleigh, enjoying the delightful atmosphere and fairly making things hum. To-night, however, it is freezing slightly, but it is clear overhead, with the promise of a fair and mild day to-morrow. The last night of the old year we were courteously invited to attend a reception of the "Pioneer club," the oldest social organization in Helena, dating back to 1866. We remember to have attended some of its dances as early as 1867, and again in '78 and up to '74, when we bade adieu to Helena to seek the uncertain shores of the turbid Missouri at Carroll. We say uncertain because two years afterwards they moved out from under us and made it necessary for us to seek the solid and more substantial levees of Benton. But, to return to our subject, we went, not to "trip the light fantastic," but simply to look upon the scene—to note the changes that time had wrought, and see how many, if any, of the old familiar faces and forms were there. Yes, there were a few—very few—probably a half dozen in that large hall, crowded with Helena's "beauty and chivalry" of to-day. It would not do to mention names, especially of the ladies, nor either of the men—for some of them are bigger than we are. But it was surprising to see how lightly time had dealt with those of the old band who still survived to "chase the glowing hours with flying feet." All of which tends to confirm a long cherished opinion that there is no diversion more innocent and healthful than an occasional dance of a few hours duration. It would be hard to place in words the strange sensations awakened in our mind when we were told that many of the bright and beautiful young ladies who passed in review escorted by gallant young men, were the children who often came with their parents to the first dances of this club. You may well imagine that memory was busy there if ever. Chapters would be required to tell what passed in our mind during the hours that our eyes rested upon the gay throng, but no pen or brush will ever reproduce the bright pictures of those earlier days which "hang upon memory's wall," or tell of the joys of the first pioneers! God bless them! Some are living, and some are dead—some here and others far away. On the graves of those who are gone we would tenderly place the flowers of love; and in the hearts of those who live we sincerely hope we are allotted a place.

The legal lights of the territory are gathering to be in attendance at the opening of the supreme court to-morrow. The street cars are again running on time, the company never having relinquished their efforts to clear the track and keep them going. There have been three new and lighter cars of the Stevenson make ordered. The present cars are 14-foot Pullmans (we don't mean "sleepers," if they have been quiet for a day or two) and are too heavy for winter use. Mr. Woolston, of water works fame, has not yet put in an appearance at the capital, though he has sent word from Boston that he has given "Boston bonds" for the faithful performance of his contract and had mailed them, and that he was purchasing and preparing to ship material, etc. This water works question has shaken the capital from center to circumference all summer and fall and seems destined to "shake" some more. It's none of our fight, but we feel inclined to remark that there ought to be some very good bondsmen around Helena for Helena contracts.

Mr. Jno. Shober has gone to Washington on business before the supreme court. He says he wants it distinctly understood that he has not gone after an office; which makes us remember that John's head is level, for offices are getting somewhat "skercer" for Montana men.

Two New Railroads for Montana. Special to the River Press. HELENA, January 5.—Two new railroad companies were formed here yesterday, the Drummond & Phillipsburg and the Missoula & Bitter Root. Their names indicate the routes. The incorporators are Gov. Hauser, John T. Murphy, and T. C. Power, of Helena, A. B. Hammond and F. L. Worden, of Missoula, M. J. Connell and Mr. Hoge, of Butte. The route from Drummond to Phillipsburg is about twenty-five miles long and it is expected that the road will be in operation by the 1st of July. The Bitter Root branch will be about eighty miles long and it is expected that that will be ready for trains in time to move next year's crops. Parties of engineers are now locating the line on both routes. Gov. Hauser has formed traffic arrangements with the Northern Pacific and there is absolutely nothing likely to occur to delay the building of both these lines.

Decided in Favor of T. C. Power & Bro. Special to the River Press. HELENA, January 5.—Case of T. C. Power & Bro. vs. First National bank of Fort Benton decided in the supreme court to-day in favor of Power & Bro. Opinion by Judge McLeary.

This is a case growing out of the failure of Geo. Steell and the opinion is the reverse of that rendered by Judge Wade in the lower court.

Death of an Old-Timer. Special to the River Press. HELENA, January 5.—Col. F. C. Deimling died on the 3d inst. at Virginia City.

Capital Clicks. Special to the River Press. HELENA, January 5.—L. O. Benedict, a practicing lawyer of Butte, was arrested yesterday on a telegram from a Nevada officer, on the way for him. The nature of the crime is not stated. He has resided in Butte nearly a year.

Ira Myers and wife left for home this morning. It turned very cold last night and is snowing lightly this morning.

HELENA, January 6.—L. O. Benedict, whose arrest in Butte was mentioned yesterday, is wanted at Eureka, Nevada, for the embezzlement of \$600 of Od-Fellows' funds.

The Montana Bar association met last night and listened to the address of President Knowles, which was a most interesting historical paper. The association adjourned until to-night for the election of officers.

T. E. Collins and H. G. McIntire reached here at 7 o'clock this morning. The coach upset between Johnstown and the Leavings. No serious damage done.

The supreme court yesterday re-districted the territory, putting Choteau in the third district with Lewis and Clarke and Jefferson counties; Judge, D. S. Wade; residence, Helena.

The coach which left here yesterday had Ira Myers and wife aboard.

The west-bound passenger train reached here at 4 o'clock this morning, eight hours late; cause, heavy snow storms east of the Missouri river.

Snow is reported in Alabama yesterday to be three inches deep, for the second time this winter—something unheard of before.

M. S. Quay for Senator. HARRISBURG, Pa., January 5.—At the republican legislative caucus to-day to elect a candidate for U. S. senator, to succeed John J. Mitchell, whose term will expire March 4th, M. S. Quay received 153 votes and Galusha Grow 9.

From Fort Maginnis. Special to the River Press. FORT MAGINNIS, January 4.—Warren Taylor, who froze his hands and feet on Christmas day, died at hospital this evening. Blood poison set in and he was unconscious several days.

Snow has been falling all day. The roads blockaded and travel obstructed. No mail has been received for several days. It is moderating now.

The Cariboo Murder. Special to the River Press. BUTTE, January 4.—Sheriff Taylor returned to Blackfoot this evening with Jas. Taylor, charged with the murder of the two miners, Reed and Winn, at Cariboo, Idaho, on the 18th ult. Williams' story about the killing being accidental and in self-defense is regarded as fishy. No inquest has yet been held. Taylor spent twelve days in the mountains and experienced almost unexampled hardship, having been lost in storms and snow-bound for several days.

How to Form Good New Year's Resolutions. No one who reads this need err wilfully if he only recollect that on Tuesday, Jan., 11th, 1887, the 200th Grand Drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery will take place, when \$335,000 will be scattered in prizes. Any information can be had on application to M. A. Dauphin, New Orleans, La. The enlarged plans of the distribution will afford much gratification to many seekers after fortune. But do not forget to apply before Jan. 11th.

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