

VESTIBULED TRAINS--DINING CARS.



NORTHERN PACIFIC

To **HELENA** BUTTE MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL DULUTH AND PORTLAND EAST & SOUTH

To **SPOKANE SEATTLE TACOMA PORTLAND CALIFORNIA JAPAN CHINA ALASKA KLONDIKE**

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"COPPER CITY LIMITED"--Pass.

TRAIN NO.	STATION.	TRAIN NO.
3:30 p. m.	Missoula	4:15 p. m.
5:30	Butte	5:57
6:30	Lo Lo	7:18
6:57	Stevensville	7:57
7:57	Corvallis	8:37
8:37	Hamilton	9:18
9:18	Grantsdale	9:59

BITTER ROOT VALLEY FREIGHT.

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7:57 a. m.	Missoula	4:15 p. m.
7:57	Butte	5:57
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9:57	Stevensville	7:57
10:57	Corvallis	8:37
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12:57	Grantsdale	9:59

Train No. 3 goes through Butte, making connection for all points west at Missoula, and is known as the "Copper City Limited." Train No. 1 leaves Missoula for west 8:30 a. m. No. 2 leaves Missoula for east 5:30 p. m.

Pullman First-Class and Tourist Sleeping Cars.

THE LOCAL FIELD.

McCrackin writes fire insurance.

Appropriate services were held in the Hamilton churches on Christmas day (Sunday).

H. J. Kelly, late of the Times, left this morning for Missoula and other parts of the state.

The indebtedness of Choteau county was decreased last year over \$10,000. That is a showing to be proud of.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Buck and son Charlie, of Stevensville, came up last week and spent the Christmas festivities with the family of her brother, L. J. Knapp.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powell, who reside on the west side just opposite the Bass farm, near Stevensville, drove up Monday morning and helped Mr. and Mrs. Lou Crutchfield celebrate Christmas. They returned home the next day.

Sergeant Seagriff of Troop F, and one of the star football players of the state university team as well as its coach, came up from Missoula last week and is spending the vacation with Sid Ward and other friends in this vicinity.

Many a household is saddened by death because of the failure to keep on hand a safe and absolutely certain cure for croup, such as One Minute Cough Cure. See that your little ones are protected against emergency. J. D. Miser.

Louis May and family of Stevensville came up on Saturday's train and spent Christmas with the family of Sheriff-elect Chaffin. Mrs. May being a sister of Mrs. Chaffin. Lou went home on Tuesday morning, but Mrs. May and the little one remained for a more extended visit.

Miss Winnie Squiers, sister of Treasurer Squiers, and who is warmly remembered by the people of Hamilton through her former residence here, came in Saturday evening and is spending the holidays with her brother and her friends. Miss Squiers will return to her present home in Phillipsburg the latter part of this week.

A letter in the Dillon Tribune from Manila contains the information that Sergeant Cushing of the Dillon Company of the 1st Montana has been discharged on account of ill health and is on his way home. And that Corporal Dick Wells, formerly a printer here, and whose brother is now one of the Republican force, has been promoted to the serjeancy.

Senator Myers leaves Friday for Helena to represent this county in the upper branch of the legislature for 60 days from Monday next. Representative Crutchfield is expected to reach Helena this week, and Representative Wood will likely go on the same train with the senator. In point of ability Ravalli county will stack up pretty well with any of them and ahead of a good many.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Newell, of the Cottage House, died last Sunday afternoon and was buried Monday. The little fellow was ill for some time, and at first it was thought to be a stomach trouble, but it later developed that an abscess on the brain had formed. He was 1 year, 1 month and 23 days old when he died. The family have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

With this week the rush of county publications incidental to the close of the fiscal year will be over in this office, and the publisher will be enabled to get out and interview the people on business. After the next issue a much better paper for readers will be gotten out, and an endeavor made to make the REPUBLICAN a worthy exponent of the resources and advantages of Ravalli county and its county seat.

Euphrates Bouchee, editor and publisher of The Fountain and Journal of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, was in the city last week and paid his respects to the fraternity here. Mr. Bouchee has been making a tour of the northwest and came to this section to visit some early acquaintances, among whom are the Coopers, Wards, Wains and others. He was very favorably impressed with this section and promises to give it a good sendoff in his paper.

The annual statement of the county's affairs as reported by County Clerk Fitzgerald appears on our first page this week. It shows that the indebtedness of the county has increased \$2,152.34 in the last year, but the showing is not so bad after all, when it is considered that the county is possessed of an increased valuation in bridges, particularly the one at Grantsdale. The increase is principally in the road and poor funds, and with the decrease in the cost of the care and medicines for the poor by the new contract the poor fund will be a saver for next year. The affairs of Ravalli county are in better shape than some others in the state, though not yet what they should be.

Give us a trial order for job work.

The Missoula Democrat-Messenger has suspended its daily issue for the present at least.

L. J. Knapp of the Times is spending a couple of days at Butte, on business matters, and incidentally taking in the press meeting.

H. S. King, the Stevensville shoemaker, drove up to Hamilton on Sunday with Mrs. King.

Elmer E. Hershey, register of the Missoula land office, with his family, spent Christmas with Mrs. Hershey's parents, Major and Mrs. Catlin.

Christmas was observed by the Hamilton stores on Monday, all of them closing on that day to allow their clerks as well as the employers to celebrate the day.

H. L. Kemp, representing the Greeley nurseries, came in from the lower end of the county Monday night. He had been interviewing the farmers of that vicinity.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. J. D. Miser.

Ed. Baker, the range rider on this portion of the Bitter Root reserve, rode up Tuesday to confer with Supervisor Weber. Ed. rode up on the west side and returned to Stevensville on the east side road.

Miss Ida L. Fisher of Stevensville is in Helena this week attending the annual meeting of the state teachers' association. Miss Fisher always keeps abreast of the educational world and is a regular attendant at these annual meetings.

Overcome your cold with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. J. D. Miser.

Revival services are being held at the M. E. church on Sixth street every night at 7:30 p. m. to which everybody is invited to come. Bible talks are held daily at 3 p. m., except Saturdays, and Christians are especially invited to attend.

Dr. Minshall, who has been seriously ill at the hospital in Missoula, has sufficiently recovered to remove to the Florence hotel, where he will remain a short time with his family until he gets strong enough to return to his home at Phillipsburg.

Clyde Corby, who was at one time stenographer in the Anaconda Copper Mining company's office here, has been appointed deputy county treasurer in Gallatin county by Henry Davis, the treasurer of that county, who is Clyde's father-in-law.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Inactive Liver and all the Complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. J. D. Miser.

W. H. McCoy was in from Darby yesterday buying from our local merchants and attending to other business in the county seat. While here he made one of his regular visits to this office to drop a few dollars into the publisher's hands, and this time to extend a welcome to this end of the county.

Commissioners Wehr and Hendricks met on Tuesday and passed upon the annual statement of the county clerk and attended to a few minor things incidental to closing up the present county administration. The new board meets next Monday to elect a chairman, select a purchasing agent and attend to a few other matters.

Charlie Dunham, who has had charge of the bar at the Ravalli for some time past, has formed a partnership with T. J. Burns of the Southern, and went to Missoula this morning to look up some matters connected with his new venture. The firm of Burns & Dunham is bound to be a popular one, as both have many friends.

The Greeley Nurseries of Greeley, Col., have a force of men in the valley interviewing the farmers and fruit growers. The nurseries have an excellent reputation and there is no doubt that trees purchased from them will give satisfaction. Mr. Speer and assistants know just what growers of this altitude and climate want.

The REPUBLICAN takes considerable pride in calling attention to this issue of the paper as showing the facilities of its plant to do any kind of work that it liable to come to it. It will be noticed that there are in this paper over eleven columns of solid nonpartisan type, set up in matter that requires an unusual amount of what is termed "sorts," and yet it has been handled without straining the facilities of the plant. It is safe to say that no other printing plant in either Ravalli or Missoula county could handle the matter in one issue, and it is doubtful if there is one on the west side outside of Butte and Anaconda that could do it. The REPUBLICAN will always be found prepared to meet all requirements of the trade. Try it and see.

Miss Etta Landram of Stevensville, who is a student of the Business college here, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Jailor Mitchell was under the weather a few days during the past week with a slight attack of la grippe, but is now around town again.

The postoffice department has ordered the free delivery system for Missoula, and it will commence about the first of February.

P. B. Steele and C. Valentine, representing a big New York dry goods house, spent Christmas here as the guests of D. J. Donohue.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. For sale by all druggists.

W. L. Murphy of Missoula, nephew of W. C. Murphy, and familiarly known as "Spud," had his nose broken while practicing in the gymnasium at the Columbia law school in New York. "Spud" is well known in Hamilton, having played baseball here with the university team.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingering colds are dangerous. Coughing cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. J. D. Miser.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Newell desire to return their heartfelt thanks to neighbors and friends for the kindness extended to them during their recent trouble and bereavement.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and gives right to the spot. Sold by all druggists.

STATE AND WORLD.

Senator Allen has introduced a bill for a postal telegraph.

The American peace commissioners have reached home from Paris.

The battleships Iowa and Oregon have arrived safely at Callao, Peru, on the Pacific coast.

Karl's Clover Root Tea for Constipation is the Best, and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by all druggists.

Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, present ambassador to Russia, has been nominated by the president to succeed Secretary Bliss, who has resigned.

General Arolas, Spanish military governor of Havana, has delivered over his command to the American military authorities, and has sailed for home.

Gen. Merritt has arrived in Washington from the Philippines and Paris, and will next week take charge of the department of the east, succeeding Gen. Shafter.

The captured Spanish gunboats, Alvarado and Sancho, have arrived from Guantanamo, Cuba, under the command of Lieutenants Blige and Anderson. They will be repaired at the Norfolk navy yard.

It is feared that A. W. Mahon, senator-elect from Valley county, will not be able to attend this session of the legislature. His physician has advised him to get out of Montana to a lower altitude and he may go to St. Paul during the week.

Gus Nash, who eloped with the 14-year-old daughter of Sam Thurston of Big Timber last week, was arrested by Sheriff Young, Monday, and will have to plead to the charge of rape. His preliminary hearing is set for tomorrow before Justice Rose.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectually with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. J. D. Miser.

Gen. Andrew J. Smith, formerly surveyor general of Montana, and since then governor of the soldiers' homes at Leavenworth and Santa Monica, Cal., and whose life has been attempted at each place, has sent in his resignation at the earnest request of his family.

John Henry Collins, a divinity student of Topeka, Kan., has been convicted of murder in the first degree. The victim was his own father, who he shot while sleeping in order to get a portion of his life insurance. He has previously tried to get two negroes to do the deed.

The amount of the delinquent taxes in Valley county is the smallest it has ever been in the history of that organization. It is only \$325.55, and of this sum \$213.18 is levied on property on the Indian reservation and there is considerable doubt whether the property is liable to taxation.

Lily Moran, a denizen of Chicago, Joe's place on Wood street, Helena, while re-avering from a spree took a dose of cyanide with suicidal intent. Regardless of the efforts of a doctor to resuscitate her, she died early next morning. She was about 19, the wife of a prize fighter in Tacoma, and had worked in Elkhorn and Pony.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood, clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by all druggists.

Adjudged Insane.

Helena, Dec. 25.—George Gerdes, a well-to-do ranchman of the Gallatin valley, who has been undergoing treatment at St. John's hospital here, was adjudged insane and committed to the Warm Springs asylum. He is about 66, and came to Montana 34 years ago. He was possessed of considerable property. Some persons living at Willow Creek, Gallatin County, survive him.

Carter's Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Senator Carter is recovering from an attack of grippe which confined him to his room for about a week. He was unable to attend the last session of the senate prior to adjournment for the holidays. On the closing day of the session, however, Senator Chandler presented on his behalf an important resolution, to the passage of which the senator proposes to devote a great deal of effort after the recess. Senator Carter is something of an iconoclast on the subject of the rules of the senate. He believes that they operate to retard rather than to expedite legislation, and is in favor of their radical revision. The resolution which he now proposes to press contemplates a decided change in the manner of reference of appropriation bills. It is being considered by the committee on rules, and its chances for adoption seem excellent.

It proposes that the consideration of each appropriation bill shall be by the committee having charge under the existing orders of the senate of the subject to which the appropriations in the bill relate. This order would leave only the appropriation bills for legislative, executive and judicial expenses, for sundry civil expenses and for all deficiencies, for the consideration of the appropriations committee.

Chief Justice Pemberton has gone to St. Paul, called there by the illness of Mrs. Pemberton.

Senator Morrill of Vermont, the oldest member of the senate, died of pneumonia at Washington early Tuesday morning. He was 88 years old. Do Not Deceive! A Cough, Hoarseness or Croup are not to be trifled with. A dose in time of Shiloh's will save you much trouble. Sold by all druggists.

Larger Yield Expected.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—A special from Dawson City, dated November 20, says: Reports from all creeks in the vicinity of Dawson indicate that the winter's product of gold will exceed that of last year by more than 100 per cent. Several persons are reported to have been frozen to death. One was found in a kneeling posture beside his sled and dogs, between Hunker and Dominion, at the summit. Several steamers are in winter quarters on the upper river prepared to take advantage of the first rush of traffic.

Horse Racing in India.

Calcutta, Dec. 26.—In the race for the vicery's cup here today Vanitas won, Keena second and Leonatis third. Eleven horses started.

The American bred horse Keenan, by Liston out of Patrimony, was formerly the property of August Belmont and in May of last year won the second water handicap at the Newmarket meeting, England. Keenan was then purchased by Lord William Bessborough, who, in turn, sold the animal to the Maharajah Aga Khan, who took him to Bombay.

WARRANT CALL.

Office of the County Treasurer, Ravalli County, Hamilton, Montana. Notice is hereby given that the following warrants will be called for payment: Contingent Fund—All warrants registered prior to December 25, 1898. Poor Fund—All warrants registered prior to and including June 7, and warrants Nos. 282, 283, 284, 285, 286 and 287 registered prior to and including June 7, 1898. Road Fund—All warrants registered prior to and including August 8, and No. 10, registered September 9, 1897. No interest will be paid on the above warrants after December 31, 1898. J. D. MISER, Treasurer of Ravalli County, Montana.

RAVALLI COUNTY BANK,
HAMILTON, MONTANA.
General Banking Business Transacted.
W. W. McCRACKIN, Cashier.

Christmas IS COMING
And my stock of Christmas goods are arriving daily. A finer line of this class of goods never shown in Stevensville. The assortment is too large and varied to list here. You are earnestly requested to call and inspect the most beautiful Christmas gifts that ever were shown in Stevensville.

J. D. MISER,
Registered Pharmacist,
STEVENSVILLE, MONT.

FARM LOANS
Wanted on Improved Lands with Water Right, IN BITTER ROOT VALLEY.
GEO. F. BROOKS,
REAL ESTATE AND LOANS,
MISSOULA, MONTANA.

JOS. OETTINGER, D. D. S.
Rooms 8 and 9, Daly Block,
MISSOULA, MONT.
The leading Dentist of Western Montana.

The Big Store's BIG BUSINESS.

THE year 1898, which will soon be only a memory, has been the banner year of this business. Our sales for the year have nearly doubled those of any previous year. It is true that profits have been reduced to almost nothing. It is true that reasonable merchandise can be purchased from us cheaper than from any mercantile institution in the state. But there is much satisfaction in the knowledge that we enjoy the confidence and patronage of the producers of this county--the farmer, the mechanic, the logger, the laborer.

Our increased sales have been induced by strict fidelity to approved business methods, honest goods, honest prices, always courteous and obliging to the humblest of our patrons, and a fair display of good American push and hustle. It shall be our aim in the future (as it has been for some time past) to merit the patronage and good will of the people of this county.

We offer for the closing month of the year some startling bargains in Women's and Children's Cloaks, Underwear, Wrappers, Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Carpets and Furniture.

SPECIAL DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES AND FANCY GOODS...

Women's Furnishings
(SECOND FLOOR)
STUDY THESE ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS.

- Black Cheviot and Beaver Capes, collar trimmed with fur and braid, reduced to \$3.50.
- Very warm and attractive Capes, made of heavy beaver cloth, trimmed with Thibet fur, reduced to \$4.50.
- Heavy Seal Plush Capes, richly trimmed with jet and fur, sold everywhere for \$8.50, our reduced price only \$5.00.
- Jackets made of rich Boucle Cloth, silk-lined throughout, sizes 32 to 40, reduced to \$5.00.
- Fine Kersey Jackets made up in the very newest styles, colors blue, black, green, maroon and navy, \$5 to \$15.00.
- Misses' Jackets, ages 10 to 18, \$2.50 to \$5.00.
- Children's long Coats and Jackets, reduced from one-third to one-half former prices:
 - Coats that were \$5.00, now \$3.00.
 - Coats that were \$6.50, now \$5.00.
 - Coats that were \$8.00, now \$5.05.

Greatly Reduced Prices On Women's and Children's Underwear.
Women's Heavy Jersey Ribbed Underwear, 50 cents a garment. A great variety of Children's Winter Underwear, in natural wool and camel's hair, all sizes, 25 to 50 cents a garment.

INTERESTING BARGAINS In Dry Goods Department.
Soft, fleecy Outing Flannels, all colors, reduced to 5 cents a yard. An attractive showing of the heavier grades, in the richest and prettiest patterns imaginable; prices 8 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents a yard.
Here's a Snap: Good heavy Shooing, full yard wide, only 5 cents a yard.
Here's a Bigger Snap: 50 pieces Wool Dress Goods, 36 to 42 inches wide, sold everywhere at 40c. to 50c. a yard. Our reduced price is only 25c. a yard.
A great bargain in Women's and Children's Fleece-lined Hose, 2 pairs for 25 cents.
Standard Prints, light and dark colors, only 5 cents a yard.

SHOES
Are you preparing for the cold winter the weather prophets say we are going to have? We are prepared to prepare you. Don't delay. Delay may mean a doctor's bill perhaps a funeral bill, or maybe both. Our warm footwear will insure you against all colds and subsequent illness.
We are sole agents for the celebrated Gold Seal Rubbers and Overshoes, the best on earth.
Women's Storm Rubbers, only 20 cents.
Women's fine Jersey Top Storm Alaskas, only \$1.00.
Children's Storm Rubbers, only 50 cents.
Warm Shoes, Warm Slippers, Warm Oxfords, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

A Little Grocery Chat.
Do we supply you with some of the good things the grocery boys are showing? If we don't you are not having the best things to eat. High-grade groceries, always fresh, pure and low-priced, is one of our specialties.
Armour's Meats, Spread Eagle Flour (made from the finest Dakota wheat), Club House Canned Goods (famous all over America), Mecha and Java Coffees, India, Ceylon and Japan Teas, Delicious Creamery Butter, Toothsome Cheeses, and a host of other good things.

Do Not Overlook Our Grand Display of Christmas Novelties.
ANACONDA COPPER MINING COMPANY
MERCANTILE DEPARTMENT.
Hamilton, - - - Montana.