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The Local Roundup

W. E. Wynne is spending the holidays in Butte.

H. E. Marshall was down from Martinsdale Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Girling left Tuesday evening for the east on their wedding tour.

Walter Ogle went to Lewistown Sunday morning on business returning Monday evening.

Grady's popular orchestra went to Lavinia this morning where they play for a dance tonight.

Miss Theresa Abel returned Wednesday from Lewistown where she has been spending several months.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Warren arrived here last night from Zortman and are visiting with the Theo. Schmitz family.

Mrs. J. H. Davis entertained a party of young people last evening and ushered in the new year amid scenes of much merriment.

W. B. Dean of Forsyth spent several days in town this week looking after his business interests here. He returned yesterday evening.

John H. Grant, who has been doing some contracting at Two Dot the past several months, returned to the "Pearl of the Mussel-shell" Monday.

C. Walter of Litchfield, Minn., was a visitor in Roundup the fore part of the week looking over the city with a view of locating in some line of business.

Grand Chief Mountaineer E. S. Pease left Tuesday morning for his home in Billings after having spent several weeks here organizing a local cabin of Mountaineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Muhs have returned to their home in Davenport, Iowa, after an extended visit with the Schlee family. Mrs. Muhs and Mrs. Schlee are sisters.

Vic Mumbue is back after having spent several months on his ranch in Meagher county. He was accompanied on his return by his mother who will make her home here with him for the winter.

F. T. Zaun, the Forsyth plumber, is installing a heating plant in the new hospital building which is rapidly nearing completion. He will also put in a heating plant in the new Bushnell & Thompson building.

John Davis arrived here Wednesday from Maida, North Dakota, to join the colony of homesteaders in this vicinity from the flickertail state. Mr. Davis filed on a quarter of the Lake Basin last spring and expressed surprise at the growth of Roundup since then.

The foundation for a six-room parsonage was laid out at Mussel-shell on Tuesday and the lumber contracted for, and ere long a splendid home for the minister will be raised. The people are enthusiastic over this project and are in hopes of being able to build a church in the spring.

Rev. C. E. Haynes, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church will conduct services next Sunday both morning and evening in the new school house. The Sunday school hour is from 10 to 11. Public worship at 11. Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone cordially invited to all these meetings.

S. H. Ramsell of Lewistown has rented the north half of the Dean & Skeie building and will open up a confectionery store therein as soon as his stock of goods arrives. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsell are now here getting things in readiness for the opening of their place of business which will be in about a week or ten days.

The Misses Agnes and Jane Wall of Butte and Helena respectively sisters of F. M. and M. H. Wall, came down Christmas Eve to spend part of the Yule Tide here. Miss Jane left Sunday for her home accompanied by Frank, who spent a few days with friends in the capital, while Miss Agnes will remain here until tomorrow.

The hardtime mask ball last evening was a decided success, a large crowd being out to make merry the fleeting hours of the old year and to welcome the new. The prizes were awarded to "Doc" Weast and Wrs. Owens. W. A. Keene, F. M. Wall, Frank Ray, J. C. Lohman and J. H. Grant were the judges. Marcey's celebrated four piece orchestra furnished the music.

The foundation of the Methodist Episcopal church will be completed this week and work will begin on the building immediately. Let everyone feel that this is their enterprise and give of their enthusiasm, muscle and coin and Roundup will soon have a church of which we may be proud. As we have a school there is no more worthy enterprise that could enlist our help than this one. The pastor cannot build this alone; it is not his church, it is yours—Roundup's—and will stand in our midst a monument to the generosity of the people of Roundup and their belief in, and loyalty to, their Master. Volunteer and help. Call upon the pastor and encourage this enterprise in every way you can.

NOAH WEBSTER USED IT.

This Desk Once the Property of the Dictionary Maker.

Kansas City, Mo.—A quaint little mahogany writing desk, owned by Douglas Gardner of this city once belonged to Noah Webster of dictionary fame. Ink spots, fondly preserved on the desk, are said to have been made by Webster. A tradition in the Gardner family says that Webster used the little desk part of the time when he was editing his dictionary.

Douglas Gardner is a student at the University of Missouri, in the sophomore class. His father, Dorsey Gardner, was one of the editors of an edition of Webster's dictionary, and it was through his connection with the publication that the desk came into the possession of the family. Dorsey Gardner's name is given in the 1891 edition of Webster's dictionary as one of the associate editors. He was a magazine writer of some note and the author of several books.

Douglas Gardner also owns a copy of one of the earliest editions of Web-



Desk That Once Belonged to Noah Webster.

ster's dictionary, and other mementoes of the lexicographer. The old dictionary is in two volumes, bound in pigskin.

OPENING MESOPOTAMIA.

While the Bagdad railway still lingers on its way eastward the fertile delta of the Euphrates is being slowly but surely developed by the Daira Sanieh of the sultan. Large new areas are being brought under cultivation, the riverine trade is increasing rapidly and the railway, when it reaches its goal, will traverse for the last 200 miles of its route a district where much has been done to repair the neglect of centuries. With the opening up of the country to trade and the increase of cultivation the demand for mechanical appliances of every description is bound to increase, and the Egyptian Gazette learns from a well informed source that there is already a considerable demand for oil pumps at Basra and Bagdad.

COLLEGE HONORS.

It is safe to say that with young women from all the nations on earth competing for, and carrying off, college honors, they will be acknowledged to be rivals that have to be reckoned with. The Agnes B. Robinson Mesner prize in anatomy, given in competitive examination to a student of the second year at the Philadelphia Woman's Medical college, has just been awarded to Olivia Salamanca of Cavite, Philippine Islands. Another member of the same class is Miss Ethel Das, from Ferezepore, a small town in the foothills of the Himalayas, near Lahore. Both of these young women will practice medicine in their native countries.

NATION'S FIRST MINT

RARE COINS MAY BE FOUND WHEN IT IS TORN DOWN.

Hope That Patriotic Sentiment May Be Strong Enough to Save This, the Third Building Erected for Government's Purposes.

New York.—Many finds of rare early United States coins are expected when Uncle Sam's first mint building, in Philadelphia, is torn down. That is, provided there is not enough patriotic sentiment aroused in the meantime to preserve the establishment which answered the purposes of this great government when it was in all truth an infant republic.

Long before the revolution there had been much complaint against England for not establishing a colonial mint in America, and one of the first acts of the newly organized United States was to provide for the erection of a place at which coins of a definite value bearing the stamp of this country could be issued.

The question of the establishment of a mint had been widely discussed at least ten years before it was finally authorized. Robert Morris on January 15, 1782, had recommended a plan for American coinage, and early in 1782 went so far as to conduct negotiations for such an establishment, the old Dutch church, then occupied, for a time being under consideration as a mint house. Congress on April 15, 1790, instructed the president to establish a mint and Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton was directed to prepare and report a proper plan. This Mr. Hamilton did at the next session, and on the strength of his report a United States mint was authorized by congress on April 2, 1792.

A lot on the east side of Seventh street, near Arch, was purchased and



First United States Mint.

an appropriation was made for putting up a suitable structure. On this lot stood an old stillhouse, and some of the materials in it were sold for seven shillings and sixpence. This sum, according to an old memorandum, David Rittenhouse, the first director of the mint, directed "should be laid out for punch in laying the foundation stone."

The cornerstone of the mint was laid by Mr. Rittenhouse on July 31, 1792, the building consisting of a plain three-story brick. The first coining was done here in the following October. In reference to this coining Washington in his address to congress of November 6, 1792, said: "There has been a small beginning in the coining of half dimes, the want of small coinage in circulation calling the first attention to them."

These half dimes, or "half dismes," as the word is spelled on the coins, were said to have been struck from a quantity of private plate that Washington had deposited at the mint for coining, and bore on the obverse the representation of a female, said to have been the portrait of Martha Washington. By numismatists these early "half dismes" are regarded as pattern coins, as the first regular deposit of silver bullion for coining, judging by the records, was not made until July 18, 1794.

The old mint building is now owned by Mr. Frank H. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart says that he expects to tear down the old structure before long. He has no doubt in the process a number of interesting coins will come to light. He is particularly interested in the contents of the cornerstone, which he is certain will be found to contain fine specimens of the early coinage. There is no obtainable record showing the nature of the contents of the cornerstone, but judging by the custom of the period not only coins will be found there but also important and interesting documents.

Disposition of the cornerstone already has been made. The property formerly was owned by a Mr. Cates, who provided in his will that when the building was torn down the cornerstone should become the property of the Pennsylvania State Historical society.

The statement has been made that the old mint building was the first structure built for the government use. This is not true, although it was one of the earliest. It was preceded in this respect only by the building erected on "Bacon's Island" in the Delaware river near Philadelphia for the purpose of coining silver and copper medals at Calcutta, 1754.

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