

The pine land frauds in Northern Minnesota have reached another culmination in the arrest of R. C. Mitchell, editor of the Duluth Tribune, and H. L. Gordon, a wealthy operator, who has long belonged to the pine land ring of Minnesota, was at one time a member of the legislature, is the author of a book of poems and is a loud-mouthed orator, gaining by this latter attribute the cognomen of "Thundering Gordon." The ENTERPRISE confesses to a feeling of profound satisfaction in hearing of Gordon's arrest. He has grown fat in purse and arrogant in bearing by what he has made out of pine land speculations and has still attempted to set himself up as a model of virtue and a political reformer and regulator. Mitchell, of the Duluth Tribune, has been in journalism what Gordon was in speech and now it appears they are both brought to book for the same crimes. The method of their operations, as charged, is the old game—buying men to pre-empt pine lands and having them transferred when a patent was obtained.

Now that the Park mail service is established and will be in operation in a few days every effort should be made to secure a daily mail hence to White Sulphur Springs. The people of the latter town are using diligent efforts to secure this result and a committee of our Board of Trade has been directed to perform like service on behalf of Livingston. Added to these combined efforts the aid of influential men has been obtained and we hope to hear of a successful issue before very long. If there is a star route in Montana that needs a daily service it is that from Livingston to White Sulphur Springs. Either town is of sufficient size to reasonably demand it, while a line of prosperous settlements between the two points are now absolutely without mail facilities. This is the railroad depot for the Springs and the surrounding country and yet owing to lack of stage communication passengers are forced to travel by the circuitous route via Helena or make the trip by private conveyance. All the imports and exports of White Sulphur Springs and Smith River valley are handled at Livingston and yet the mail and passenger business goes in another direction. This is contrary to every rule of commercial connection and it seems that an organized effort and presentation of the facts must secure the desired change.

There is nothing in the way of building material to equal brick and stone in imparting an air of strength and permanency, not merely to the structures themselves but to the town wherein they are built. Indeed, such buildings, from their increased cost and immovable character, are not erected except where the location and prospects indicate a permanent trade and a continuance of values. No man erects a brick building except where he clearly sees the indications of a prosperity that shall last as long as the material he selects. The several brick buildings now in course of erection in Livingston are therefore a certain sign of the abiding faith which their shrewd owners repose in the town. We have already a fine class of wooden buildings—better than those of any town in the Yellowstone valley, notwithstanding Livingston's youth—but the advent of what may be called the brick era is a wide advancing step in the way of architectural improvement. Four handsome brick blocks may now be considered as begun, and the contracts for others have been let. It is curious to note the progress made by Livingston, taking its building material as an index. The first stage was the rough unhewn log chinked with clay or mortar; second, with the appearance of saw mills came native lumber, which was speedily utilized in the erection of frame and board buildings, which, though rude, were a great advance on unsawn lumber; third, came with the approach of the railroad in abundance of eastern lumber and more finished and pretentious structures than had yet appeared; last we see ushered in the day of brick and stone as the climax of our architectural advancement.

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