

# CORRESPONDENCE

## Shawmut

Shawmut, Mont., June 21, 1911.  
Andrew Flom took out a load of lumber Monday.

Mr. Chamberlain has been in town a few days to sell a team.

The Shawmut boys went to Roundup Sunday and came back sad and wan—score, Roundup 5, Shawmut 1. But they had the pleasure of seeing Twodot bombarded to the tune of 16 to 2.

Among Monday visitors were Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy of Fish Creek, Frank Campbell and Geo. Davenport from out south, Thos. Edwards of Hedges and Clyde Higgins and Albert Knudson from the bench.

Adolph Charlston departed for his homestead south of town Sunday.

The Thomas people were in Monday.

The C. M. and P. S. Ry. have a crew working about the sidings putting them into better condition.

It is rumored that a little gun play occurred recently between two rather irresponsible parties. No harm was done as fingers didn't seem to work.

A dance is scheduled to be pulled off Saturday evening at Fay Perry's new store. It seems the second floor is to be devoted to such purposes. Of course everybody is invited to attend.

The Thomas boys lost a valuable horse in a wire fence this week.

Mr. L. A. Hunter was in town Tuesday.

Ralph Hubbard of Buffalo, N. Y. and Daniel Rothrock of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived Tuesday from Oberlin, Ohio. The former will go at once onto his claim south of the river.

Among Wednesday's callers were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flom of Mud Creek, M. J. Tracy of Fish Creek and Ed Grunsted and W. H. Fox of Dead Man's Basin.

There are a number of teams hauling road material for Hedges Road District No. 16.

Floyd Coats was in town from Fish Creek Wednesday, as were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans.

Mrs. Fay Perry has been quite ill the past week. We are glad to note that she is somewhat improved.

Henry Tierney and family arrived from Wisconsin Tuesday to take up their residence south of town.

Fred Pettit is now working for F. S. Webster.

## NIHILL NUGGETS

Nihill, Mont., June 19, 1911.  
Crops are looking fine.

R. E. Edwards and son have moved their plow outfit to the Dailey ranch where they will break up the balance of that fine place.

Fishing parties are the order of the day around Nihill.

Road Overseer W. F. Coleman has finished an elegant job of grading on the roads leading into Nihill from the east and the west.

Carl Kittleson has returned from working in the saw mill on Swimming Woman.

Mrs. F. L. Layton and daughter Olive visited last week at the E. B. Kittleson home.

R. P. Chapman transacted business in Nihill this week.

A. C. Wegener and mother from Harlowton called on friends in Nihill Sunday.

We understand the prospects are bright for a new lumber yard coming to Nihill in the near future.

We expect to have a telephone circuit between Harlowton, Oka, Judith Gap and Nihill, in order to shape the political future of Meagher county.

The base ball enthusiasts contemplate organizing a ball team as we have some splendid material.

Stanley Allen and Ben Olson spent Sunday at their ranches in the Swimming Woman country.

Guy Ewing made a trip to Hobson the past week, business and pleasure.

## News From Barber

Barber, Mont., June 21, 1911.

A very pleasant party was given at Hotel Barber last Monday night by Mr. Floodberg. About 25 young people were present. The evening was spent in playing games and various other amusements. Everybody present reports Mr. Floodberg a splendid entertainer.

Messrs. Earl and Fern Simkins are home from Buffalo, Montana.

Mr. Bartz was in Harlowton last Monday.

A party was given at the home of Mr. Pete Nelson last Wednesday evening. A good time is reported by all present.

Mr. A. J. Skordahl was in Harlowton last Tuesday.

Miss Emily Werness is sewing for Mrs. O. B. Lovely this week.

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## HER NARROW ESCAPE

By MOLLIE K. WETHERELL

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Pepta was a Mexican girl living with an aunt in southern California. Pepta was an orphan and had inherited a patch of ground, on which the two lived. Near by was another Mexican family consisting of father, mother and one son, Enrique, just coming of age. Enrique and Pepta, being neighbors and there being no other young men and women near by to divert them from each other, naturally loved.

One day a man was seen digging in a patch of ground adjoining Pepta's property. He was an American and, though roughly dressed, gave evidence of being a gentleman. Seeing Pepta standing looking at him curiously, he went over to where she was and asked for a drink of water. Pepta got it for him from a spring back of the house, and the stranger chatted with her. She asked him what he was digging the hole for, and he said he was prospecting. There had been no hunting for the precious metals there before, and Pepta did not understand what he meant.

The stranger came over occasionally after that for a drink of water or to borrow something. He said his name was Thomas Burkhalter; that he was the son of a gentleman in the east. He hadn't got on well with his father and had come out west to shift for himself. Pepta thought him very fine. After looking at his white face Enrique's brown visage was not at all attractive. Enrique noticed a change in her, but was at a loss to account for it.

One day a man came to Burkhalter's hole. He was a well dressed man and wore a diamond stickpin in his neck wear. Pepta saw him and Burkhalter standing together talking and looking over at her house. The stranger went away, and that evening Burkhalter came over to see Pepta. She asked him about the man who had visited him, but Burkhalter was uncommunicative on the subject. One thing Pepta noticed—that he was very attentive and deferential to her.

Burkhalter during the next four or five days did as much courting as is usually done in months, sometimes in years. He quite carried Pepta off her feet. She discovered that Enrique knew nothing at all about making love. Enrique was much distressed. What could he do? But Enrique had more sense than Pepta and knew a little more about the world, though not much more. At any rate, he had sense enough to suspect that Burkhalter had some motive in devoting himself to Pepta. He went to an old rancher who had always been kind to him and told him his trouble. One day Enrique went to Grigsby, the rancher, and told him that Burkhalter had asked Pepta to marry him.

"That's all talk," said Grigsby. "No, no," cried Enrique; "they are to be married tomorrow. Pepta does not wish it so soon, but the man insists. She would like to raise a little money so that she may get some new clothes to make her appear worthy of so fine a husband."

Grigsby thought. He was turning something over in his mind. At last he said: "If Pepta is going to be married she will not need her farm. What she needs is a little cash. I will buy her property. Go and ask her for what she will sell it. But say to her that I will not buy it unless she keeps my offer a secret. You may tell her I will give her \$600."

Enrique sorrowfully bore the message and returned with Pepta, who was delighted to get so much money for what was really not supposed to be worth more than half the amount offered. Grigsby drew up the papers conveying the property to Enrique and placed a mortgage on it payable to himself.

"Now," he said to Pepta, "you may tell whom you like that you have sold your farm."

In the evening Burkhalter came to see his fiancée and asked her if she would be ready for the wedding the next day. Pepta said she would and gleefully told him she had sold her property for the enormous sum of \$600. Then she showed him the money she had got for it.

He stood looking at her with a blank expression for some time, then told her to put her name on the back of the check and he would ride to a town ten miles distant and draw the money. She must be ready for the ceremony by the time of his return. She did as he bade her, and, leaving her, forgetting the kiss, he departed.

Pepta waited all that day and the next for her lover, but he came not. Nor has he come to this day. Pepta's aunt at last told her that he must have gone away with the money for the farm. What should they do? Their home was sold, and they had nowhere to lay their heads.

Meanwhile Grigsby had gone to the hole Burkhalter had left with experts and had found that Burkhalter had struck a vein of ore too narrow to pay, but beginning to open up in the farm Pepta had sold.

Then came Enrique and showed her his deed to her property and told her that it was likely worth a fortune. And so it was. Grigsby furnished the means to develop it, and it was sold for a large amount. Enrique forgave Pepta and they were married, but the wife never forgot her folly and her husband's common sense.

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The Lewistown city council has let a contract for the building of a new water works system to Lindstrum and Oren of Butte whose bid, \$15,700, was the lowest of several submitted.

Votes in the News piano contest will be given on old and new subscriptions. Particulars elsewhere.

## Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway

Time Card Effective May 29, 1911.

Northern Pacific Ry.		C. M. & P. S. Ry.	
11.45 a.m.	..... Lv. Helena, Ar	9.28 a.m.	8.00 p.m.
1.21 p.m.	..... Lv. Lombard, Ar	7.36 a.m.	6.11 p.m.
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1.25 p.m.	12.12 a.m.	6.11 a.m.	3.50 p.m.
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2.50 p.m.	1.36 a.m.	.....	.....
.....	2.17 a.m.	.....	.....
.....	2.36 a.m.	.....	.....
.....	2.57 a.m.	.....	.....
4.32 p.m.	3.25 a.m.	.....	.....
8.33 p.m.	10.05 a.m.	.....	.....
8.46 p.m.	10.18 a.m.	.....	.....
9.02 p.m.	10.34 a.m.	.....	.....
9.23 p.m.	10.56 a.m.	.....	.....
10.10 p.m.	11.45 a.m.	.....	.....
4.42 p.m.	3.35 a.m.	.....	.....
10.57 p.m.	11.04 a.m.	.....	.....
12.40 p.m.	12.40 a.m.	.....	.....
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