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Loaded for Lynx.

About six miles above town, on Sun river, Howard Criss, while out hunting, killed a large lynx. He was exhibiting this homely-shaped, but beautifully furred trophy to admiring hunters Tuesday. Sun river valley, in this vicinity, seems to be quite a rendezvous for felines.

Trial of Strength.

Last Tuesday, Joe Peeper made a wager with J. G. Henry, that his horse could out-pull the latter's. Accordingly each horse was in turn, hitched to a heavy freighting wagon, loaded with five men and a half a ton of coal. All the wagon wheels were locked. The contest was decided in favor of Peeper's horse which managed to stir the load about six inches.

Painful Rumor.

It has been reported here that Mr. W. Nicoll, the well known rancher of Ming's coulee, has not been heard of since he left here about a week ago, for Choteau. Considerable solicitude is felt for his safety, as the horse which he rode was white, the same color as that which the stage driver saw running loose. We sincerely hope that no trouble has overtaken him. The body which Barney Murray claims to have discovered across the river, has not yet been found, the heavy fall of snow making search, with so little clue, impracticable.

Congratulations to Toole.

Washington special to Kansas City Times: The Hon. Joseph K. Toole, the delegate from Montana, who is a native of St. Joseph, Mo., today received quite an ovation from the members of the Missouri delegation on the passage of the bill granting the right of way to the Manitoba railroad through the northern Montana Indian reservations. A bill similar to this passed both houses of Congress at the last session, but was vetoed by the president. It is thought that the present bill omits the feature to which the president objected, and, as it is very important to Montanians, it is believed that it will become a law.

Religious Notes.

The Rev. John Reid will preach as usual next Sabbath evening, subject "Christ the Priest."

Sunday school at the school house at 3 p. m. Last Sabbath evening Rev. J. M. Largent preached upon the subject of "Baptism," to a large audience. Mr. Largent brought forward many arguments to prove that immersion alone can save. While we do not coincide with him in all his views we believe all have a right to be heard for their cause. This subject should be discussed thoroughly in a friendly manner. All sincere preachers have in view, not alone the building up of their own denominations, but their greatest desire is to lead all mankind into ways of pleasantness and paths of peace.

Healthful Montana.

With the present activity in railroad building in Montana many new opportunities for new settlement and profitable business enterprises are constantly opened. The Territory is going to be a good field for immigration next year and for several years to come. It has an exhilarating and very healthful climate and people of feeble constitutions who go there to live usually find themselves greatly benefitted by the change. Sickly men and women are often made robust and happy. The summer heats are tempered by the breezes from the high mountains and the winter climate is much milder than in the same latitude farther east, by reason of the influence of the mild winds that blow from the Pacific coast. The scenery is inspiring and the people as a class are intelligent, sociable and cordial to strangers seeking homes among them.—*Northwest Magazine.*

The Marriage of Miss McGurk.

The residence of Rev. James McGolrick was yesterday afternoon the scene of a quiet wedding service, the principals being Miss Kate McGurk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGurk of North Minneapolis, and Ira Myers, a prosperous business man of Great Falls, Mont. The happy nuptials were celebrated at 2 o'clock. Father Tracey officiating. The bridal pair were unaccompanied, and the ceremony was witnessed by but a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Myers leave at 4 o'clock this afternoon. They will visit with friends at Helena for two weeks, and then take up their future residence in Great Falls. The bride is an accomplished musician and an attractive young lady, and in her depart-

ure for her future home in the Northwest is followed by the congratulations and best wishes of her very large circle of friends. Ever since childhood the bride has been a prominent member of the choir of the Immaculate Conception church, where she has sung soprano.—*Pioneer Press.*

True.

The holiday number of the *West Shore* is the handsomest that most excellent western magazine has ever issued. Many of its illustrations are printed in five colors, and none of them in less than three. They are highly artistic, both in design and execution, and are especially appropriate to the season. An elegant, large engraving of Mt. Hood, the famous snow peak of the Cascade mountains, accompanies the number as a special supplement. It is executed in eight colors and embossed, and is by far the most beautiful reproduction of the grand scenery of the West yet made by the printing press. The literary features of the magazine are most excellent. The holiday number and supplement will be sent to any address upon receipt of fifty cents by the publisher. They will be sent free to all who subscribe now for 1887. Subscription price, \$2 per year. Address L. Samuel, Portland, Oregon.

It is Odd.

It strikes me as rather odd that the Boston Unitarians should be fired with missionary zeal to the extent of sending out a preacher to the Crow Indians in Montana, and building a chapel for him on the Big Horn. Most of the Unitarians hardly know what to believe themselves in theology and as a sect they are not at all given to proselytizing. My observations among the Indians leads me to the opinion that the Catholics are most successful in getting hold of their religious natures. They not only convert them but they discipline and civilize them after a fashion. The wild man needs a showy religion to impress his imagination, and one that is restrictive and arbitrary is best adapted to aid in the difficult work of making an industrious, honest, decent creature out of his native conglomeration of indolence, thievishness and cruelty. The Catholic priests take the place of the medicine men and regulate the common affairs of life, with a strong hand, if need be.—*E. V. Smalley.*

The committee on decoration for the fireman's ball did themselves proud. The hall was lined with patriotic emblems, interspersed with appropriate designs of implements used by fireman. When Messrs. Frame, Piper, and Burns take hold of anything it has to become a success.

At the adjourned meeting of the fire department last Monday evening amendments were made to the constitution and by-laws finally adopted. Provision was made for the election of honorary members after the full quota of twenty-five active members has been made up.

Subscribe for the *TRIBUNE* and make money. A gentleman of truth and enterprise, living at Benton, says that the very first copy which he received after subscribing last November, brought him news which will make \$150.00 for him. Hence the theorem.

Though there is considerable snow in this vicinity, we understand it is considerably deeper on the foot-hills. A snow driver is now badly needed, not only to yield pasturage for the cattle, but also as a source for a good supply of water in the springs for the various valleys.

Hon. T. E. Collins, councilman, and H. G. McIntire of Benton, stopped here over Tuesday, enroute to Helena. Mr. Collins will do excellent work for Choteau county, at the capital this winter. Besides having a natural aptitude for legislative affairs, he brings to the position of senator long experience. Mr. McIntire, who is one of the brightest legal lights in Montana, will be in attendance at the supreme court during most of this term.

Meagher county is now locating roads in Sand coulee, from the extreme head to the Choteau county line. Application is now going to be made to the Choteau county commissioners to locate a road from the terminal point of the Meagher county road to Great Falls. This proposed road is the one on which all our coal supplies are hauled, and is now in bad condition at many places. It is highly essential too, that the road be located now, as next spring the ranchmen in Sand coulee will be fencing and it might result in increased expense to the county.

Very Funny.

It is rumored that towns property at Great Falls is taking a boom. Lots on Central Avenue are worth \$2,500. It occurs to us that it would be a good time to unload.—*Rocky Mountain Husbandman.*

There will be a boom in town property at the Springs before the middle of July next, and before a year from this date Choice locations on Main street will in all probability sell for \$5,000 each.—*Rocky Mountain Husbandman.*

We have known for some time that the very excellent *Rocky Mountain Husbandman* has a prolific writer of romances, an expert cow, horse, hog and chicken reporter and a religious editor of stern convictions. But the funny man department is a new departure. The above clipping is a sample of that gifted individual's inexpressible witty wit. If the editor of the *Husbandman* has any property in Great Falls which he would like to "unload" he will find it to his interest to apply at the *TRIBUNE* office. The great difficulty here is to buy enough. No one wants to sell. This town has never had a boom nor do any of its owners or citizens court one. Its growth thus far has been rapid, but perfectly natural. Those who have bought lots are under contract to make valuable improvements upon them by the first of July next, thus insuring the substantial development of the town. We care very little what this funny man says about Great Falls, but when he waxes so exceedingly cunning as to insinuate that the prosperity of Great Falls, with all its natural advantages, its backing and projected railroads, is temporary and that property owners had better get out while they have an opportunity, we are of the opinion that this man's wit has been strained to imbecility. Nor is our impression weakened when we read that lots in White Sulphur Springs will reach \$5,000 each next summer. Thanks for this information. We will sell our twenty-five foot lot here at once and with that money and no more, go over and buy up the best double block in White Sulphur Springs.

Strange if True.

Pioneer Press: Five years ago last July, Mrs. Bell, wife of Major J. M. Bell Seventh cavalry, had all of her jewelry stolen. Her husband, then stationed at Fort Buford followed the suspected thief to St. Paul, but lost track of him. Last May a friend of Major Bell gave him a new clue by saying that he had received a letter from the supposed thief, asking if the person would be prosecuted if the jewelry was returned. This was followed by another letter saying that the missing jewelry could be found in a tin can in a stone pile about fifty-nine miles from Fort Buford, the location of which was accurately described. With little faith in the reliability of the information, Major Bell recently visited the stone pile and found the jewelry in perfect condition, having remained in the stone pile five and one-half years.

Neihart.

The camp is lively just at present. I think every man in camp is at work. The Hudson concentrator is about completed. The building is 40x150 feet, capacity 100 tons per twenty-four hours. I don't know just when they will start it. There is a large gang at work on the flume. The small concentrator is running finely. Some of the ore works to perfection but some cannot be worked to very good advantage, but as it is known what the trouble is it will soon be remedied. Wilson & Wilsey have just completed their contract of sawing for the Hudson company, 250,000 feet of lumber. The mines here are improving as they are worked. We have, until recently, been much in need of snow and cold weather, so hurry up that iron horse Neihart, January 1st. Prospector.

A Triumph of Journalism.

We begin the publication of the *Roccy Mountain Cyclone* with some phew difficulties in the way. The type phounders phrom whom we bought our outfit phor this printing office phailed to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weex bephore we can get any. The mistake was not phound out till a day or two ago. We have ordered the missing letters and will have to get along without them until they come. We don't like the loox ov this variety ov spelling any better than our readers, but mistaxs will happen in the best regulated phamilies, and iph the ph's and c's and x's and q's hold out we shall ceep (sound the c hard) the *Cyclone* whirling aphter a phasion till the sorts arrive. It's no joque to us—it's a serious aphair.—*Cyclone.*

Fireman's Ball.

New Year's eve was the occasion of a very enjoyable ball at the Cascade hotel.

Although but short notice was given, there was the largest attendance which has graced the ball room in Great Falls this winter. Messrs. Frame, Gibbons and Irving furnished the music and the latter called. At 11:30 Harry Ringwald, with a corps of efficient assistants served an elegant supper after which the dancing continued until about 2 o'clock. Amidst the gayeties the old year crept stealthily out forever and 1887, young, buoyant and hopeful, stepped into his place. This New Year's hop No. 1 of the Hook and Ladder company was an occasion long to be remembered. The enthusiastic patronage which the company has received has greatly encouraged the boys who are taking hold in earnest to prepare the necessary apparatus for extinguishing fires and preventing their spread.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Great Falls December 29, 1886.

Brady Thor, E	Boe Lewis
Christenson Knute	Cummit Edward
Ellison Knute	Ellis W F
Grace Tim	Grant F W
Johnson Michael	Hildebrand Jos.
Pearson John	McLaughlin Ranold
Ross Robert	Parfit Ira
Sims Ed.	O'Reilly Geo.
Wilson John C	Shaw Samuel

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say "advertised" as they are kept separate from other letters.

Correction.

GREAT FALLS, M. T., JAN. 5, '87.

Editor Tribune:

The last week's *TRIBUNE* says that I was one of the committee for buying presents for the Christmas tree which is a mistake. I had nothing to say in the matter, in fact I wasn't on the committee. Please make this correction for me and oblige

MISS SUSIE DOCKERY.

The committee consisted of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Wetzel to whom the children are indebted for the very tasty decorations of the school house and Christmas tree.

"French Frank."

Deputy sheriff Hamilton returned Wednesday from a trip to Neihart where he went to make the arrest of Frank Norman alias "French Frank," who is charged with larceny of a valuable bridle and other things at Benton. Mr. Hamilton took his prisoner to Benton where he will have his preliminary examination. Frank denies any knowledge of the stolen property and protests his innocence.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors of the First National bank of Great Falls, Montana, will be held in the office of the bank on Tuesday the 11th day of January 1887.

L. G. PHELPS, Cashier.

Dec. 10, 1885.

Printing Material for Sale.

One good 7-column Washington hand press, one eight-medium Paragon jobber, a quantity of body type, etc.

TRIBUNE COMPANY,
Great Falls,

Nat McGiffin was in town one day this week.

Stanley Norton has become one of our permanent residents.

A. Nathan has gone to Benton in spite of the cold and snow.

Miss host Emma is, we are sorry to say, laid up with rheumatism.

W. H. Hawes of the Montana Central, was at the Park New Years.

Thos. W. Kane of Sun River was in town several days this week.

S. S. Mease of Minneapolis, is looking over Great Falls with a view of locating here.

On Monday Mr. John Herron and party of engineers were surveying for the bridge site at the foot of Central ave.

David Graham and wife, Frank Beaudry, Wm. S. Seifred, Misses Lizzie Watson and Maggie Hutchinson of Belt, attended the Fireman's ball, New Year's eve.

The county commissioners convened at Benton last Monday, to comply with the law which requires them to make the tax levy for the ensuing year. Messrs. Wegner, Conrad and Ford now comprise the board. Choteau county certainly needs much legislation and we have reason to expect improvements on roads, bridges, etc., from this trio of thoroughly efficient gentlemen.

"Chinnooks."

Talking about "Chinnooks" it may be of passing interest to know something about the tribe of Indians whose name is the same with the addition of one n. Whether the names had any association in dim unrecorded history it is hard to state; but certainly the balmy breezes whose congenial presence turns the rigors of winter into gentle summer are far more acceptable in this country than the disfigured savages of the same name would be. The report of Lewis & Clarke states that these Chinnooks are commonly of a diminutive stature, badly shaped, and their appearance anything but prepossessing. They had broad, thick, flat feet, thick ankles and crooked legs; the latter deformity is ascribed, in part, to their universal practice of squatting, or sitting on the calves of their legs and heels, and also to the tight bandages of beads and strings worn round the ankles by the women, which prevented the circulation of the blood, and rendered the legs, of the women especially, ill-shaped and swollen. Their complexion was the usual copper-colored brown. Their noses were small, flat, wide at the extremities, with large nostrils and generally low between the eyes. Their eyes were black or of a dark yellowish-brown. But the most distinguishing part of their physiognomy, the crowning glory of their ugliness so to speak, was the peculiar flatness and width of their foreheads, a hideous characteristic which they owe to one of those customs by which nature is sacrificed to fantastic ideas of beauty. The custom of flattening the head by artificial means, during infancy, prevailed among all the Indian nations which they saw west of the Rocky mountains. This singular usage, they add, which nature could scarcely seem to suggest to remote nations, might perhaps point to the belief in the common and not very ancient origin of all the western nations. Such an opinion might well accommodate itself with the fact, that while on the lower Columbia both sexes wore universally flatheads, the custom diminished in receding eastward, from the common centre of the infection, till among the remoter tribes, near the mountains, nature recovered her rights, and the wasted folly was confined to a few females. Such opinions are weakened however, by the fact that Columbus was struck with this peculiarity among the tribes which he first encountered. The hair of both sexes was parted at the top of the head and fell loosely behind the ears, over the back and shoulders. They used combs of which they were very fond, and, indeed, contrived, without the aid of them to keep their hair in very good order. The dress of the man consisted of a small robe, reaching to the middle of the thigh, tied by a string across the breast, with the corners hanging loosely over their arms. The robe of the women was about the same as that of the men, except that it did not reach below the waist. The garment which covered the body from the waist to the knees, was made of bark or twisted cords of silk-grass, or of flags or rushes. Their only head covering was a hat made of bear-grass and the bark of cedar, interwoven in conic form, with a knob at the top. Add to all these charms, the female passion for painting their faces and wearing rings in ears and nose and we have an object than which nothing in nature can be more disgusting.

The Bridge at Great Falls.

It has been decided that two bridges are to be built at this point, one above Sun River and one just below the dam. They are to be very fine structures and will give employment to a great many men while building. As they will be built at once, every person in town will be helped by the money put in circulation. It is expected that every lady in town will buy a new Singer sewing machine from Thomson the agent at this place, and every gentleman will have a suit made to order at Thomson's; a fit guaranteed and prices lower than in the east. Thomson also has ladies' seal caps, ties and thousand things that your girl, wife, mother or mother-in-law will be glad to get for a Christmas present. Don't forget them.

Miss Ida Reinicke of the Leavings was married to Mr. Smith, of Missoula. Congratulations.

County Commissioner Wegner returned from Benton Thursday morning at 3 o'clock, being seventeen hours on the road.

The county commissioners have reduced the tax in this county for 1887, one mill; from 15 1/2 to 14 1/2, thus making it one mill less than the assessment in Lewis & Clarke county.