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When to Seek Game—Information for Local and Visiting Sportsmen.

Territorial Convocation of Episcopalians—An Innocent Man Unjustly Persecuted.

A Revolver in the Right Place—New Branch of Stock Business—Generalities.

The Game Laws of Montana.

The following synopsis of the game laws of this territory prepared by the Livingston Enterprise, we hope will be interesting to all readers:

Buffalo, moose, elk, white or black-tailed deer, mountain sheep, mountain goat and antelope, shall not be killed between the 1st day of January and the 15th of August in each year, under penalty of from \$20 to \$50 fine.

Any person, at any time, killing any of the above animals for the head and hide only, and making no use of the carcass for food, shall be fined on conviction from \$50 to \$200, or imprisonment from one to six months.

Any person at any time hunting the above animals, not being wounded, with dogs, shall be, if found guilty, fined from \$10 to \$25.

The killing of beaver, otter, martin or fisher, between the 1st of April and the 1st of September, is punishable with a fine of from \$10 to \$25; provided that any person may catch or kill beaver on his own lands.

The killing of grouse, prairie chicken, pheasant, fool hen, partridge or quail, between the 1st of January and the 15th of August is punishable from \$10 to \$25; and the same penalty is laid upon any person convicted at any time of killing any of such birds for speculative purposes, for market or for sale.

Wild ducks and geese shall not be killed between the 1st day of May and the 15th of August under penalty of from \$10 to \$25.

None of the small birds known as singing birds shall be killed at any time, under penalty of from \$5 to \$10.

The possession of the dead bodies of any part thereof of any of the animals or birds mentioned is prima facie evidence of the killing of the same by the one in possession of them.

No fish traps, seines or any similar device, or any giant powder or explosive compound, or any poisonous substance or drug, as bait or otherwise, shall be used in taking fish from any of the streams of Montana, except that seines may be used in the Missouri below three Forks and in the Yellowstone below the mouth of Clark's Fork. Seines may be used to catch minnows for bait or to transplant fish from one stream or lake to another. The penalty for violation of this law is a fine of from \$10 to \$25 for each offense.

Any person or corporation who shall sell or offer to sell any fish illegally taken, knowing or having reason to believe that the same were so taken, is liable from \$10 to \$25.

The fines and penalties are collectable as in civil actions, and one-half goes to the county treasurer and one-half to the informer. In case of malicious, unfounded prosecutions, the costs may be taxed to the complainant.

Episcopal Conference.

The Episcopal convocation which began at Butte on Monday is thus referred to by the Inter-Mountain: "A convocation of the Episcopal clergy of the Montana diocese is now in session in this city. The following members are in attendance: Rt. Rev. L. R. Brewer, bishop of the diocese, presiding; Rev. E. Gregory Prout, Virginia City; Rev. S. C. Blackstone, Butte; Rev. Frank B. Lewis, Bozeman; Rev. Sydney D. Hooker, Helena; Rev. A. D. Drummond, Dillon; Rev. F. F. Webb, Helena; Rev. C. S. Fackenthal; Fort Benton; Rev. Rev. Alfred Brown, Billings. Rev. M. F. Gilbert, now of St. Paul, but formerly of Helena, is also attending the convocation. Yesterday services were held in St. John's church, morning and evening, all the above named clergy officiating. Rev. Alfred Brown, was ordained by the bishop, at the afternoon services, with very impressive ceremonies. Rev. M. N. Gilbert preached the ordination sermon, his text being, 'Stand Fast in the Faith.' The discourse was greatly enjoyed by the large audience because of its condensation of style, its high and admirable morality, and its comprehensive theology. In the evening Bishop Brewer gave his annual charge to the clergy, which was interesting

to his lay hearers because of the pure and evangelical tone that pervaded it. Public services will be held this evening, and addresses will be made by several of the clergy."

Badly out of Luck.

A short time ago the JOURNAL contained an account of the arrest of a man named Thomas Deering, who was taken to Livingston by an officer for a trial, after having been incarcerated here on the charge of horse stealing. His case has for the present been disposed of and he was honorably discharged. The Livingston Enterprise in speaking of the matter says: "If there is a man in the community who feels as if he were an aggrieved individual that man is Thomas Deering, who was acquitted on Friday of the charge of grand larceny brought against him by C. F. Hobart and instigated by C. T. Hobart, of the Park Improvement company. He was arrested near Miles City, brought up here with his team, forced to lose his time, employ the services of an attorney and bear the stigma (as well as other losses, annoyances and inconveniences) of being accused and tried for grand larceny—horse stealing. Of course he was honorably acquitted of the charge and has public sympathy, but that is not any compensation for what he has suffered. Beside working for the company and waiting for his pay he lent them a large sum of money, part of which went to clothe C. F. Hobart, and part to furnish funds to C. T. Hobart when he was in Washington last winter. Added to this the Hobarts owe his wife \$10 for washing done for them and their families last winter. He took the team as security for what they owe him, which still amounts to over \$300; to evade paying the money and to get his security out of his hands at the expense of Gallatin county, these men, who live in Wyoming when they are in the country at all, arrested him for horse stealing."

He Wanted a Gun.

At about 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning while George Silverberg was making up his cash receipts of the day previous a stranger entered the saloon and demanded George's gun which lay on a shelf back of the bar alongside the ducks that had amassed from the sale of wet groceries. On hearing such an unusual request George turned and asked the stranger what he wanted of the gun; but got no satisfaction except that he wanted it, and p. d. q. too. At this George's Polish ire arose to the very pinnacle of his bald head, and taking the gun, a 45 Colt cut-off, he cocked and leveled it at the intruder and in his most impressive manner told him that he was ready to give it to him then and there, and would not charge him a cent for it either. This energetic action had the effect of allaying any pressing desire on the part of the stranger for that particular gun, and without so much as even saying good-bye to George he vanished in the outer darkness. The gun is still in the hands of K'George, subject to similar delivery under like circumstances.

Angora Goats.

On the divide west of here, says the Livingston Enterprise, in the Middle creek valley, a settler named Nelson has a flock of about fifty Angora goats, the only stock of that class in the county of which we have any knowledge. Their hair is long and white and soft as silk. Some of the bucks are very large, with enormous horns, and all are as gentle and docile as kittens. The largest of the flock yielded about fifteen pounds of the wool or hair last spring, which is said to be worth (though this we cannot vouch for) one dollar per pound. Growing Angoras should be very profitable, though it remains to be seen whether the hair after a few years of breeding in this climate will retain the distinctive silkiness that makes it so valuable.

The Livingston Bank.

W. E. Pyle, of Stebbins, Mund & Co., has received a telegram from N. P. Langford, National bank examiner of this district, asking him to act as his (Mr. Langford's) assistant in the matter of the First National bank. Mr. Pyle accepted the trust, and in accordance with Mr. Langford's directions, closed the bank and posted a notice on the door that it was in the hands of the examiner and that no further business would be transacted. A statement of assets and liabilities is being made out to forward to Mr. Langford, upon receipt of which further action will probably be taken toward winding up its affairs. D. E. Fogarty, cashier of the First National, returned Sunday evening from St. Paul, and went immediately to his room at the Albemarle. Mr. Fogarty, though able to converse but little, said:

"The condition of the First National is a greater source of worry and anxiety to me than anyone else. Beside having lost everything in it, I cannot but feel that I am being blamed for the entire difficulty; I do not, however, consider my own losses as I do those who were associated with me in the bank, and the inconvenience resulting to the bank's creditors. The liabilities of the First National, as I remember without having the books before me, are about \$25,000, every cent of which will be paid. The assets are about \$52,000, not all of which are immediately available. The bank is now in the hands of the examiner; no receiver has been appointed, and it may be that the stock will yet be taken by other parties and the bank re-opened. If not the comptroller of currency will wind up the bank's affairs and all liabilities will be paid."

Attempted Infanticide.

The following occurrence in Helena told by the Herald, of that city, is as revolting as the mother was unnatural: "At 6 o'clock this morning Mr. Lee, proprietor of the Denver House, at the depot, informed Police-man McCormick that there was an infant in the water closet vault of the hotel. The policeman went to the closet and heard the cries of a baby, and, not knowing just exactly what to do, came up to the city for the coroner. Dr. Steele immediately went down to the depot, had the house pulled over, the baby boy taken out, only a few hours old, but alive and all right, and employed a woman to wash and take care of him. The mother is a Swede girl, named Bettie Johnson, who speaks very little English, and who has been employed in the hotel. A warrant of arrest has been issued by the probate court, but the examination will not probably take place until the unnatural mother has somewhat recovered from her confinement."

The Missing Man.

Col. Sanders says all efforts to find William Dewar, of Helena, who disappeared in New York last January, have utterly failed. Dewar was at the Astor House from the 2nd to the 7th of January. On the evening of the latter day he went out as usual leaving his baggage, presumably intending to return, but since then he has been as entirely lost to the ken of all who knew him as if the earth had opened and engulfed him. He was a wealthy man and it is supposed that he had a sum of money on his person, though nothing is certainly known on that point. Col. Sanders believes he was killed, but search among the photographs of these who have died or been found dead, at the hospitals or morgues, failed to show any semblance of his features.

A Handsome Map.

Through the courtesy of A. H. Bertrand the JOURNAL is in possession of a handsome combination of map and chart, one side of which is the latest edition of Rand, McNally & Co.'s map of the United States and Canada, the reverse being a chronological chart of the history of America from the earliest discoveries and settlements to the present day. A most valuable addition to our library. Accompanying the map was a political hand book entitled the "Rise and Fall of Political Parties in the United States," in which the speedy dissolution of the Democratic party is easily traced.

The New Club.

The new organization or club which is to occupy spacious rooms in the Stock Grower's National bank building met last evening at Dr. Whitney's office and elected temporary officers, and appointed a committee to draught a constitution and by-laws, the committee to report next Thursday evening. The club has already an encouraging list of members and its prospectus looks brilliant for a solid and permanent organization.

A New Residence.

H. A. Ragland, late of Springfield, Ill., but now a resident of Miles City, is building a handsome residence on Wilkin's addition. Whiteside Bros. are the contractors. Mr. Ragland is a brother-in-law of our townsman, Dr. Wood, and came here some months ago on the favorable representations made by the Doctor, and having now satisfied himself that the half was not told, has brought his family here and becomes one of us.

On the Trail.

At Valentine, Neb., Mr. H. Forbes lost his dairy herd of forty head by crossing the trail of Texas cattle on his way to that place. He has come here across the country and reports that a little this side of Stoneville he overtook a man who was driving about one hundred head to Miles City.

This latter party was losing cattle at the rate of eight or ten daily.

The following erroneous statement is noted in the Deadwood Times of 23rd: "Jay Hall was arrested at Miles City soon after his arrival there, and locked up under the vagrant act." It is a mistake. No such arrest has been made and Mr. Hall has been gentlemanly in his actions here, which we understand has been his record heretofore.

The large Broadwater, Hubbell & Co. safe has just become a part of the furniture of the store on Main street occupied by John E. Kennedy, who has taken a partner, Mr. Merrill, of Fallon. The firm will extend their grocery business at the old stand on Main street, corner of Eighth.

COMPLIMENTS AND COUNTERFEITS

Tricks of Customers to Cheat Lady Cashiers in City Restaurants.

[New York Sun.]

"I don't mind the sudras, and quips, and quiddities, and attempts at familiarity of the customers who come in here," the lady cashier of a downtown restaurant said. "It is part of the business of a woman who accepts such a position to endure very many things that would shock many sensitive persons. In a short time one can get used to such things and simply not notice them. But it is a constant trial and a perpetual annoyance to be compelled to be on the lookout for all sorts of tricks and devices by which many persons seek to cheat the proprietor. It is difficult enough to look after those who try to slip out without paying, those who are in collusion with the waiter, those who eat a dollar's worth at one table and 10 cents' worth at another and try to get out by paying the 10-cent check. That sort of cheating is easily detected.

"But the most difficult thing to do is to escape taking bad money. It seems as if all the men who had bad money to pass try to pass it on lady cashiers. They seem to think we don't know bad money when we see it. They will hand out a regular old time counterfeit note and try to distract our attention with a joke or a compliment. The game of deceiving lady cashiers with that sort of thing is very transparent. I have got so used to it that when a man pays me a compliment now I always take a second look to see whether he is not giving me bad money. The other day a dude came in here with one of the new counterfeit silver certificates. I had read about it in a newspaper, and a policeman had just called at the door to warn us not to take them. The dude ate a hearty meal. His check was 80 cents, and he wanted 35 cents' worth of cigars. He threw out one of the new counterfeit silver certificates, saying, as he stepped to the cigar case: "Two for a quarter, please."

"I saw at a glance that the note was bad. I did not like to offend him by refusing it at once, so I took it up to inspect it. "Eighty cents and 25," he said carelessly.

"Excuse me," I remarked, "but this note has a strange look to me."

"Oh, that's all right," he said; "it's one of the new issues. Your hair looks very neat this morning."

"Yes," I said.

"I am sorry I have not change enough in the drawer," I said. "I will send out one of the waiters to get change."

"This staggered him, and he took the note back and handed out 80 cents change, and I was so well pleased at detecting him that I did not discover until after he had left that he had given me a lead 50-cent piece. I know several lady cashiers who lost from 20 to 50 per cent of their salaries for months before they learned to detect bad money. One learned, it is surprising how quick you can tell it, but you do, as the saying is, 'feel it in your bones.' At first it made me nervous and apprehensive, and almost sick, to keep up the strain of being on my guard. Even now I wonder how the cashiers in the big banks do it so quickly. They have so much to handle that they can hardly give a chance at each note. But, of course, they do not labor under the disadvantage of having soft nonsense talked to them to distract their attention.

"Then we must look out for pocket notes, and mutilated notes, and all sorts of light and bogus coins. I assure you that with all this responsibility a lady cashier has not much time for silly talk with customers."

Vitality of Snails.

[New York Sun.]

Snails have the most extraordinary powers of vitality. Some of them have been known to live many years shut up in boxes and drawers, and even affixed to tablets as specimens. Dr. Johnson, in his work on conchology, speaks of some which had formed part of a collection belonging to a Mr. Simon of Dublin, which revived when placed in water, after having been dried for a period of fifteen years. Several years ago it was stated in Lillman's Journal that some men employed in cutting the Erie canal near Rome found several hundred live mollusks forty-two feet deep in an alluvial deposit. They must have been there centuries, and probably would have been alive to-day, but the workmen fired and ate them. The same tenacity of life is shown under circumstances even more abnormal. Max Muller relates that some snails from which he had cut their heads lived more than a year in that state without food. They have been known to reproduce feet, eyes, and even the whole head after amputation.

Ladies of the Legion.

[Chicago Tribune.]

An official return has just been published in France of the women who are members of the order of the Legion of Honor. There are sixteen in all, and just half the number are sisters of one religious order or another. One of the lay members, the wife of a provincial mayor, earned the cross by defending the mairie against an armed attack, under what circumstances is not stated—an episode of the war, doubtless. One name well known in the world of art figures on the list—that of Rosa Bonheur. The only foreign female chevalier is Lady Pigott, who received the decoration from M. Thiers in 1873 in acknowledgment of her services during the war.