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THE INVESTIGATION.

The people of the west will heartily welcome an investigation by congress of the charges against Honorable Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior. It is true that President Taft has already vindicated the secretary, but the latter is not satisfied and asks that the latter be referred to congress for a thorough sifting.

There is no doubt in the mind of any person living west of the Mississippi that the investigation will result in a complete exoneration of the gentlemen charge. The people of Seattle, where he spent a large portion of his life, scoff at the idea that there has been any crookedness in his official acts, and the president is well satisfied of his innocence. So are the people of the entire west, and a careful investigation will probably convince the entire nation, with the exception of La Follette and Collier's Weekly of the falsity of the charges.

It will probably also have another beneficial effect, in that it will probably end in the dismissal of a number of jealous under studies and subordinates who have all along attempted to make capital out of the charges. The sooner the investigation is held, and the sooner a list of minor officials are given their walking papers, the better.—Livingston Enterprise.

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STATE NEWS

A state road from Helena to Glendive has been proposed.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Golden Mutual Orchard company of Billings.

From January 25 to the 29th the state poultry association will hold its annual meeting in Bozeman.

The chamber of commerce that was organized at Glendive Monday started with a membership of thirty-two.

A new power plant to furnish light for Hamilton is to be built there by the Hamilton Light and Water Company.

Articles of incorporation of the Farmers State Bank of Sidney were filed last week showing a capital stock of \$20,000.

The town of Terry has announced its desire to incorporate and has taken the first steps necessary for such action.

Arrangements are complete for a new hotel at Mammoth Hot Springs, according to recent reports received at Livingston.

The Norris and Bozeman Telephone company which recently filed articles of incorporation will control lines between Bozeman and principal points in the Madison valley.

Although no accurate investigation has been made it is estimated that fully 1,000 deer were killed in Lincoln county during the hunting season. About 120 deer were shipped out of the town of Warland alone.

Judge Henry N. Blake has been appointed to act as Montana's representative on the general committee on arrangements to arrange the celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg.

Plans are being made by eastern capitalists to establish a large hunting ground in the Ruby valley and to equip buildings there for the

hunters. The plans include all that will go to make the lodge one of the finest in the country.

State railroad commissioners announced last week that the Northern Pacific Railroad company will inaugurate after December 29th a daily passenger service on the Park branch out of Livingston. Many protest were received when this service was stopped some time ago.

In response to an inquiry from County Attorney Trippet, of Deer Lodge county, the opinion was given by the attorney general that if a smallpox patient is a resident of a city then the city is liable for the expense incurred, but if the patient is merely a sojourner in the city then the county is liable.

The State Board of Examiners has received request from the Caird Engineering Works of Helena, and from the Grover and Leuchar firm of Great Falls, that when the special session of the legislature is called that consideration be given for Helena construction steel in the building of the capitol wings and Great Falls stone.

Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Bitter Root Planting company. Incorporators are Albert M. Stondahl of Madison, Wisconsin, Holger Toftoy and Andrew Eiken of St. Paul. Capital stock is named at \$50,000 divided into 500 shares at \$100 each. Principal place of business is given as St. Paul although the operation of the company will be in the Bitter Root Valley.

Can a lien be filed against property owned by a municipality in the collection of a valid debt? This is the question involved in the case of the Des Moines Bridge and Iron Company against the town of Forsyth, which was argued on demurre and submitted to Judge Hunt recently. The plaintiff sues to collect \$3,867.52, alleged to be an unpaid balance due on the installation of a water works system for the town. The question involved is unusual, but of great importance, affecting, as it will, every other municipality in the state. The matter was taken under advisement.

Terry A. John was awarded \$25,000 damages in Judge McClearn's court for injuries received while riding on a Northern Pacific train from Butte to Miles City in August, 1907. The Pullman sleeper in which the plaintiff was riding was derailed and he was thrown into the aisle and on account of a step-ladder, which had been left in the aisle by a porter, received very serious injuries. The lawyer of the defendant company argued that the plaintiff was riding on a pass on the back of which was stated that the company was not liable to him for damages, but the plaintiff's lawyer contended that as the plaintiff was an employee of a railroad company to which the pass was issued as an exchange that he was in a sense beneficial to the Northern Pacific company. The case is to be appealed to the supreme court.

The state board of health, at a special meeting held in Helena last week, on the call of Governor Norris, decided to stand by the proposition it has taken, not to enforce quarantine regulations in cases of smallpox after January 1 next. The only modifications will be in regard to hotels and lodging houses, where, when a case of smallpox is discovered, the patient will be removed from the premises. It was expected that a large number of protests would be present, or that many protests would be received, but this proved to be a mistake. There were three representatives present from Missoula, Frank Woody acting as their spokesman, and five or six written protests were filed. The Missoula people made a general protest against the order eliminating quarantine for smallpox, and especially protested on behalf of the hotels and lodging house keepers. The members of the board in attendance were Governor Norris, Attorney General Galen, Dr. T. D. Tuttle, secretary, and Drs. Pigott, Donohue, Treacy and Knowles.

A bill is being prepared by Secretary Ballinger for introduction in congress which will give Montana merchants an opportunity they have not had before of getting a large portion of the \$250,000 expended yearly by the Indian service for the purpose of buying supplies for the Montana Indian agencies. Under the present methods of purchasing, red tape prevents Montana participating in the bids. Under the new system, as explained in Ballinger's annual report, relative to a central purchasing officer with traveling agents, the humblest merchant in Montana will have a chance to bid on even terms with all others, effecting a big saving to the interior department and giving local merchants a chance they have never had before. The advantages are so obvious that little opposition is expected to the bill, save by large eastern corporations, which heretofore have had a practical monopoly of the business.

Laurence Hamilton and Olaf Olsen were business callers at Harlowton Friday.

Ryegate Items.

J. B. Koehler spent Saturday night in Harlowton.

Johnnie Dorsey was a Harlowton visitor Monday.

L. M. Law of Roundup was business caller Thursday.

F. S. Akin returned from a business trip to Lewistown Friday.

W. C. Jenizen of Shawmut was a business visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. F. E. Ray and children arrived from Miles City Christmas day.

Ingman Missen of Moore spent the holidays with his parents at this place.

Mrs. Homer Cotterman was a Harlowton passenger the first of the week.

Robert Jennings of Miles City is spending the holidays at Ryegate.

Eva Barringer accompanied Willie Williams to Harlowton last week.

Train Master E. B. Cornwell of Three Forks spent Christmas with his family at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kemp entertained a small party of friends at their home on Christmas evening.

A party of young folks from Barber passed through town Friday enroute to Big Coulee to attend the Christmas dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Missen of the V-Bar ranch served an elaborate Christmas dinner to a few of their friends.

A. J. Skardahl, Oscar Stageberg and the Misses Skardahl and Stageberg of Barber were trading in town Saturday.

Smith Brothers arrived Sunday with another car of emigrants and stock from Daiton, Ill. for their big ranch in big Coulee.

Wheelock & Wheelock shipped four cars of sheep Christmas evening. The shipment was accompanied by Fred Garnwell and Fred Warner.

Deputy Sheriff Langton with Road Master Nix of Roundup were here last Friday and arrested two Bulgarians at camp east of town for inciting a riot.

Married at Garniel, Montana, on Christmas day, Mr. Ernest Goodspeed of this place and Miss Hannah Jones of Clear Lake, Wisconsin. Their future home will be on their ranch near Ryegate.

Material is now on the ground for the construction of the new bridge across the Musselshell river near town. Bridge men expect to commence construction on same in a short time. This much needed improvement will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the town.

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Wild Cats, large..... 5.00
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