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Bozeman's Credit has already started to gain the President's party in their visit to the National Park.

By all means some steps should be taken to level up the inequalities of Main street, but very little labor would be required to make it a very delightful drive.

The strike of the telegraph operators still continues without any signs of cessation from either side.

The business of the country is suffering thereby, and we hope it may soon be ended.

While our sympathies are with the operators, we very much fear that success for them will impart its influence to many other industries, and strikes without end will be the consequence.

We believe a person should receive fair pay for a fair day's work, but this thing is regulated more by supply and demand, and it goes as a rule down with the remedy.

Shall we wait until a conflagration has swept away our houses before we provide ample water supply?

Shall we let such an important enterprise as the upper West Gallatin and Bozeman Canal Company languish for want of assistance to complete it and that speedily?

Shall we allow our Main street to continue in its present condition when a little labor can make it so beautiful?

Shall we allow Bozeman the beautiful city of the plain to fall behind other less favored cities, for want of enterprise and public spirit?

Shall we allow it to be said by strangers and visitors that we lack ample hotel accommodations?

Shall we continue to each pull only for himself and be divided on every proposition for the public good or by selfish interests and narrow and petty notions which all the above.

The Western Associated Press held their annual meeting at Pullman, Ill., yesterday, and today started on their contemplated trip to the National Park, as guests of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

They will be brought from Chicago to St. Paul and Minneapolis by a special Pullman train over the Chicago & Northwestern road, leaving Chicago at 7 o'clock this morning.

It is said that it will be the largest editorial excursion on record, as a great number of invitations have been issued, and so far none have been declined.

The editor who would decline such a "fat take" ought to be declared "non-computant." We trust these gentlemen will not return until they have seen other portions of Montana, which are so wonderful in resources, as is the Park in its natural curiosities.

We hereby give them a pressing invitation to the Gallatin Valley at all events, and bid as many of them welcome as the Chronicle office will hold.

On a recent visit to Helena we were struck with the substantial and permanent character of the many buildings now in process of erection, notably the building of Broadwater, Ashby & Co., R. S. Hale, and Montana National Bank, all of which would be a credit to cities of much larger growth.

The pluck, energy and enterprise exhibited by the citizens of Helena is truly commendable. To conceive a grand scheme, is with them only a preliminary to its successful completion.

They admit of no defeat, nor is their endeavor dissipated by any doubts or discouragements. We could not help noticing that the Independent and Herald such important factors, in not only the growth of Helena, but the Territory, are fully up to, if not in the lead in this spirit of enterprise.

We dare say you would have to go into the large cities of the east to find better equipped offices, and yet they stand not still, but are continually adding new machinery and stock to meet their growing and increasing strength.

With them, as with us, there is a crying need for ample hotel accommodations, and a daily question of time when they must have it. Another serious question with them will be water supply.

Measures have been taken through the instrumentality of S. T. Hanser, the live-wide-awake president of the First National Bank, to re-organize the Alta-Montana and other mines with sufficient capital stock to draw from these mines, their hidden treasures, and also a standard gauge railroad from Helena to Wickes, passing through Clancy and Jefferson City, and yet this is but the beginning we hope, of that era of prosperity, which is in store for our capital city.

GROWTH OF BOZEMAN.

Notwithstanding that a great many buildings have been erected this year and many more are now being built, the demand for houses to rent is great.

This speaks well for the growth of Bozeman. Rents are higher here than in any place in Montana by reason of such demand, and strange as it may seem the property is not held as at high figures as in some other places.

To a stranger it is unaccountable how such rents can be paid, but they argue that business justifies it.

There is a great field here for investment of capital with a certain reward in the way of interest on investment far beyond that realized in the East. Certain it is that the forward growth and development of the country is assured.

The time is not far distant when the wealthy people of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and other great cities of the east will exclaim to these mountains to avoid the hot sultry weather of the summer season, instead of going to the sea coast.

The nights are already cool and pleasant so that nature recoils from exhausted condition produced by the extreme heat of the day, while in the east the nights are just as sultry and hot and consequently as enervating as the day.

To all such, the Gallatin Valley will offer superior inducements, and with proper and adequate facilities for their accommodation they will flock here by the hundreds.

It is gratifying to note that those who have grown dissatisfied and left to seek other places have invariably returned, better than ever satisfied with our mountain country.

The Board of Trustees of the Bozeman and its vicinity are already gathering and with unity and energy infuse more life into enterprises now languishing and to whom new life. The Upper West Gallatin and Bozeman Canal Company should

Correspondence.

WATER SUPPLY.

A new or an additional supply of water is an inevitable necessity whenever and wherever a new settlement establishes itself in an isolated position; again, when ever the settlement receives any considerable increase; and again when it becomes a great metropolis or manufacturing center.

In all the wonderful and complicated changes of nature, in the support of life of all organized beings, and in the conveniences and delights of man water performs an important and necessary part. Life can not long exist in either plant or animal, unless water, in some of its forms, is provided in due quantity.

Wholesome water is indispensable in the preparation of all our foods; clear and soft water is essential for promoting the cleanliness and health of our bodies; and pure water is demanded for a great many of the operations of the useful and mechanical arts.

Of the three essentials to human life, air, water and food, the one, water, which should be specially and earnestly considered by the people of Bozeman, has for its physiological office to maintain all the tissues of the body in healthy action.

If the water received into the system is unfit for such special duty, all the animal functions suffer and are weakened, air then but partially clarifies the blood, food is not perfectly assimilated, and the body degenerates. I was shown a sample of the water which is daily being consumed by the citizens of Bozeman.

I had seen taken and placed in a bottle with a few spoonfuls of sugar added, when after standing a short time it became very thick, and its odor was as if anything but pleasant. This fact will I think also explain the cause of the many cases of sickness in Bozeman, during the last year.

Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. Sanitary laws and regulations are intended to give power to communities, which single individuals cannot possess, to promote measures for securing or improving the state of public health; and the extent to which good sanitary measures are carried indicates, in a degree, the state of civilization and refinement.

The modern works of water supply have been experiments for improving the health, wealth and comfort of communities; and it is evident from public records that they have largely accomplished the end for which they were designed.

Water has thus far proved the most effective and economical agent, as sanitary scavenger, in the removal from our habitations of water slops and sewage, and also the most effective and economical agency in the protection of life and property from fire.

The necessity of a judiciously executed system of public water supply increases as the population of a town increases; as the mass of buildings thickens; as the land upon which the town is built becomes saturated with sewage, and the individuals possess within the town are polluted, as the atmosphere over and within the town is fouled by gases arising therefrom; and as the dangers of epidemics, fevers and other contagious diseases increase.

No town or city can submit to a continued want of an adequate supply of pure and wholesome water without a serious check to its prosperity. Capital is always ready to be invested where the elements of safety and health are lacking and industry demands frequent failures and objectionable quality in its water supply.

In the experience of all large and thriving cities, there has come a time when women and children, showing that a full vote would have developed a voting population of about 750, and only 541 votes were polled. Two out of the three judges of election (the other one being absent) swore that the election was quiet and orderly, that they had no reason to believe that any fraudulent votes were cast.

It is true that it was agreed between the leaders of the parties, that they would allow the election to proceed without any challenging and quarrelling, the principal fight being upon the election of their candidate for the council, as they were desirous to defeat the candidate put up by Choteau county.

As against all this balderdash we have authority for stating that not a single issue (except of the one above stated) was to show the election was other than fair. It is a fact that the representatives of both parties were offering to bet large sums of money before the election that there would be from 1,500 to 1,800 votes polled, whereas there were but about 1,200. Again, as to the statement that Custer county polled too large a vote.

Now let us see. In that portion of the then Custer county seven precincts had since been put into Yellowstone county, which precincts polled nearly 1,200 votes in the Yellowstone county election. In the Delegate election the same precincts polled 1,086, leaving about 1,800 votes for what is now known as Custer county.

At the election for the County Commissioners as provided by act of the legislature, in which but little interest was taken, as there was but one ticket and but very few voted except those who favored the change there was about 1,000 votes polled. Again the statement makes Mr. Botkin say that he has advised from Missoula county that 1,000 illegal votes were cast there. We do not believe Mr. Botkin has made any such statement, as the testimony conclusively shows and been put into Yellowstone county, which precincts polled nearly 1,200 votes in the Yellowstone county election.

With all the advantages to be derived from a system of water supply, why then should Bozeman, with all her natural advantages for the introduction of a complete and effective system of public water works, which could be built at a cost that could not but otherwise make it a paying investment to its constructors, be without them?

There are many benefits to be derived from a liberal supply of pure and wholesome water. But the most important of all is the value of the sanitary results growing out of the maintenance of health, and the inducement to cleanliness of person and habitation, by the convenience of an abundance of water delivered constantly in the household, and the enhanced safety to human life and to property from destroying flames, accompanying the distribution of public fire hydrants under adequate pressure.

MONTANA CHRONICLE.

—Helena is to have an artesian well.

—E. V. Smalley, editor of the Northwest, of New York, has written a "History of the Northern Pacific Railroad."

—The fire at Miles City on the 22d destroyed \$31,200 worth of property, on which there was \$20,000 worth of insurance.

—It is said that Governor Crosby has addressed a communication to Secretary McCutcheon requesting him to furnish a statement of facts connected with his late unwise conduct. The public will look with great interest upon the Governor's actions in this case.

—The building of the Northern Pacific

OSBORN'S DRUG STORE.

A REMEDY.

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Yours truly,

J. W. TILTON, Bozeman, Mont.

THE LATEST NEWS.

The annual meeting of the board of managers of the Northern Pacific Beneficial Association was held in St. Paul last week. The board consists of twenty-three members, being three representatives from each operating division, one each from the transportation, road and machinery departments. Thirteen of the twenty-three members, and H. W. Knaut, secretary, were present at the meeting.

The reports read showed the new hospital buildings at Brainerd to be well under way, with a large force of men at work upon them. The number of cases treated, both in the hospital and along the line of the road, from October 1st, when the association began operations, until June 30, was 2,274. The whole number treated at the Brainerd hospital was 952, of whom 870 were discharged cured. The receipts during the nine months were \$41,000, and the expenditures \$20,884. According to the rules of the association any member injured, anywhere on the line, is entitled to immediate medical attendance without being compelled to visit the hospital.

The evil effects of land and lot booming, which has for the past two years had full sway in now repeating the whirlwind at Winnipeg. The financial outlook in this city is at present very gloomy. The evil effects of the "great land boom" are now shaking the city to its very core—indeed, it will be entirely through the exercise of the most careful monetary measures that a panic can be averted, as Winnipeg has already paid dearly for the inflation during the boom. The fact that many of the principal business firms of the city have assigned, or are about to assign, of time from their creditors, does not tend to allay the feeling of uncertainty which prevails both here, in Eastern Canada and in England. No little excitement was created in monetary circles upon the announcement that Mr. M. A. McLean, a prominent wholesale grocer, and a man reported some time ago to be worth hundreds of thousands, was arrested at the instance of the Mercantile bank for obtaining money under false pretenses. The warrant was issued last Thursday, and the chief of the provincial police was dispatched west to find Mr. McLean. He arrested him at Elkhorn, in the Northwest Territories and brought him to the city. He has been bailed by a number of prominent citizens. Inquiry among the bank officials reveals the fact that the bank has been discounting his paper on representations made by him that he owned certain assets, which the officials claim he does not possess. The information states that on or about the 17th of February, McLean obtained \$3,401 under false pretenses. From various sources it has been learned that the bank holds Mr. McLean's paper to the amount of \$20,000. His paper is endorsed by almost every grocer in the city, so that the entire trade will suffer by his fall. It might be stated that he made an assignment some time ago, but he was believed to own property of considerable value. His assignment caused the failure of several other firms in the city.

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