

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau County, at Their Regular Dec. Session.

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Board met at 10 o'clock a. m. with all members present and audited the following bills:

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The authority to purchase 15,500 feet of bridge timber from Neil McMillan by R. F. Baker, road supervisor, was granted.

The board met at 10 a. m. with all members present and spent the day in signing warrants, checking officers' reports and attending to various matters of county business.

Board met at usual hour. Petition for placing five electric lights on the bridge at Fort Benton was granted. Lights to be maintained at county's expense.

The county clerk was directed to inform all road supervisors to do no more work until further orders from the board.

Application having been made to the county for the sale of its interest in lots 1 to 19, inclusive, block 112; lots 11 to 19, inclusive, block 113; and lots 11 to 20, inclusive, block 126, in the addition to Fort Benton, board set January 10, as the day for sale. The following bills were then audited:

PARCEL POST OPENS.

New System Expected To Be Great Public Convenience.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Americans were using today for the first time their newest institution—the parcel post. Reports from postoffices large and small throughout the country indicated that the newest of government services was being ushered in with a heavy day and that the facilities provided for handling the new business would be taxed to capacity.

Taft's Last Reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Taft's fourth and last New Year's reception at the White house was greeted by a day beautiful and bright. Thousands early turned their steps in the direction of the executive mansion.

Lewistown Teacher Suicides.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 31.—Miss Ruby Jones, a teacher in a school at Lewistown, Mont., committed suicide by hanging herself at the home of her parents near here today.

Will Abandon Fort Harrison.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Plans of General Wood, chief of staff, and secretary of war Stimson, for abandonment of western interior new army posts will be carried into effect, in regard to Fort Harrison at Helena, after headquarters and second battalion of the Fourteenth infantry leave there for Fort Lawton in January.

Ranchers Imprisoned in Well.

BURNS, Ore., Dec. 31.—Prisoners at the bottom of a well 85 feet deep for a week without food or water, Robert L. Koontz and W. M. Carroll, homesteaders in Carlow valley, Harney county, were rescued Sunday.

The Holiday Headache.

The severe headache which often follows a long railway journey or a protracted tour of a museum or a picture gallery is usually wrongfully attributed to bad air. As a matter of fact, says Dr. Sidney Stephenson, such headaches are more often than not due to the fact that the eyes have been overworked.

The Magic of September.

September seems to me to be the fairy among the months of the year. She is so crowned with gold, so full of play and magic spells, she has no work to do, and it is she who transforms the green woods and gray marshes to wonderlands of fairy fire and brings the great pale moon back round and full night after night into the skies.

Faithful to the End.

Nobody will know how many disreputable looking relatives you have until you die. The disreputable looking relative sometimes refrains from attending the wedding, but he always comes to the funeral.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Better Way.

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket," said the ready made philosopher. "Don't put any of 'em in a basket," replied the enterprising dealer. "Put 'em in cold storage."—Washington Star.

A virtue always outweighs a talent.—Momonian.

SHOWED HIS CONTEMPT

The Performance Was Costly, but 1 Relieved His Feelings.

At Dussauk's restaurant, in the Grand Morskoi at St. Petersburg, six officers of the Imperial Horse guards sat drinking champagne. Not far from them sat an insignificant little man with a shabby coat and an unkempt beard and a glass of liquor in front of him. It was not long before he became aware that he was being ridiculed by the officers aforesaid.

THE MOON AS WE SEE IT.

Its Mountains and Craters and Its Lights and Shadows. The visible part of the moon is about equal to the surface of North America. It is very mountainous, and around the vast dry plains which form the dark spots seen with the naked eye are volcanoes whose funnel-shaped craters resemble old wells lined in by the deposits of ages.

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from the platform into the car, but he did not find it an easy matter to stay put. A burly postal clerk grabbed him by the shoulders, propelled him toward the side door and practically ejected him to the platform below.

NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

No Strangers Allowed.

Frank H. Hitchcock, the postmaster general of the United States, takes the deepest interest in even the smallest details of the postal service. One evening he was at the Union station in Washington when he decided to go into one of the railway mail service cars to see how the mail matter was being handled. Being a tall man and very athletic, he easily swung himself

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"I mean to keep you out of this car," replied the clerk roughly. "Hitchcock has given us strict orders to keep all strangers out of these cars."—Popular Magazine.

KEEP UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE

What Happened to a Man With a Robust Appetite.

Harry Clotworthy, who is an expert in military affairs, entered the dining room of the National Press club one morning and carried with him a ravenous appetite. Having eaten one breakfast, which consisted largely of eggs, he ordered another breakfast, which consisted even more largely of eggs. After his repast he went to the writing room to get off some letters.

THE ACCUSED.

Senator Poindexter was talking about a particularly flagrant piece of corruption. "It makes me think of Wash White," he said.

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