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This is Christmas eve and to-morrow will be Christmas, the most generally observed holiday in the calendar. To every reader of the ENTERPRISE we extend the customary greeting with the most sincere feeling. We wish you each and all "A Merry Christmas," and hope there may be nothing to prevent you all from spending the day joyously or from making those around you happy in the true Christmas spirit.

San Francisco merchants are complaining that their trade with the northwest is rapidly decreasing, as the opening of the Northern Pacific reduced it 75 per cent. Four months ago three steamers a week failed to suffice to carry freight to Oregon and Washington territory. Two months later two steamers were sufficient. Now it is reduced to one in five days.

Public Printer Rounds and his foreman set all the type for the president's message, read all the proof and took the number of copies required in advance on a proof press. All this was done at the Soldiers Home with the purpose of preventing newspaper men from stealing the message. Mr. Rounds had not set type since he was a boy, but he did the job like a veteran.

W. J. Stover, of Salesville, in this county, who obtained publication of a letter in the ENTERPRISE a while ago, inveighing against the railroad, is out again in the Rocky Mountain Husbandman with a senseless tirade against the Northern Pacific and its influences. He holds the railroad responsible for every sort of difficulty, real or imaginary, that has happened, or could possibly happen, to the farmers of Gallatin valley. Mr. Stover is evidently a crank on this subject, and inasmuch as his talk is calculated to give rise to a false impression regarding the agricultural outlook in that portion of the county, should be muzzled like a dangerous dog.

Yesterday, the 23rd inst., was the one hundredth anniversary of the surrender by George Washington of his commission as commander in chief of the patriot forces in the revolutionary war. Congress recommended that the event be commemorated, and in accordance with the recommendation the president issued a proclamation that at noon to-day a national salute be fired from all forts of the country, and that by private observance the day be commemorated as the centennial of the formal conclusion of the revolutionary struggle and of Washington's patriotic abandonment of all pretensions to cling to military honor.

Governor Crosby seems determined to impress upon the minds of the people that he is at war with crime. He has given public utterance to the sentiment a number of times, and in replying to the application for Frank Young's reprieve says: "I consider this murder one of the most deliberate and cold blooded ever committed in this territory, and I do not find myself justified in granting the respite prayed for. As long as I am governor of Montana murderers and other felons can hope for no clemency at my hands." The respite refused in that case by Governor Crosby was granted by President Arthur upon the intercession of the Minnesota senators, to whom Young's friends appealed.

**THE LATEST NEWS.**

Excitement still continues over the reported gold discoveries at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

A Chicago judge has imposed fines of \$500 each upon the three lottery agents charged with using the mails for illegal purposes.

The French and Chinese have had a fight before Sontay in which, according to one report, the French lost 200, and according to their own story, only 15. Chinese losses not known. Sontay was taken by the French.

The negro burglar who murdered Bruce Hunt at Durango, Colorado, was surprised at day break Wednesday, on the Southern Ute reservation. He ineffectually ran to the edge of a precipice, leaped forty feet and was terribly bruised when taken.

Judge Krekel, in the United States court at Kansas City, will render a deci-

sion January 2nd, upon the motion to deliver Frank James to his bondsmen. James is now in the hands of the state and the federal authorities cannot take him until the disposal of the state case, meanwhile James is released on \$3,000 bond and will probably pass the holidays in a journey through Missouri.

The formal opening of the Cantilever bridge over the Niagara river was a perfect success. Testing the strength was done by running on twenty locomotives and twenty-four cars loaded with gravel, which extended from end to end of the bridge on both tracks. There was no apparent deflection in the levels taken at intervals by a committee selected from 300 engineers. Ten thousand people witnessed the opening. A banquet followed.

**MONTANA NEWS.**

A Helena "boozer" was rolled to the extent of \$300 a few evenings ago.

Joe Hoper, who occupies a cabin near Broadwater's landing on the Missouri, was robbed of \$60 by two highwaymen a short time ago.

The machinery is being placed in position in the new concentrating works of the Helena Mining and Reduction company this side of Wickes.

Among recent senate confirmations are those of Sam. C. Snider, Indian agent at Fort Peck; David Cuthbert, postmaster at Helena, and James Kirkpatrick, postmaster at Dillon.

Ben Fridley and mother, I Strasburger, W. M. Casterline and wife, Mr. Stahl and wife, of Bozeman, and O. D. Garrison and wife of Billings, are spending the winter at Los Angeles, Cal.

Last evening about \$25,000 in silver from the Helena Mining and Reduction company's mill at Wickes was received at the First National bank. It is the result of several short runs on Alta ore in the fifteen-stamp mill.—Independent, 22nd.

The San Francisco Chronicle is slow to believe the reported wealth of the Coeur d'Alene mines. Speaking of the California mines it says the biggest placers ever worked in that state did not average \$20 a day to those who worked them, even as far back as 1849.

From a gentleman who just arrived from a hunting expedition on the West Gallatin and Madison rivers. We learn that a large party of surveyors, sent out by the Union Pacific, are surveying a route up the Madison, and have orders to stay out all winter.—Chronicle.

Miss Frankie Scrivan, while walking on the street in Glendive was seized with the pains of childbirth, and died before she could be removed to shelter. The unfortunate young woman was originally from Minneapolis, and had worked as a table waiter at Brainerd and Bismarck. At Brainerd she was seduced by a young man in the employ of the railroad company.

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