

OF BENEFIT TO KALISPELL

Libby Cut-Off Abandoned for the Present

CHANGES IN THE LINE

Division Headquarters to Remain Here.— Did President Hill Talk While Here Last Sunday?

It is evident that the building of the much talked of Libby cut off has been abandoned temporarily, and the chances are permanently. If the cut off had been built as first intended it would have meant the abandoning of about 95 miles of track in order to secure easier grades between Kalispell and Libby.

By the building of the road now being surveyed from Kalispell following the Stillwater river in a northeasterly direction to a junction with the Crow's Nest Pass railway, at Tobacco Plains, the building of the cut off will be obviated and the present track of the Great Northern from Kalispell to Jennings, a distance of 81 miles will probably be abandoned. The advantages of such a route are many. The line will follow a natural water level with a maximum grade of not over six tenths of one per cent, and while it would increase the distance, the easier grades will make it possible to decrease the present time from St. Paul to the coast and at the same time to haul heavier freight trains.

The new road from Jennings to the Crow's Nest coal fields will be about 160 miles long, and taken in connection with the other work to be done in this country will furnish work for several thousand men for over a year.

On this subject the Great Falls Tribune of yesterday has the following: "Dan Ledgerwood of this city, who has had several contracts on the Montana Central, has secured a contract for construction of a large portion of the Jennings-Crow's Nest branch of the Great Northern, and will ship his outfit in a few days. George Chew, who had a contract on the Teton-Tunis cut-off of the Montana Central, has also secured a contract about 40 miles north of Jennings, and some of the sub-contractors on the Portage cut-off of the Montana Central will ship their outfits to Jennings as soon as they shall have completed their contracts on the Portage cut-off.

"The injunction secured by Canadian Pacific interests, prohibiting construction of the line south from Crow's Nest to the boundary, has been dissolved, and now there is nothing but the scarcity of men to interfere with the rapid progress of the work. Five thousand men would be required on the new work if it were to be completed as soon as desired, but it is absolutely impossible to secure any such number, and it now seems very probable that the line will not be completed much before 1903. The earth to be moved will average 40,000 cubic yards to the mile, and some long hauls will be required. The new line will be almost entirely without trestle work, and recently adopted policy of fills being strictly followed wherever possible.

Official confirmation is given to the report, published in The Tribune a few days ago, of the contemplated abandonment of the present line between Kalispell and Jennings; but the change will not be according to the plans outlined a year ago for a new line between Kalispell and Libby, a distance of 93 miles. It was originally planned that the new line should swing south of the present line, and part of the right-of-way was purchased. It is now decided, however, that a portion of the Jennings branch will be a part of the Kalispell-Jennings cut-off, while another branch from the vicinity of Kalispell will follow the Stillwater river, northwesterly and connect with the Jennings line near Tobacco Plains. This will give a maximum grade on the main line of about six tenths of one per cent. The present line from Kalispell to Jennings will be abandoned, and the new line will be longer, but the grades will be much less, those on the present line being very heavy.

"None of the construction in that section will materially benefit Colum-

bia Falls, but it will greatly help Kalispell, where the division headquarters will remain, while the freight division point will be removed from Troy to Jennings.

President Hill was in Kalispell Sunday. He refused to talk to reporters except about the weather and the color of the grass and sky, but he did talk to others on railway matters, and they promised not to tell anybody.

On the same subject the Fort Benton River Press says:

"George Chew, is in town from Jennings, having come to ship the material he left here last fall on the completion of his grading contract. He has secured a contract about 40 miles north of the Great Northern main line on the Jennings branch, and will begin work at once. Dan Ledgerwood also has a contract on the same line and will ship his outfit in a few days.

"The branch from the Crow's Nest coal mines to Jennings will be about 160 miles long and, with other work to be done, will furnish employment for an immense force for a year and a half or more.

"A year ago the Great Northern was planning an entirely new line between Kalispell and Libby, abandoning 93 miles of track in order to secure easier grades. This would have swung to the south of the present line. By their present plans, however, they have decided to utilize part of the Jennings branch as a portion of the cut-off. It will follow the Kootenai river north to the coal mines in British Columbia and another branch will be built from Kalispell, following the Stillwater river northwesterly to a junction with the Jennings line at or near Tobacco Plains. Main line traffic will then follow a natural water level with a maximum grade of about six tenths of one per cent, and the present line from Kalispell to Jennings, 81 miles, will be torn up.

"The new road will add a few miles to the distance, via the main line of the Great Northern, between St. Paul and the coast but the easier grades will make better time and heavier freight trains possible."

THE REASON A MYSTERY

Would-Be Suicide in Butte Refuses to Talk.

PLAYED AT THE RACES

And Spent a Good Deal of Money.—Affair Is Wrapped in Mystery.

Special Dispatch to the Bee: Butte, July 26.—The attempted suicide of Henry Armstead, in a Pullman sleeper here last night, is still enveloped in mystery. As told in the Bee yesterday the young man tried to kill himself by hacking his throat with a pocket knife. He is resting well at the hospital and it is thought he will recover. Among the few facts gleaned today, it is learned that Armstead is a civil engineer and that his companion, Geo. W. Fletcher, is a Philadelphia millionaire, interested in Idaho mines, whither the young men were traveling. In Butte they spent a great deal of money, and played the races, but nothing is known as to Armstead's motive for attempted suicide. When brought to the hospital he was cool, but answered questions in monosyllables only, refusing to talk. Fletcher is still reticent. Chief of Police Reynolds received inquiries from the father, Henry A. Armstead, of New York, but the chief is unable to learn anything from either of the young men.

TWO COMPANIES FOR FORT MISSOULA

And There May be More Later on at the Fort.

Special Dispatch to the Bee: Missoula, July 25.—As announced yesterday, Fort Missoula is to be put in condition for the reception of troops. Quartermaster Sergeant O'Hara arrived today and has advertised for hay, grain and other commissary stores. It is known that at least two companies will garrison and it is thought larger forces will quarter there, the first troops to arrive will be a company of infantry.

WONG KEY IS NO MORE

Shot by Officer Eakwright While Attempting

TO ESCAPE ARREST

The Bullet Was Intended to Go Wide, But the Aim Was Bad and the Chinaman Was Killed.

Wong Key, a Chinaman who has been employed in the Chinese truck farm just west of the old creamery, was shot and killed by Officer Jack Eakright last night.

Reports had been received by the authorities here a few days ago that a Chinaman had been smuggled over the Canadian boundary and was in Kalispell. Search was instituted and it was claimed that the man wanted was at the truck farm run by three Chinamen about a mile west of town.

After a search had been made of the different places around town where the Chinamen congregate, without success, the information was received that a man had been seen to jump over a fence in the rear of Wau Chong's store on First street, and strike down the railroad track, going west. When they heard this the officers came to the conclusion that he was headed for the truck farm near the old creamery.

In company with officer T. J. Hannah and Undersheriff McCarthy Eakright went to that place and remained outside to watch, while the other officers made a search of the interior of the house. As he passed around the building Eakright saw a Chinaman in the neighborhood of the pig pen who upon his approach started to run. The officer commanded him to halt and on the fleeing man paying no attention, drew his revolver and fired with the intention of shooting over his head. But the bullet went low and struck the Chinaman, inflicting a fatal wound.

It is supposed that just as the shot was fired the fugitive turned his head, as the bullet entered in the center of his neck and came out just under the right shoulder blade. The wound was a bad one and the man was dead in a few minutes after the shot was fired. The shooting took place about 10 o'clock and the body was brought to Kalispell and placed in the hands of the coroner. The first reports were to the effect that the bullet had entered the shoulder and came out in the neck, but the facts in the case proved the contrary.

Unfortunately, when too late it was discovered that the dead man was not the one wanted, but one of the employees of the place who had been in Kalispell for several years. He had become frightened when he saw the officer approach and started to run. In the darkness it was impossible to identify the man and Eakright attempted to stop him with the result mentioned.

The man the officers were after has escaped and no trace of him has been found. The Chinese around town are much worked up over the affair and claim the killing was unnecessary.

SENATOR CLARK ENTERS A GENERAL DENIAL

Says His Timber Lands Were Acquired in a Legal and Proper Manner.

Special Dispatch to the Bee: Butte, July 26.—Senator W. A. Clark's answer to the suit brought by the government to cancel patents to many thousands of acres of timber lands acquired by the senator was filed today. The document is a long one, but briefly it is a general denial that the land was acquired in other than a legal and proper manner.

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A WIDOW IN THE CASE

Investigating the Theft of Thirty Thousand

FROM THE U. S. MINT

At San Francisco.—Chief Clerk Dimmick Said to Have Been Enamored to a Widow.

By Associated Press: San Francisco, July 25.—The work of counting the gold coin in the mint has been completed by the experts in charge. The amount inspected and weighed was \$37,140,000. The coin was found intact to the dollar and has now been checked three times, by as many different sets of men, so that there is no possibility of error. The completion of the count sets at rest the theory that the recent shortage of \$30,000 at the mint was the result of a miscount. Nothing whatever was disclosed by the secret service agents or Superintendent Leach in the search.

Director Roberts, Superintendent Leach and Secret Service Agent Hazen were closeted for many hours with Walter Dimmick, the chief clerk of the mint.

The investigation into the life led by Dimmick in the last year was resumed. Information has been secured by Secret Service Agent Hazen that Dimmick, though a married man, has been most attentive to a charming widow and that her tastes were most extravagant.

A significant happening in connection with the robbery from the mint is that the "woman in the case" suddenly left her lodgings on Powell street on Tuesday, July 3d, and the next day Dimmick, it is claimed, went to a newspaper office and gave out the story of the robbery.

The investigating officers are of the opinion that but for the publicity given to the robbery the thief would have been caught in a trap that was prepared for him.

The woman with whom Dimmick is supposed to have been most friendly is well known in political circles in this city. Investigation shows that she has moved from one address to another in the last year and that she has always declined to tell where she lived.

At the rooming house, where she has resided for the last three months, it was stated last evening that she had not given up her rooms, though she had not been seen there since Tuesday of last week.

Dimmick refused to give any information as to his acquaintance with the widow in question. He neither affirms nor denies the allegations made that he lavished costly presents upon her.

"People will talk," he says, "and what can I do to stop them?" The secret service officials are now trying to secure from her some information that may be of vital importance in the investigation of the mint robbery.

The faint hope that an error might account for the missing \$30,000 has long been dispelled. The money was deliberately stolen from the cashier's vault and the thief held such a position in the mint that his presence in the cashier's room would not attract attention.

THE STORK TO VISIT QUEEN WILHELMINA

A Son and Heir Expected Without the Aid of Dr. Schenck.

A special to the New York Journal from The Hague says:

A probable interesting event in the household of young Queen Wilhelmina draws the polite attention of all Holland and all Europe.

So confidently is this event expected that the greater part of the layette is either completed or nearly so.

The stork is a very common and industrious bird in Holland, but his evolutions are not watched with any the less interest on that account. And in this case he is hovering over the most beloved queen that the country has ever known.

Every woman in Holland looks toward the coming event with as much interest as if it were going to happen

in the house of her own sister or daughter.

The queen has endeared herself to the whole population by her grace and innocence, and by her simple, kindly manners and by her exemplification of the ideal qualities of the Dutch housewife.

The whole government and parliament of Holland undertook to act as fathers to her when they arranged her marriage, and now they are feeling like grandfathers. Their wives are also would-be grandmothers.

Queen Wilhelmina was married to Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin on February 7 amid tremendous popular rejoicing. According to some experts there is a probability that the event already referred to will occur toward the end of October, although a date early in November might seem more probable. Royal persons enjoy no privacy in these matters, and they are quite contented to see them thoroughly and carefully discussed.

As is usual in such cases, there is a universal desire that the new baby should be a boy, for the feudal idea that a man can hold his own better than a woman still prevails in Europe. Seeing that Wilhelmina has been so successful as a queen, one would think the Dutch would love something of this ancient prejudice, but it is not so. Even the queen ardently desires that she may have a son to inherit the crown of Holland. Some of her relatives urged that she should consult the celebrated Dr. Schenck, of Vienna, who tried with so little success to secure a son to the Czarina of Russia, but achieved better results in other cases. Queen Wilhelmina, however, showed the wise conservatism for which the Dutch are justly celebrated, and refused to give any employment to Schenck.

Most of the queens and princesses of Europe are at this moment engaged in preparing some article for the layette. In nearly ever case they are decorating their gifts with blue ribbon, that being the color appropriate to a boy.

DONOVAN ON THE WARPATH

Begins Actions Against Deer Lodge Officials

WANTS THEM OUSTED

For Neglecting to Enforce the Gambling Law.—Gamblers Also Into Trouble.

Special Dispatch to the Bee:

Anaconda, July 26.—Attorney General Donovan is again on the war path. Not content with a campaign against gamblers only, he has filed actions against County Attorney Duffy and Sheriff Jack Conley, to oust them from office for neglect of duty in failing to prosecute violators of the law against gambling. The accusations charge these officials with knowing gambling to be going on at certain specific places, and that, ignoring instructions from the Attorney General to arrest and prosecute the offenders, the officials have violated their oath of office and should be expelled therefrom. Actions were also commenced against the gamblers themselves and half a dozen proprietors of gambling houses were arrested and will have a preliminary hearing today.

CAPTAIN EULATE'S OPINION.

Could not See any Cowardice on Schley's Part.

By Associated Press: New York, July 26.—Captain Eulate, who commanded the Vizcaya at Santiago in reply to the request as to his opinion of Rear Admiral Schley's maneuvers in the battle of Santiago, says: "I cannot appreciate any maneuver of the Brooklyn in the battle in front of Santiago as an act of cowardice."

A POPULOR JUDGE.

Jury Panel Gives Judge McClernan a Cane.

Special Dispatch to the Bee: Butte, July 26.—Judge McClernan completed his term of the district court today and was the recipient of a gold headed cane from his jury panel, the foreman of which in a speech, testified to kind and considerate conduct of the new judge.

NEGRO MAFIA ORGANIZED

Excitement Runs High in Girard, Louisiana

BLACKS ARE INSOLENT

White Men Attacked Without Provocation Body of Desperado Is Found Hanging From a Tree.

Rayville, La., July 25.—There has been considerable excitement in and around Girard, La., about four miles from here, for the last week, caused by secret societies of negroes who met in convention near Girard and about ten miles south of there on the plantation of James A. Mahoon. When it is claimed that the meetings were guarded by armed sentinels composed of negroes in the neighborhood with pompous and important negroes from Fort Worth and other distant places, who claimed to be organizing what they called the "Independent Order of Sons and Daughters of Saint Jacob and the Knights of Tabor," it is supposed that these secret orders are nothing less than a negro mafia and it is said that their motto is death to the white man who may strike a negro or become an object of their malice. How true this is your correspondent is not able to tell, but it is a significant fact that the negroes around here are growing more insolent and self-important. It is said also that another of their mottoes is not to work for white people.

As to the truth of this it is not known, but the order seems to be composed largely of negro preachers, who work for nobody, and was organized here by a pompous negro named Emperor Scott, who was invited not long since to leave after a stay here of about one year.

A number of citizens of Girard and vicinity went down to the Mahoon place last week to investigate the principles of this secret order and it is said laid down some law to the worthy lodge at that point. It seems that the officers of the lodge showed the vigilance committee their books and claimed that there was nothing wrong about their order and it was organized for religious and benevolent purposes. But it is thought that they keep two sets of books and another set will be found some day when another murder is committed, such as the one in Shreveport, when J. G. Foster was made the victim.

KING EDWARD'S TITLES.

Will be Authorized to Select Them Himself.

By Associated Press:

London, July 26.—In the house of lords today Lord Salisbury introduced a bill authorizing King Edward to assume by proclamation, within six months of the adoption of the bill, such title as he may think fitly recognizes his dominion beyond the seas. This title will probably be as follows: "Edward VII, by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominion beyond the sea; King Defender of the Faith and Emperor of India."

HILL WAS INACCESSIBLE TO THE REPORTERS

Expected to Meet Clark in Butte, But Was Disappointed.

Special Dispatch to the Bee: Butte, July 25.—President Hill of the Great Northern and his son J. N. Hill, president of the Spokane Falls & Northern arrived in Butte last night, expecting to meet Senator Clark. The latter, however, is in California and the Hills continued their journey to St. Paul. President Hill was suffering from a slight illness and was inaccessible to reporters.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS.

By Associated Press: San Francisco, Cal., July 26.—Cash wheat, per cwt., 98 3-4c. Chicago, Ill., July 26.—September wheat, per bu., 70 5-8c.

OIL IN DEER LODGE COUNTY.

Anaconda, July 25.—Word comes from Helmsville that oil has been struck on a ranch in the northern part of this county.