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AROUND THE COUNTY

Happings in Flathead County During the Past Week of Interest

A rifle club is being organized at Columbia Falls.

The Western Union will put in a telegraph office at Somers.

Elton A. Emory, an old soldier and well known in the county, was found dead in his cabin near Sedan last week.

The mill of the Kalispell Lumber company resumed sawing at Athens Tuesday with a full force of men.—Kalispell Journal.

Norman Lee, who is trapping this winter on the North Fork, was in town several days the first of this week. He brought in 32 lynx hides, 15 mink and a number of coyote skins, which was his catch so far this season.—Columbian.

Mr. Lappen, the veteran hotel keeper at Gateway, Mont., was suddenly stricken with dropsy last week and went to Fernie for relief; but the dreaded disease had gone too far and he died.—Tobacco Plains Journal.

Ed. Potter, the oil prospector of Kinla lake fame, leaves to-night for a visit at his old home in Iowa. He expects to return in the spring and complete the task of fully developing those enormous oil wells in the Kinla country.—Kalispell Journal.

J. M. Brooke, of the U. S. customs office, at Gateway, was in town Monday, renewing acquaintances with Kalispell friends. Mr. Brooke says the Michel branch will soon be completed, and that shipments of coal through Gateway will be greatly increased.—Inter Lake.

Governor Robert B. Smith returned from Butte the first of the week to be with his family on Christmas day. For a man who was reported as dangerously ill so short a time since, Governor Smith is looking remarkably well, and says the accounts of his sickness were very much overdrawn.—Inter Lake.

W. J. Lovell and his crew of men were flown from his logging camp Christmas and spent the day at their respective homes. Mr. Lovell is logging the Harbin and Fitzpatrick ranches on the South Fork for the Hunt-Hollister Lumber company. He has the Harbin ranch cut and in a few more days will complete the work of banking and skidding, when he will begin work on the Joe Fitzpatrick timber.—Columbian.

Gordon Sales and Mr. Caton had a lot of sport the other day when they ran across one old lion and three little ones. They made short work of the old one, but got the little ones alive and are keeping them at Mr. Sales' place until they find a buyer. A few days later Albert and Henry Sales killed two old lions, a young one, and captured another kit. These eight mountain lions had they been left undisturbed would have killed more deer this winter than twenty men would kill in two years, and we hope they will be exterminated from this part of the county.—Kalispell Journal.

M. Young has made his annual statement of the financial condition of Flathead county. It is a most gratifying statement. The net indebtedness of the county is \$133,000 in round numbers, being a reduction of \$13,000 the past year. This in the face of the fact that the board of county commissioners has expended a large amount of money the past year in the construction of roads and bridges. Under the present administration of the commissioners the indebtedness of the county is being reduced over \$1,000 a month, and to all intents and purposes the county is getting just as good if not better service than under previous administrations when the showings were not so good.—Western News.

State Game Warden Scott, in company with Deputy L. J. Lowndes, made a thorough examination of the falls in the Kootenai river while in the west end of the county last week, with a view to ascertaining the feasibility of installing a fishway in that river, an appropriation for which was made by the last legislature. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lowndes are both of the opinion that it would be useless to install any sort of a mechanical contrivance, as the high and extremely swift water every spring would certainly carry it out. After Mr. Lowndes returns from Helena he will make a more complete investigation, and it is thought a great deal of good would come from blasting out a number of the larger boulders in the channel of the river, thus giving the fish a better passage up river, and is probable the money appropriated will be expended in this way.—Kalispell Journal.

San Francisco as a Phenix.
On the average a new building has been finished every forty-five minutes in San Francisco since the fire. The building permits issued in San Francisco in 1905 were about \$22,000,000. That year was a record breaker up to that time. Labor Commissioner Stafford's report shows that \$1,000,000 a week is now paid out for wages, or \$52,000,000 per year, and as wages only represent about 50 per cent of actual cost of building it is conservative to say that San Francisco at present is building at the rate of over \$100,000,000 per year.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Kalispell, Montana, December 24, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that LOUIS CONNER of Whitefish, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 481, made Feb. 18, 1901, for lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, section 10, township 21 north, range 22 west, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, at Kalispell, Montana, on Feb. 4, 1908.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: James Evans, Joseph Warner and E. H. Snyder, all of Whitefish, Montana, and Ward Skyles, of Columbia Falls, Montana.
ANDREW W. SWANEY, Register.
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The Wreckers of Scilly.
As far back as the time of Henry I. there were royal grants of "the islands and their wrecks," and frequent was the phrase in centuries following. With royal encouragement, why should they not be wreckers? One Sunday, long ago, in Scilly, services were in progress when there came the cry of "Wreck!" The men started from their seats. In a moment there would have been a stampede, but they covered back as the minister sternly thundered a warning. He strode to the door. Again his voice arose. "Let's all start fair!" he shouted, throwing off impeding cassock as he ran, while his congregation labored at his heels. Most curious of all wrecks was that of a bark, with a cargo of beads, that went ashore 200 years ago. So generous has been the ocean with this treasure that throughout these two centuries it has intermittently been tossing beads ashore, yet so frugally that the supply is not yet exhausted. For in a few minutes' search I found that some had been thrown there since the last search of the islanders.—Robert Shackleton in Harper's.

An Old Meat Bill.
The state historians of New York in compiling some records brought to light some amendments to laws confirmed at "ye General Court of assizes held in New York, beginning on ye 6th & ending on ye 8th day of October, 1670." The following catches the eye: "Whereas, divers Complainants have been made of the great abuse of bringing dead hogs & Pork into this city & it not being discernible how long they have been Kill'd by reason they are too often brought frozen, so not capable of being preserved by Salt which tends much to ye disreputacon of that Commodity when sent abroad, and Merchants who Export it into Warmer Climates, for ye reasons aforesaid it is Ordered, That henceforth no hogg or hoggs shall be brought dead to this place either for sale or payment of debts, except it shall be in cask well salted & Packt according to ye Law, otherwise smockt or dryed, of which all persons are to take Notice, as they will answer ye contrary at their Perills."

History on a Watch Face.
Almost the last work of the Belgian astronomer Houseau was an article in which, while arguing in favor of a decimal division of time, he pointed out the origin of the double set of twelve hours represented on our watch and clock faces. The ancient inhabitants of Mesopotamia chose the number 12 as an arithmetical base because it has four divisors—viz, 2, 3, 4 and 6, while 10 has only two divisors—viz, 2 and 5. They counted twelve hours in the day and twelve in the night, measuring the day by the progress of the sun and the night by the progress of the stars across the sky. This system, prevailing over all others, has come down to us, and so our watches bear on their faces a souvenir of those ancient days when the sun served for a clock half half of the time and the stars the other half.

Banks and His Horse.
Animal trainers of the old days led adventurous lives. In 1600 all London was talking of a man named Banks, servant to the Earl of Essex, who had taught his horse to count and perform a number of feats, including mounting to the top of St. Paul's cathedral, while "a number of asses," as the historian puts it, "brayed below." Sir Walter Raleigh in his history says of Banks that he "would have shamed all the enchanters of the world, for whatsoever was most famous among them could never master or instruct any beast as he did his horse." When Banks took his horse to Rome both were burned for witchcraft.

A Possible Exception.
A high school teacher was examining the physiology class.
"How many ribs have you, Charles?"
"Why—er—I don't know," said Charles.
"Didn't the text books state?" he then queried somewhat sharply.
"Yes—oh, yes—of course, but, you see, I'm long waisted."

Ben Butler's Retort.
An old lawyer in speaking about General Ben Butler said: "Ben Butler was a terror and a torment to the judges. On one occasion Judge Sanger, having been bullied and badgered out of all patience, petulantly asked, 'What does the counsel suppose I am on this bench for?' Scratching his head a minute, Butler replied, 'Well, I confess your honor's got me there.'"

Easy Answer.
A Liverpool paper tells the pathetic story of one A., who is compelled to grow a beard to ward off pneumonia and other ills. The woman with whom he has fallen in love, however, declines to marry him unless he will shave. "What," asks our contemporary, "should A. do?" The answer seems easy: Keep the beard and cut the woman.

Friendship.
There is a certain development of love in which the covetous longing of two people for one another has yielded to a higher mutual thirst for an ideal above them both. But who has found such love, who has experienced it? Its true name is friendship.

On the Safe Side.
Schroeder (to his neighbor, a widow)—Why did you send your housekeeper away, since she was such a good cook? The Widow—She made such splendid puddings I was afraid I should marry her.—Fliegende Blatter.

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CARE OF CANARIES.

How to Feed and Keep Them in a Healthy Condition.

Do not expect a canary to sing while moulting. The growth of his fine new coat requires all the surplus vitality of the small body.

Feed him liberally with some good prepared food, keep him clean and quiet, and nature will do the rest, says the New York Globe. For steady feeding give mixed seed, two parts rape to one of canary.

Give a little fresh lettuce or celery every day and a bit of apple three times a week.

Wash the cage floor and bath every morning. Put in fresh gravel three times a week. Use the regular bird gravel if you can get it. If not, clean sharp river gravel will do.

Once a week give a feed of hard boiled egg, taking care that it does not remain in the cage more than one day. In place of it a piece of bread soaked in milk and then squeezed almost dry may be substituted. A clift of pepper pod hung by the side of the cage is also very good for both appetite and digestion.

Keep the bird away from drafts. They are almost as deadly as cats. Sunshine is an excellent thing, but it must not beat too long or too directly upon his feathered cap. Never leave him overnight up toward the top of the room in which gas jets have been burning. Hot, foul air always ascends and will make short work of him.

In cold weather give him a bath every other day. With the right kind of gravel cuttlefish bone is not absolutely necessary. It is very well to keep a bit within reach. Take care that nothing edible corrodes the wires. Verdigris is the result, a potent poison.

Next to drafts and improper feeding vermin are the roots of all the ill the bird flesh is heir to. Prevention is the best cure. If you have reason to suspect them, take your bird out of the cage, wash and scold the cage thoroughly, then oil the top of the bird's head with sweet oil or good fresh lard.

If your bird droops and lacks appetite, put a rusty nail into his drinking fountain and mix a little coarsely powdered charcoal with his gravel on the floor.

How to Enlarge Girls' Clothes.

The momentous question of altering and lengthening girls' skirts is a never ending problem. Of course if there is a hem it should be let down as a first means. A few years ago it was not nearly so difficult to lengthen a skirt, as one could use ruffles, flounces and yokes. Yokes were probably the most popular method. However, in this day, when neither yokes nor flounces are worn and when ruffles seldom are, it amounts to quite a perplexing question, says the Chicago Tribune. A dress of plain colored material may be lengthened by letting in bias bands of plaid. If the dress is laid, bands of plain colored material may be used. A color should be chosen which matches one of the colors of the plaid. The width of the band should be determined by the number of inches you desire to add to the length of the skirt. Decide where you wish to place the bands and then cut the skirt there. Stitch one side of the band to one side of the cut part and stitch the other side to the opposite part. This will lengthen the skirt the width of the band. When two or three bands are used the skirt will then be the desired length.

How to Make Teeth Glisten.

To make the teeth glisten, besides making them white, brush them every morning with warm water, a fairly stiff brush and a good dentifrice, says the Cleveland Leader. A good dentifrice is an absolute necessity to keep the teeth pure. After they have been thoroughly cleaned go over them with a solution of water and peroxide, and the teeth will glisten beautifully unless they are in an unhealthy condition. Cleanliness cannot be accomplished with an old water soaked tooth brush nor one which is used constantly. Have two brushes, and when one has been used for a couple of days wash it in carbolic water and lay it in the air and sun for two days. Carbolic water is made by putting two drops of carbolic acid in a pint of boiling water. When the brush becomes discolored on the back throw it away. If your teeth are close together use dental floss. In the East Indies, where fine teeth are the rule, the charcoal of the betel nut is used as a tooth powder. It is smooth and alkaliescent.

How to Arrange a Family's Towels.

When one bathes every day one does not care to take a clean towel each time or to use some one else's towel. To avoid this trouble with lead pencil the name or initials of each member of the family in the plain space that is on the end of each Turkish towel and then work over to outline stitch with red marking cotton, which is a fast color even when boiled. In this way each knows his own towel.

How to Clean Wall Paper.

To clean wall paper, first brush the walls thoroughly with a long handled broom which has been covered by a duster, then wipe with clean cloths until all dust is removed. Cut a stale loaf of bread in four pieces and lightly wipe the paper with it, holding the bread by the crust and rubbing down, never up or across.

How to Regulate a Clock.

If you have a clock with a pendulum and it is inclined to run slow screw up the little thumb-screw for that purpose. If it is as high as it will go and still runs slow, take off the thumb-screw, put a washer on and screw it back on again. You will find the clock is regulated.

Bank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I have known it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at Percy F. Dodds' drug store, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Mellis has been on the York stage twenty years. She made her first appearance in opera as Gilda in Brussels.

So devoted to her canine pets is Lady Aberdeen that she is having models of her principal favorites made by an Italian sculptor.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland will be one of the delegates to represent New Jersey at the Congress of Mothers to meet at Washington March 15-17 next.

Mrs. Anna Weightman Walker has contributed \$50,000 to aid in providing a new building for the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia. Mrs. Walker is one of the wealthiest women in the world.

Enrolled on the books of the County Council Dairy school in Chelmsford England is the name of Lady Helen Grimshaw, daughter of the Earl of Verulam, her father being a practicing farmer. She is very ambitious to learn to make good butter.

Mrs. Margaret Ash of the miscellaneous division of the bureau of engraving and printing recently celebrated the forty-fourth anniversary of her entering the service of the government. During the civil war Mrs. Ash was appointed a printer's assistant in the bureau.

Miss Mona McKenzie while at work in Chicago was stricken blind from an apparent cause and remained so nine days. On the tenth morning when her mother raised the curtain she suddenly exclaimed, "I can see!" and it was found that her sight had been perfectly restored.

Mrs. Kate E. Jones, the recently elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, is well known throughout the country for her active work for many years in the order. As national patriotic instructor for two terms she did good work along all lines in the Woman's Relief Corps. She has a fine presence and an excellent platform voice and is noted for her eloquence.

GOWN GOSSIP.

The embroidered fabrics continue to be on the increase.

Taffetas will be worn a great deal, but the newer fancy is for the soft thick silks.

Brocades are in again. They are usually shown in soft satins, nuns and crapes for evening dresses and blouses.

The veils worn this year with mourning hats are mostly quite short and of light weight, the long heavy crape being seldom seen.

For shirt waists and everyday blouses cashmere, nun's veiling and fine cloth will be very good, as will also the French laines.

Needlework and hand painting decorate the surface of many of the more beautiful satins, velvets and chiffons. Veiveteen, too, is very popular.

Some of the new brooches are brightened with touches of gold and silver thread, picking out the pattern, and here and there beautified with pearls and other beads.—Brooklyn Citizen.

STAIN REMOVERS.

To remove rust on copper rub the article with liquid ammonia.

Medicine stains may be removed from silver spoons by rubbing them with a rag dipped in sulphuric acid and washing it off with soapuds.

A clean cloth dipped in hot water, then a saucer of bran, will speedily clean white paint without injury to it. The soft bran acts like soap on the dirt.

Cold water, a tablespoonful of ammonia and soap will remove machine grease when other means would not answer on account of colors running.

To remove ink stains from linen dip the articles in milk and let it soak for about two hours, then take out and wash with soap while the milk still remains on the spots of ink. This will remove any long standing stain.

PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

Mr. Aston Knight, a young American artist, has painted Niagara on his honeymoon. He excels in representing water in motion.

Francis W. Dawson is writing stories of southern life after the civil war in Paris, where, he says, he can see things in a truer perspective than at home.

Gabriele d'Annunzio is perhaps the busiest playwright of the high order in Europe. He has on hand, in various stages of construction, half a dozen plays of various descriptions.

George McManus, an Irishman and painstaking American comic illustrator, has received merited recognition from the crown princess of Germany, who writes him an autograph letter expressing pleasure at the humor in his sketches.

Household Helps.

To clean a clothesline boll it in soapuds containing soda, then rinse and hang it out to dry.

When using valuable vases for table decoration fill with sand. This makes them stand firmly, and they are less liable to be knocked over and broken.

The old saying that a housekeeper is known by her sink is even more true of her sink bin. Nothing is more truly the mark of a sloven than an unsightly garbage box in the back yard.

If when salt and flour bags are emptied you will put them in the clothes hamper to be washed and boiled out you will always have a supply of jelly strainers. The salt bag is just the thing for the odd glasses of jelly made all during the season.

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STATE NEWS ITEMS

Interesting Happenings Which Occurred During the Week.

Numerous holdups are reported in Butte.

The fire department has been reorganized at Deer Lodge.

A poultry show will be held in Great Falls January 20-23.

Government reports show that there are over 2,000 retail liquor dealers in Montana.

Lewis Hill, president of the Great Northern, intends to develop his iron claims in the Belt mountains.

W. S. Clarkson of Livingston, for many years general master mechanic for the Northern Pacific, has resigned.

James McGowan and James Ferguson, lumbermen, were fatally injured near Plains by being struck by a freight train.

An unknown man was found murdered near Huntley last week. It is thought that he was a Siavonic railroad workman.

The new round house and division station town on the line of the Billings-Northern is to be known by the pioneer name, Judith Gap.

On January 22 and 23, 1908, there will be a meeting of health officers, members of boards of health and all others interested in public health, at Helena.

As a measure of curtailment, incident to the closing down of the Washoe smelter of the Amalgamated Copper company, the principal support of the city of Anaconda, the merchants there have decided to close their stores at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, opening them at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Mining men of the state who make their headquarters in Helena are talking of organizing a state union of mine owners, to secure relief from what they declare to be an exorbitant and confiscatory rate put in effect December 1 at the East Helena plant of the American Smelting & Refining company.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Many eastern factories are resuming work.

The Kansas republican state committee has endorsed Taft for president.

With the beginning of the New Year the prohibition law became effective in Georgia.

Indiana republicans have lunched the presidential boom of Vice President Fairbanks.

Governor Sparks of Nevada has called an extra session of the legislature to deal with labor troubles in that state.

According to the report of his agents, William Jennings Bryan is making about \$20,000 a year from his lectures.

The strike of the boilermakers on roads in the northwest, which has been continued since September, was settled last week.

Former Senator W. E. Chandler of New Hampshire has come out for La Follette for the republican presidential nominee, saying he believes he would make a better run than any other man yet mentioned.

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