

**N. D. TIME TABLE.**

**BITTER ROOT BRANCH.**

No. 251	Missoula	No. 282	Missoula
8:10 p.m.	Don.	8:10 a.m.	Don.
8:25	Butte	8:25	Butte
8:40	Lea	8:40	Lea
8:55	Stevensville	8:55	Stevensville
9:10	Victor	9:10	Victor
9:25	Corvallis	9:25	Corvallis
9:40	Hamilton	9:40	Hamilton
9:55	App.	9:55	App.

Notes: Above trains make connection at Missoula with mixed train to and from Helena, daily, Sundays excepted.  
Train No. 1 on arrival leaves Missoula 8:10 p.m. for the west.  
Train No. 2 leaves Missoula at 6:50 p.m. for the east.

**THE LOCAL FIELD.**

**St. Patrick's day.**  
Where is your green ribbon?  
This is the first genuine spring morning of the year.  
The Amos Buck Mercantile company have that "only" flour.  
Hon. Geo. T. Baggs spent a couple of days in Missoula this week on business.  
The Amos Buck Mercantile Co. are making a specialty of bran and shorts.  
Mrs. J. T. Williams, who has been very ill the past week, is now improving.  
Ed. Smith was down from Hamilton last Sunday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Smalley.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stuart were in town from their Burnt Fork home on Monday last.  
Clando Dorough went to Missoula yesterday on a pleasure trip, and will return tonight.  
Lew Williams is still feeling badly, and does not gain strength as his friends could wish.  
Commissioner Mayhew was in town on Monday, preparing for the spring work on his farm.  
J. F. Cunningham, the boot and shoe artist, was in town interviewing our business men last week.  
J. M. Hartley, representing the Garden City Bottling Co., of Missoula, spent a day in town last week.  
Mrs. Fowler, of Victor, is spending a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Crutchfield.  
Manager Kain, of this branch of the M. E. Co., went to Missoula on a business trip Monday, returning last night.  
A few small bets have been made here on the fight that takes place at Carson, Nev., today. Corbett is a slight favorite.  
J. W. McCarty, of Elma, was a visitor in town yesterday. Mr. McCarty is one of the progressive farmers of this valley.  
Rev. Mr. Hylle has been confined to his home for a week past with ja grippe, but was able to be out on the street this morning.  
Mrs. Lucy Smalley has filed her petition to be appointed as administratrix in the matter of the estate of E. C. Smalley, deceased.  
It is reported that Uncle Tommy Harris, is quite ill. The old gentleman is well along in years, and a severe sickness will go hard with him.  
Ex-Sheriff Chaffin and Tom Chaffin were down from Corvallis yesterday after seeds and other things for their ranches. Both are looking exceedingly well.  
No decision has yet been received at the office of the clerk of the court from Judge Franly in the matter of the suit of the commissioners against J. R. Faulds.  
The M. E. services of this charge next Sunday occur morning and evening at Hamilton. Consequently there will be no preaching at the M. E. church here next Sunday.  
Frank L. Collins, of the Republican, had a spell of sickness last week and part of this which kept him from the office for six days, but he is now able to be up and do a little work.  
Mr. J. E. Daugherty, one of our best citizens, who has been held at home with illness for quite a time, is now much better and able to be out again, much to the liking of his many friends.  
Why pay two prices for meals when you go to Missoula? You can get as good a meal for 25 cents as you can get for 50 cents at any other place in the town. Try it, and you will always go there.  
The sequel to Frank Wanner's claim to the Denver police that he had been held up and robbed of \$4,780 is told on the first page of this issue. As a good many here said in the first place, it turned out to be one of Wanner's plays.  
Mrs. Jas. E. Stevens went to Missoula yesterday morning to see her father and sister off for the east where they will in the future reside. They expect to leave Missoula on Friday. Mrs. Stevens will visit friends for a few days after that.  
E. B. Turner, of Compton, Mo., writes us that after suffering from piles for seventeen years, he completely cured them by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures eczema and severe skin diseases. J. D. Miser & Co.

Treasurer Dowling received from the state treasurer, last night, a check for \$741.30, that being Ravalli county's portion of the money now in the state school fund. He will notify Superintendent Ostermeyer today so that she may apportion it among the several school districts of the county.  
Commander L. S. Wilson, of the department of Montana of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued the formal order for the annual encampment of the department at Anaconda April 7. There will be a railroad of one and a fifth fares for the occasion. Ex-National Chaplain Hill is expected to be there.  
Jos. Menard, head of the agricultural department of the Missoula Mercantile Co., has been in the upper valley for several days, looking up business for his department. He reports that times are opening up good in his line both in the Bitter Root valley and in Missoula, and says it is a great deal better than for the last three years.  
Postmaster General Gary has made definite announcement to the Associated press that the administration had decided to adhere to the four-year term of office policy for all postmasters, except in a few cases where removal for cause was requested on account of delinquency, incompetency or unsatisfactory conduct or administration of office.  
A little error of one figure crept into the list of warrants cancelled, in the commissioners' proceedings published in the REPUBLICAN last week. It gave County Attorney Myers \$51.95 for county attorney's expenses, when it should have been \$31.95, which is considerably lower. The 3 and the 8 looked so much alike in the proof that they were overlooked.  
Manager Wood, of the Supply Ditch company, which is the name of the farmers' incorporation that will put in the big ditch to water the settlement of the Burnt Fork water cases, is getting everything ready to push the work just as soon as the weather and ground will permit. He expects to get a good start on the work of construction next week, and if the present weather continues he will do so.  
It is reported in Missoula that a new time schedule will soon be prepared for the Northern Pacific and branch lines. By this change the Bitter Root train will not leave Missoula until about 5 o'clock, the west-bound passenger on the main line reaching Missoula about 3:30 and the east-bound some time after 4, the Bitter Root waiting for both. It is nothing more than a rumor, however.  
The social at the M. E. church last night was a success in every particular and was enjoyed by all who attended. The entertainment was given by the Epworth League its president, J. W. Shannon, presiding, Rev. Jenkins offered prayer, Mr. Allen May furnished music on the guitar accompanied by Miss Millon on the organ, Miss Alice Avery gave an excellent recitation and J. W. Shannon read the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes.  
A little over a month ago the officers of Victor Lodge, No. 9, I. O. G. T., rushed into print to take us over the coats for saying that a dance to be given there was for the benefit of the lodge. We had noticed it in the local columns in order to help it all we could, but the lodge indignantly denied that the dance was given for its benefit. Yesterday the gentleman who ordered the advertisement for the dance sent the amount of the bill for the same, and wrote: "The way that dance was given was just this way. We, the committee, are all members of Victor, No. 9, and we gave it for the benefit of the lodge, and what was left after paying expenses went to the lodge, and they gladly accepted it, being quite a nice little sum." So it was given for the benefit of the lodge, which got the profits, and not by the lodge. Verily a distinction which severely called for the burst of indignation at our styling it a Good Templars' dance.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

Resolutions Passed by the Knights of Pythias of Stevensville.

At a regular meeting of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 37, held in their Castle Hall, March 10, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Supreme Ruler of the universe in His infinite wisdom, has removed from among us our valiant Knight and honored brother, Edwin C. Smalley, and

Whereas, Our late brother in life was ever fearless in the cause of right, a man of courage and noble purpose and one whose self-imposed duty was to make the world brighter and better, to carry sunshine and gladness to hearts in gloom, and

Whereas, We, as Knights, bow with grief and resignation to this expression of the divine will, feeling that our brother though lost to us sleeps secure in the promise of the dawn of a never-ending day, and

Whereas, The intimate relations so long held by our deceased brother with the members of this lodge, render it proper for us to show our appreciation of his services as a Knight and his merits as a man, therefore be it

Resolved, By St. Mary's Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of Montana, that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased brother that we bow with them in grief, feeling that his power which sits upon the Throne can best read our hearts and comfort them in this their hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge and that a copy of them be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

Wm. E. Baggs,  
Jno. Dowling,  
A. E. Shaefee,  
Committee.

**SCORES GOV. SMITH.**

John Moor Doesn't Like the Governor a Little Bit.

John Moor, of Kallispell, chief clerk of the upper house of the fifth legislative assembly, who is visiting in Butte, was present at a caucus by populists Wednesday night in that city by invitation and took occasion to roast Gov. Robert B. Smith to a fare, according to the Anaconda Standard.

"Mr. Chairman," said the visiting populist, "I am not a member of your committee, but I am one of the original populists and I would like to say a few words. I may be a little off color tonight, but I'm true blue to the cause of populism just the same."

"I beg pardon for interrupting the gentleman," said one of the members of the committee, "but I would like to ask Mr. Moor if he meant that he was in a democratic condition when said that he was a little off color?"

"Not on your life," responded Mr. Moor. "I am dead sober and perfectly composed mentally, and I want to state right now that I was first and foremost in the organization of the people's party of this state. I was opposed to fusion at the last election and against the nomination of Bob Smith. I knew he would not stand by his friends and my popularity has proved true. If Billy Hammett had been nominated he would have been elected and he would have stayed with the boys. I have no use for a mongrel politician. I despise a hydra-headed political biped, and the moment that Bob Smith ignored the populists in his appointments I had no further use for him. I hope you will eliminate Bob Smith from populism politics and consign him to oblivion where he belongs."

After this unexpected explosion somebody made a motion that the caucus adjourn and give the central committee a chance to transact the business for which they had met. The motion was carried and the committee proceeded to business.

**FITZ SAID TO WIN.**

Report Comes That He Knocked Corbett Out in the 14th.

As we go to press the report comes over the wire from Carson, Nevada, that in the big fight for the world's championship Fitzsimmons knocked Corbett out in the 14th round.

**NEWS OF THE STATE.**

A lodge of the United Commercial Travelers was instituted at Butte last Saturday night.  
M. M. Lockwood, of Great Falls, is seeking the appointment of collector of customs for this district.  
Ex-Governor Richards has returned from California, where he visited his family who wintered there.  
Millard W. Creveling, for 13 years an engineer at the Alice mill, Walkerville, dropped dead this morning while working at the engine. The cause is supposed to be heart disease. He leaves a wife and two children.  
Gov. Smith has appointed E. A. Winstanley, of Missoula, a member of the board that will have charge of the construction of the new state university buildings, in place of Mr. J. H. T. Ryman, also of Missoula, who declined to serve.  
The deputy in the office of Secretary of State Hogan will be James E. Toughill, of Anaconda. Daniel Brown of Butte, the populist nominee for presidential elector, was stated for the position, but relinquished it on account of other business prospects.  
Mrs. D. Gay Stivers, wife of the assistant county attorney of Silver Bow county, died after an illness of one week. She had married Mr. Stivers 20 days ago and was 48 years old. Her maiden name was Susie McMeniman, and her parents live at San Jose, Cal.  
Heavy losses of sheep are reported in Carson county and a part of Sweetwater county. A thick crust formed on top of the recent heavy fall of snow preventing the wind from blowing it away and exposing the food. Thousands of the sheep are said to have succumbed to cold and starvation.  
There are now nearly 400 patients in the insane asylum at Warm Springs, and the number is increasing. In order to meet this increase in numbers and to furnish comfortable rooms for this large number of unfortunates, Dr. Mitchell expects soon to begin the erection of another large building, to be built of brick, 150x50 feet, and two stories in height.  
Alfred Williams, bartender at the Reception, a road house two miles out of Butte, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Geo. Kronenberg, the proprietor drove to town early in the afternoon, leaving Williams in charge. When he returned the place was locked up. Entering, he found Williams dead in bed with a bullet in his head. He left a note merely stating that he was tired of life. Williams was about 30 years of age and had lived in Butte five or six years. His relatives live in Iron City, Mich.

**The National Land List.**

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**Boat For Great Falls.**

Scott Evans, a Maine engineer from Seattle, is in the city on business, says the Great Falls Leader. He says that in a recent number of the Maine Engineer, an official publication, he saw an article which said the government had made an appropriation for wing damming the Missouri at Great Falls and that of the appropriation \$15,000 had been set aside for the purpose of constructing a boat to be used on the work here. Mr. Evans says that the timbers for the boat are now being gotten out at Seattle and the machinery is being constructed in Chicago.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude to the friends who so kindly assisted me and mine in the time of grief and late sad bereavement.

Mrs. Lucy Smalley.

**Attention Teachers.**

Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, Ravalli county, Montana.

To the teachers of Ravalli county: You are hereby informed that in accordance with the provision of the free text book bill the commissioners will meet in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction at 12 o'clock noon, on the third day of May, 1897, and adopt a uniform series of text books for the use of the schools of the state for a period of six years from and after September 1st, 1897.

The selection of these books is a matter of importance and one in which the teachers are greatly interested. I request, therefore, that you will report to this office the books that you prefer for use in the public schools. Please give your first and second choices.

Praying that you will give this matter careful attention, I am sincerely yours,

KITTY OSTERMEYER,  
March 13, '97. County Supt.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned in Supply Ditch that work will begin not later than March 24. The first work to be done will be at the head of ditch and continue down to the end of Woods-Spencer cut at ditch. All cash subscriptions are now due and payable at the secretary's office.

By order of the board of trustees,  
Amos Buck, Sec'y.

**UNMISTAKEABLE**

**Signs of Spring!**

During the past week we have been kept busy opening case after case of

**NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.**

Everything looks as though we have excelled all our past efforts in bringing before the people of this valley a sensible, up to date stock of merchandise. The new arrivals are here, for your inspection, and it will require only a glance to convince you of their merit. And you will be doubly impressed with the newness and richness of the fabrics shown and the lowness of the prices which we quote for the same.

**Millinery.** We have put on sale in our Millinery show room (second floor) 50 pattern hats, consigned to us by a large eastern millinery house. We reserve the right to return them at our pleasure. We have marked them so low that we think we will be saved the trouble of sending them back. The prices range from \$3.50 to \$10. The Butte and Anaconda milliners ask \$7.50 to \$20 for inferior hats. Ladies interested in Spring and Summer Millinery will do well to call within the next ten days.

**Wash Goods.** They are prettier than ever. They come in Percales, Dimities, Organdies, Lawns, Satens, Mulls, India Linens, Calicos, Ginghams, Etc. The prices range from 5c to 12c a yard. Last season's prices for the same goods were 10c to 25c per yard. New Embroideries, new Laces, new Ribbons, new Trimmings, and new Wool Dress Goods.

**Shirt Waists.** We have just opened an advance lot of 50 dozen Shirt Waists. They are this season's first production, and are all gems. The ladies who have seen them say they are beauties. They come in Dimities, Percales, Organdies, Lawns and Satens. The prices are so low that every lady in the county can provide herself with a nice variety. 50c to \$2.00. See our Black Fancy Skirt, 4 yards wide, lined with Peraline, and tailor made throughout, only \$4.00.

**Cloaks.** We have 25 medium weight Capes and Jackets which we must sell at once. In order to do so quickly we have cut the price of each garment in two. This means that you can buy a Cape or Jacket at considerable less than the actual cost of the cloth. Prices, \$1.75 to \$5.00. Were \$3.50 to \$10.00.

**SHOES**

No reasonable man or woman can help being suited here. Our stock is so large that we can hardly help but please everybody. Prices are so low that any possibility of a kick on prices is removed. Men's Calf Skin shoes, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Women's Kangaroo Calf Skin Shoes, just the thing for good solid wear, \$1.75. Our Red School Shoes for Children are in great demand. Parents who have tried them know their merits and will have no others. Prices are reduced to 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pair.

**Men's Furnishings.** We are strictly up to date in Men's Goods. You are always certain to find the largest variety here. You can always rest assured that you will get value received for every dollar that you spend in this department, New Neckwear, New Hosiery, New Underwear, New Shirts, New Handkerchiefs, Etc., Etc. Extra fine Silk Scarfs, 25c, worth 50c. Extra fine Silk Bows, 25c, worth 50c. Medium weight Underwear, 50c, worth \$1.00. Buck and Calf Skin Gloves, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per pair. Heavy double-warp Socks, warrantied to wear, 3 pairs for 50c. Extra fine All Wool Sweaters, \$2.50 each; regular price \$3.72. Cape Mackintoshes, the kind that usually sell for \$7.50; our price \$4.50.

**CLOTHING.** New Clothing arriving every day. The very low prices have left our shelves pretty empty, so we had to stock up. As a starter for Spring we will offer 50 fine All Wool Cassimere Suits for \$7.50 and \$10. The regular clothing houses will ask from \$12.50 to \$17.50 for clothing with less merit. We are selling stacks of pants at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pair.

**HATS.** We are sole agents for the famous Stetson and Miller Hats. No better hats in the world. May be a little high priced, but one Stetson hat will outwear three of any ordinary make. We carry lots of cheaper makes.

Out of Town Trade would do well to send for Samples and Prices of Wash Goods.

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