

A MERRY YULETIDE TO ALL OUR READERS

SCHOOL WILL START IN THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Everyone Highly Elated Over the Completion of the Two Beautiful Edifices of Education.

When this school week closes tomorrow afternoon, the old school house down by the river will have served its usefulness, and will be put on the pension list until the school board can dispose of it to other parties, and when school opens again on January 6, two weeks hence, it will be in two brand new school houses that are now receiving the finishing touches by Contractor Gilliland. It is unnecessary to say that the teachers and children alike will be highly elated to get into a fine modern building after having anticipated this event for several months.

The Lakeside school will be for the children up to the fourth grade

who live on the north side of the track and the Central school building will have all the classes from the chart class up to the high school grades. Both structures are the latest and most up-to-date products of the builders art. Every thing in the line of comfort and perfect sanitation, ventilation and lighting has been carefully provided for. They are buildings that the people can certainly feel proud of.

The work of moving the furniture and fixtures out of the old school into the new one will commence on Saturday morning and will be rushed with all possible haste in order that everything will be in readiness on the morning of January 6.



STATE WITNESSES ARE NEWLY-WEDS

When Theodore Christenson and Anna Neitzling of Columbia Falls, were subpoenaed to appear as witnesses for the state in the murder case against Reilly and Shafer, they evidently made up their minds to attend to another matter while in the county seat.

At any rate these witnesses for the murder trials were not only subpoenaed by the state but by little Dan Cupid, who guided them from the court room to the office of the clerk of the court. There after registering as court witnesses and obtaining credit for their presence and mileage, their glances fell upon a certain great book marked "Marriage Licenses."

Unobserved by any of their friends they soon had their names recorded in this book also. In the quiet evening time, still in the train of Cupid, they were ushered into the parlor at the Methodist parsonage and there Rev. Armstrong pronounced the words which made them man and wife.

Mr. Christenson is the jeweler at Columbia Falls. It was in his store that Shafer is said to have taken the gun with which Reilly murdered Murphy, and from which he again secured it within 20 minutes. Mrs. Christenson then Miss Neitzling, was working for Mr. Christenson and alone in the store at the time.

The bride is a native girl of the Flathead, born and reared in Columbia Falls. The groom came to the junction city a few years ago from the northern middle states, where he was born and lived to manhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Christenson have hosts of friends in their hometown who wish them the greatest of happiness as they go through life's journey together. —Kallispell Bee.

E. L. Geddes, who at the last election was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in this township, has fixed up a neat little court room in the rear of his office, and after the first of January will be in a position to tie a matrimonial knot and send the parties off rejoicing or impose a fine of from one to a hundred dollars with a jail sentence, according to what their deserts may be.

The jury has been discharged and the present term of district court is practically completed. Judge Erickson is now hearing some civil cases.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER UNIFORMS

Several members of the fire department had been agitating the matter of buying uniforms and the secretary was instructed to get the prices on same, but after inquiring of the treasurer how much funds were available for that purpose, it was found that they could not be procured at this time, but a committee to get up a series of dances, or something of the kind, for the purpose of raising a sum sufficient to pay for about 25 uniforms, was appointed.

A committee was also appointed to meet with the council and impress upon them some of the needs of the department such as hand chemicals, respirators and life belts. The matter of securing a better fire alarm system will also come up for discussion.

DR. S. L. MALONE LOCATES IN THIS CITY.

Dr. S. L. Malone, recently of Kansas city where he has been practicing for over 23 years, has opened up an office in this city and for the present will be located at the Cadillac hotel until he can find other quarters. There is room for another doctor here and he will no doubt find this a lucrative place to practice.

HOW TO PREVENT HOLIDAY FIRES

STATE FIRE MARSHAL RIEF
GIVES SUGGESTIONS TO
HOUSEHOLDERS.

"A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning," observes State Fire Marshal G. W. Rief in a bulletin he has issued giving suggestions to householders of how to prevent fires from Christmas decorations or trees. He says:

"Every year in America many children are burned to death by fire from Christmas candles.

"Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable dec-

PERISHABLE STUFF BY PARCEL POST

IT MAY BE MAILED UNDER SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS WHICH ARE EXPLAINED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

According to regulations governing the parcels post system, promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restrictions as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent.

Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles likely to quickly decay may be sent for short distances when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when packed properly in a container and for any distance when each egg is separately packed in a perfectly secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Fragile articles including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass in whole or in part, must be packed securely and marked "fragile."

Articles that may not be sent by

parcels post include intoxicating liquors of any kind; poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable articles, including matches; infernal machines; pistols or revolvers; disease germs; any obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law; live or dead animals or birds or live poultry; raw hides or pelts, or anything having a bad odor.

Books and printed matter may not be forwarded at parcels post rates; but only at the pound rate, or third class matter.

A commission of railroad officials headed by President Ralph Peters of the Long Island Railroad petitioned the house postoffice committee for a re-arrangement of weighing and pay for transporting mails.

The railroad men set out that they did not contemplate carrying the parcel post when their present contracts were made and declared as a matter of contract they were not obliged to accept packages weighing more than four pounds.

NEW PARCEL POST STAMPS

TWELVE DENOMINATIONS TO BE
USED IN FUTURE ON FOURTH
CLASS MATTER ONLY.

The parcels post stamps will be red in color and one by one and a half inches in size. The denomination of the stamp is indicated by a numeral in each lower corner and each size, as to value, is denoted by a different design. The classes by denominations and the figures shown on them are as follows:

- 1c—Postoffice clerk.
 - 2c—City carrier.
 - 3c—Railway postal clerk.
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ORDINANCE FOR STRICT REGULATION OF LODG- ING AND ROOMING HOUSES

City Buys a New Pump for Pumping Station, and Will Make a Number of Improvements.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council Monday night considerable time was spent in trying to straighten up the matter in regards to why Second street was not graded and graveled from Lupfer Avenue to the bridge as was originally set forth in the resolution creating the improvement district, and for which the property owners are now being taxed. Nothing definite regarding the matter could be found on the minutes and as the alleged action took place early last summer none of the aldermen seemed to have a clear recollection of what really was done in regards to the matter. The mayor claimed that he knew absolutely nothing about any action to leave out those two blocks. Engineer Walters was present and stated his version of the matter and Contractor Little explained that he was working according to plans and specifications, so it was finally decided to let the matter rest until next spring when the bridge will be completed and the street can then be finished to it.

Mr. Walters explained that the reason he did not make plans clear to the bridge was because at that time the new bridge was contemplated, and it was not known what height the bridge had best be made and at an informal meeting it was thought best not to finish that piece of road. There was talk of raising the bridge three feet higher, and that would mean an extra expense for regrading which would have to be done over again.

In order to get something authoritative to work on Mr. Walters wanted the council to give him the exact height the bridge is to be built. It was talked of heretofore, that the bridge should be made three feet higher than the old one, and Mr. Walters explained that while this would help materially to reduce the grade it would saddle upon the property owners in the improvement district a job of filling that would cost in the neighborhood of four or five thousand dollars. It was also proposed to raise the bridge five feet higher, but this was met with a decided objection and it was finally decided to leave the matter with the street and alley committee to go over the ground with the engineer to find out just what would

be best. Alderman Noble reported in regards to the contemplated improvements at the pumping station, and as C. A. Platt, a representative of the Fairbanks - Morse & Company was present, he submitted his proposition for a new pump like the one that is now in service and the necessary fittings to make all the necessary connections. After considering the bids on a new pump it was finally decided to accept the proposal of the Fairbanks-Morse company at \$1082.

E. L. Graves submitted a bid on the proposed well, but on account of unforeseen matters turning up since making arrangements for a new pump, and as it was decided to make several changes in the specifications, the bid was rejected and the engineer was ordered to make up a new set of plans.

The petition of property owners for a light at the corner of Miles avenue and Second street was turned down for the present for the reason that the street on that corner is now completely blocked with gravel and bridge material for the new bridge and cannot be used until the work is completed.

In view of what the authorities might have to contend with when the redlight district is closed down, an iron clad ordinance was passed which compels every proprietor of a rooming house, lodging house, or hotel to keep a guests register in a conspicuous place, and he must cause every guest engaging a room, for no matter what length of time, to register his or her name, before he is allowed to occupy it. This ordinance goes into effect in 30 days and is published in full in this issue, so that there will be no excuse for any one pleading ignorance to the fact.

Mayor Mayfield asked the council for a vacation of 60 days after the first of the year so that he can attend the legislature to which he has been elected. This was granted and will place Alderman Noble in his place, he being president of the council. Police Magistrate Noll asked a vacation of two weeks and this was granted. Chris Hagen was granted a permit to enlarge his wood shed at the rear of his place of business on Second street.

MIDDLE FORK DAM COMPLETED

SOMERS LUMBER COMPANY HAS
FINISHED PROJECT FOR THE
FLOATING OF LOGS.

A large dam, having a sixteen foot gate which backs up a monstrous head of water, has just been completed on the Middle Fork of the Stillwater river by the Somers Lumber company, says the Kallispell Bee. The work was carried on under the supervision of George Slack.

The dam will flood approximately 600 acres of river bottom land at an average depth of 12 feet. The Somers Lumber company do not expect to put in a mill at that point but have constructed the dam for

the purpose of floating about 23,000,000 feet of logs which the back water will reach. The dam is probably the largest ever constructed in the state for that purpose.

WILLOUGHBY GETS PLUMBING CONTRACT FOR DEPOT.

I. B. Willoughby, the local plumber has been awarded the contract by the Great Northern to put in a complete sewer and water system in the depot and the Depot Restaurant. The contract calls for installing, toilets and drinking fountains. The Great Northern will connect on to the city sewer, but will use their own water works. Mr. Willoughby has already ordered his material to do the job and will commence work as soon as the depot is remodeled by the carpenters.

Insurance companies are issuing warnings that every one should be careful about fires during this season of the year, particularly to guard against fires in Christmas trees which have many times in the past been known to prove so disastrous.