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ON THE MEXICAN BORDER.

History may not be repeating itself by the movement of American troops to the Mexican border...

This is the third time that the United States has intervened in Mexican affairs. The first occasion was when the Texan republic and the southern slavepower brought about the war of 1848.

So long as this doctrine remains in the foreign policy of the United States, it imposes on this country the moral obligation of preventing its territories from being used as a base for insurrections or rebellions against the established government of any other nation on the American continent.

The action of the American government is good for Mexico, good for our army and good for the United States.

It tends to strengthen the forces in Mexico that make for peace, prosperity and, in the long run, for really republican government.

It gives the American army much needed practice in playing the military game and becoming prepared for the possibility of acting to preserve peace and guard foreign interests in Mexico.

It assures the United States that their army is an effective force, neither a Quaker gun nor a skeleton.

ST. PATRICK'S BIRTHDAY.

Both the birth and death of St. Patrick are involved in so much uncertainty that, as is the case with so many heroes, the anniversary of either event must be fixed principally by conjecture.

It was upon St. Patrick's day, in the middle of July, the weather it was cold and wet, but the day was hot and dry.

Some Irishmen held that he was born on March 8, while others contended that his birthday was on the next day, and while they contended a solon bent on peace suggested to "split the difference" by adding the two dates, and so came St. Patrick by his birthday, March 17.

If the legendary story of the good saint's doings is to have any credence he should be considered as the most chivalrous champion and friend of the weaker sex.

WILL DISTURB BUSINESS.

Two things about the extra session are to be regretted—first that it has been called at all, and secondly that the date of the opening has been put so far away.

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Nevertheless the country should not allow itself to be cast down by this menace. We have recently gathered the largest crops in the country's history, and there is an incentive to prepare for a large acreage of all the great staple products for the coming season.

That Reciprocity Lemon.

Let no Montana farmer be deceived by the Jim Hill talk that the farmer will be benefited by the adoption of the proposed Canadian reciprocity. Let no Montana republican be misled by the statement that McKinley and Blaine were favorable to that kind of reciprocity.

If we are going to have reciprocity, let it be reciprocity; let it affect the manufacturer as it does the farmer; if the latter is to sell his wheat for less, let him buy his flour for less, let him buy his clothes for less; if he is going to be on the free list when he sells, let him stand there when he buys.

If you have trouble in getting rid of your cold you may know that you are not treating it properly. There is no reason why a cold should hang on for weeks and it will not if you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Made A Fair Proposition.

"Well," said Farmer Haysed to the artist, "how much will 'ee paint my farm with me standin' at 't' door for?"

"Oh, five guineas," said the artist. "Done," replied the farmer; "coom tomorrow."

In due course the painting was finished. But alas! the careless artist forgot to paint the worthy farmer on the picture of his farm.

"Yes, I like it," said the farmer; "but where's me, lad—where's me?"

The error he had made flashed across the artist's mind, but he tried to pass it off with a joke. "Oh," he said, "you've gone inside to get me my five guineas."

"Oh, have I?" retorted the nettled old chap; "perhaps I'll be comin' out soon, and if I dew, I'll pay you! In the meantime we'll hang it up and wait."

Skim Milk Paint.

Stir into a gallon of milk about three pounds of Portland cement and add sufficient Venetian red paint powder to impart a good color. Any other colored paint powder may as well be used. The milk will hold the paint in suspension, but the cement, being heavy, will sink to the bottom, so that it becomes necessary to keep the mixture well stirred with a paddle.

Terms of District Court, 1911.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY. Tuesday, April 4. Tuesday, July 11. Tuesday, October 31. VALLEY COUNTY. Tuesday, May 9. Tuesday, September 11. Tuesday, November 14.

SIAM POSSESSES PRECIOUS BUDDHA

Is Replica of Ancient Figure at Pitsanuloke.

MADE OF GOLD AND BRONZE.

Late King Chulalongkorn, Determined That Bangkok Should Be Equally Honored, Called on People to Help in Furnishing Metal and Then Gave Magnificent Dedicating Celebration.

Siam was a short time ago the scene of one of the most interesting events of its history. The late King Chulalongkorn while touring in the northern part of his kingdom at the end of his reign visited the ancient town of Pitsanuloke, which contained within its walls a celebrated many centuries old figure of Buddha.

The king was so filled with enthusiasm by this statue that he made a vow to place a similar figure in the royal temple, Wat Sunn Dusit, in the capital of his kingdom. He sent off some Buddhist priests immediately to Bangkok, ordering them to bring back six old bronze cannon captured during a war with Burma to Pitsanuloke.

People Contribute Treasures. Faithful Buddhists streamed from far and near and threw gold and silver into the glowing mass. Girls took off their costly jewels and offered them as a sacrifice.

Amid the rejoicings of the people, the casting was finished, and the statue, under the guidance of the king, was conveyed in solemn procession down the river to Bangkok, where the work of art was to be completed.

It is said that hundreds of chisels were broken during the work. King Chulalongkorn gilded the face himself and placed in the forehead an enormous precious stone. Then the whole figure was gilded and adorned with Buddhist rosaries of fiery brilliants from the king's treasury.

Brilliant Dedicating Procession. The scene under a glowing tropical sun was so wonderful, so gorgeous in color, that it will remain unforgettable by all who witnessed it.

Numberless Buddhist priests clad in yellow garments followed in long fantastic bands, singing to the curiously beautiful sounds of the Siamese musical instruments. Then came hundreds of little boats filled with the populace, who ended the strange feet.

The front of the temple was left open to receive the statue of the new Buddha, whose golden body glittered in the sunlight. It was conducted into the temple to the sound of the Siamese national hymn, the festive ringing of gongs and the singing of the bonzes. Suddenly there came a great silence, during which the king with a ringing voice bestowed upon the Buddha the name Phra Chinalar.

GARAGE ON A SKYSCRAPER.

Big Philadelphia Hotel Plans Something Really New.

"Get into your automobile, ride through the park, then to the hotel driveway, shunt the car into an elevator, dash eighteen stories skyward and have a bottle of wine without leaving the car."

This is the new announcement of a big Philadelphia hotel. If you don't want to be served amid the odor of gasoline you can leave the car in the garage, 225 feet from the ground, and step into the glass covered roof garden.

In addition this hotel will have 300 more sleeping rooms on the roof, a convention hall to seat 1,500 people and four big private dining rooms. The improvements will cost \$1,000,000.

MINERS' CO-OPERATIVE STORE

Indiana Coal Town Plans Solution of High Living.

Union coal miners of Boonville, Ind., are planning to run a co-operative store as a solution of the high cost of living. The formulated plan for the store will be presented by a committee to each local union. Shares of stock will be sold for \$5, and it is expected that a majority of the 600 miners in the city will help finance the store.

The twenty storekeepers of Boonville do not know what the effect of the new store will be on their business.

Chinese Learn Sewing Machines. An American sewing machine company has opened eight schools in southern China, at which natives are taught to embroider with silk by machinery.

GOVERNOR AMENDS BILL.

Mysterious Defect in Measure Relating To Insane Asylum.

HELENA, March 13.—Despite the fact that in some strange and mysterious fashion senate bill 145, providing for the appraisal of property at the Warm Springs asylum, reached Governor Norris with all the amendments out, and the bill in its original shape, the property will be appraised by a commission of 10 members, as the amendments provided, instead of by a commission of seven, as the original bill provided.

This was effected by Governor Norris refusing to sign the bill until Mitchell and Mussigbrod had signed an agreement to accept the terms of the amendments.

That these amendments should have been left out seems odd. "It was an error, due no doubt," charitably observed Governor Norris, "to the rush of business in the last few days of the session." But the passage of the bill was watched hawklike by persons from Warm Springs, who were interested in its enactment.

Along with the bill Governor Norris transmitted to Secretary of State Yoder the agreement entered into to cure the bill's defects. He also appointed the three commissioners the bill authorized him to appoint. They are R. S. Ford of Great Falls, A. M. Holter of Helena, and John M. Holt of Miles City.

Other bills signed by the governor today were:

H. B. 401, making appropriations for maintenance of state institutions.

H. B. 220, reorganization of the national guard of Montana in conformity with provisions of the federal law.

H. B. 274, for the submission of a constitutional amendment for purchase of insane asylum.

S. B. 60, providing for the printing of the proceedings of the constitutional convention.

H. B. 121, regulating the sale and manufacture of dairy products in Montana.

Estimate of Wool Clip.

BOSTON, March 13.—A forecast by the Boston News Bureau, a leading authority in financial matters and the wool trade, gave the United States clip of wool this year as about 275,000,000 pounds, or 25,000,000 pounds less than the normal clip.

It states that the clip this year will be of good average quality, but on account of the hard winter a year ago, drouth and the marketing of sheep during high meat prices last year, the clip has been reduced.

Owing to the decline of prices the past year the grower will probably receive at least 10 per cent less than a year ago. There is very little contracting for the new clip. Some 2,000,000 pounds taken by a St. Louis house would probably represent the total.

Boston dealers have contracted for little or none. This is a striking contrast to 1909, when, on a rising wool market, Boston, New York and St. Louis dealers contracted for fully 50 per cent of the clip prior to April 1.

New Secretary of Interior.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The responsibility of the secretaryship of the department of the interior was shifted shortly before 10 o'clock, when Walter L. Fisher of Chicago, took the oath of office as head of that department, succeeding Richard A. Ballinger, retired. The formality was without ceremony.

The new secretary spent the morning receiving bureau heads and division chiefs of the department.

Disastrous Stockyards Fire.

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 14.—Nearly two acres of stock sheds burned here today, killing between 500 and 1,000 head of horses, sheep and hogs and seriously burned four men. The value of the animals is estimated at about \$25,000 and the other property loss is \$50,000.

Large numbers of blooded animals which are here for exhibition today at the stock show are believed to have been saved.

Charged With Swindle.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 14.—Eleven men indicted two years ago for fraudulent use of the United States mails and known as the associates of John C. Maybray, now serving a term in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, for a similar crime, were brought to trial today in the United States district court.

Maybray was convicted of using the mails to defraud by means of fake sporting events—horse races, prize fighting, wrestling bouts and foot races being his specialties. The men brought to trial today, all of whom are under known aliases, are charged with being steersmen for Maybray.

"Prints All the News."

If any reader of the RIVER PRESS considers it worthy of recommendation to friends, the favor will be very highly appreciated by its publishers.

A BLOOD TAX.

Payment by a French Town to Spain For an Ancient Crime.

Seven hundred years ago some shepherds of the valley of Roncal, in Navarre, were murdered by shepherds of the valley of Bareton, in Bearn, the crime taking place on the high pasture lands of Arias, in the Pyrenees. It would have been difficult to bring the murderers individually to justice, and the Spaniards were preparing to make war upon the valley from which the French murderers had come when the French villages proposed that peace be maintained at the price of a yearly tax or tribute, to endure for all time, and this proposition was accepted.

The payment of this blood tax—originally three white mares, but later three cows of a particular breed and color—has been made ever since, the custom (it is nothing more) having survived even the great wars in which both France and Spain have engaged and the storm of the French revolution.

Yearly the representative men of the two valleys meet on the frontier at a certain stone remote from any town and go through the ceremony of presenting and receiving the cattle. The order of procedure, which is elaborate and impressive, is fixed by a document bearing the date 1375, though the tax was paid a hundred years prior to that time. The records of each yearly meeting and payment are duly attested and deposited in the archives of the Roncalis.—New York Tribune.

The Sanity of Paris.

The French live within their means and by a sense of economy wholly unknown to us manage to save and retire to enjoy whatever fortune has stored up for them, says F. Berkeley Smith in Success Magazine. To them France is sufficient. They voyage rarely and gamble less. The spendthrift or the man who plunges on the bourse, the races and the gaming table is regarded by the masses in the light of a rogue and a fool. The Parisians work hard enough for their leisure, but they never eliminate it nor allow their work to encroach upon their traditional daily vacation, as luncheon, the aperitif hour, dinner and fete days. They work, not to amass millions and die in harness, but to save enough to give their daughter her dot, without which she may never marry; start their son in his chosen trade and have enough income left to retire before they are too old to enjoy their freedom.

Sheep For Sale.

For April delivery, about 1900 head of young ewes, to start lambing May 1, heavy shearers and bred this season to thoroughbred Delaine bucks. Also about 600 head of ewe lambs, same grade as the ewes. Write or call on DUNCAN & SARGENT, Alms, Mont.

Stallion For Sale.

A thoroughbred stud colt, old enough for service, pedigree furnished. Will sell or exchange for good team. Can be seen at ranch quarter mile south of Fort Shaw. C. L. DECK, Fort Benton.

Estray Taken Up.

Came to my ranch, about five miles southeast of Fort Benton, a four-year-old bay mare; unbranded but wire marked. Owner please call and prove property. A. J. COLE, Fort Benton.

Notice of Estray.

Small dark bay horse or colt came to my ranch one mile northwest of Carter, about February 1, and will not leave. Has two white spots on forehead and clipped mane and tail. J. P. McMAHON, Carter.

Estray Taken Up.

A bay mare with four white feet; and branded C J on right shoulder. Owner may recover by calling for her. Address F. E. BRUNSILL, Hawarden, Mont.

Estray Taken Up.

Taken up, a bay horse about four years old, branded G on left hip. Has been with my outfit about three years. E. P. KILROY, Alms, Montana.

\$100 Reward.

One hundred dollars reward will be paid for evidence and conviction of parties driving off from their accustomed home range, on headwaters of middle fork of Clear Creek, injuring, killing or unlawfully branding any cattle or horses belonging to me on left hip for cattle and left shoulder for horses. I desire to return all above stock and will pay a fair reward for information leading to recovery. FRED H. SCOTT, Warrick, Montana.

For Sale.

A couple of milch cows and some chickens. Address NORTHWESTERN LIVE STOCK CO., Fort Benton.

Girl Wanted.

A good girl, from 12 to 14 years old, to work on ranch to help lady do cooking, etc. Liberal wages for six or seven months. Address MISS J. H. EVERS, Fort Benton.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Albert Belt, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Albert Belt, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administratrix at Warrick, Montana, in the county of Chouteau. LUCRETIA M. HELT, Administratrix of the estate of Albert Belt, deceased. Dated February 25, 1911. First publication Feb. 25, 1911.

Notice to Electors.

Notice is hereby given that the registry books of the city of Fort Benton, state of Montana, will be open for the registration of voters at the annual election of said city at my office in the city of Fort Benton on Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28, 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 10 o'clock p. m., and on Saturday, April 1, 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 10 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of revising, correcting and completing said registration. A. E. BJERRING, Registry Agent. Fort Benton, March 9, 1911.

Notice of Election.

In accordance with an order of the city council of the city of Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, notice is hereby given that at a regular annual election to be held in the said city of Fort Benton on Monday, the third day of April, 1911, there will be elected an alderman in the first ward for a term of two years; an alderman for a term of two years in the second ward; an alderman for a term of two years in the third ward. Also a city treasurer and a police magistrate, each for a term of two years. The voting places for said election will be as follows: First ward—At the Chouteau House. Second ward—At the city council rooms. Third ward—At W. O. Duffer's dwelling house. FRANK J. MORGER, Mayor. JNO. F. MURPHY, City Clerk. Fort Benton, March 6, 1911.

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