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SPRAY OF THE FALLS

While traveling south don't fail to get your dinner at Steve Spitzley's.

With the completion of the bridge, brisk competition in telegraph business may be looked for. The Western Union will string wires and establish an office on this side as soon as the bridge is finished.

General Superintendent Egan, of the Manitoba, arrived in a special this afternoon. Judge Greenleaf Clark, of the Manitoba railroad, came with him. Judge Clark is an eminent lawyer, and resides in Saint Paul.

About 100 men are employed on the railroad bridge. The end of the slide for the crib is about 50 yards from the bank.

Born—On Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gibson, a daughter.

Work was commenced on the railroad bridge today. About one hundred men will be employed, and the work pushed through. It looks as though Mr. Bairman's prediction, that it would be finished by January 1st is likely to be verified.

F. E. Ward of Chicago has spread his autograph at the Park.

E. W. Putnam of Crookston, Minnesota, flew in on the wings of the morning and is domiciled at the Park.

Walter Jones the skillful mechanic who put the Mansfield steam engine in position at the Tribune office and connected it with the press did the work well, and can be safely entrusted with machinery in general.

Central avenue presents a busy scene. Numbers of freight teams are coming in and unloading their freight.

Sheep men hereabout are still discussing the tariff.

W. J. Minar, Treasurer; S. H. McIntyre, county attorney; Al Hamilton, assessor and T. F. Healy, public administrator, all officers of Choteau county, are taking in the city today.

By the report of treasurer Minar of Choteau county, \$4,319.87 were collected by him as licenses during the last quarter. Great Falls contributed a goodly portion of the amount.

The near approach of the holidays is creating a demand for poultry that keeps the merchants of the cataract city busy. The meat markets are supplying their stores in anticipation of the brisk trade, and are quoting prices considerably lower than a year ago. Turkeys are sell-

ing at 15 cents and chickens at 12 1/2 cents per pound. When it is considered that the poultry is shipped from Saint Paul, the low price is a matter of congratulation, showing the superior facilities enjoyed by Great Falls over neighboring towns. Turkeys were even bought here lately for shipment to Benton.

Benton and Choteau county are not a little "stirred up" over one of the last acts of the board of county commissioners at their late meeting, discharging the under sheriff and all deputies, leaving sheriff Black alone in his glory. He is now the only peace officer in the county. This looks like a most remarkable proceeding.

Word has been received in town that Harry Patterson alias Wilbur, has been indicted by the grand jury at Cheyenne for the murder of McLehane in the Muskrat canyon several years ago. As he had been indicted already this is evidently a supplementary act to make the case stronger. It will be recalled that the prisoner was arrested here last summer and taken to Cheyenne.

Col. McLaughlin, conductor on the Montana Central has a good record as a good all-around collar-and-elbow wrestler. He formerly lived in Detroit, Michigan. His place on Woodward avenue, was considered the finest in the city. The colonel has never been defeated. His wrestling qualifications may come in useful in his present position.

Gooseman's freight teams came in today loaded with wheat for the Cataract mill.

Mr. Bairman, engineer in charge of the bridge construction says: The bridge will be what is known as the "Howard truss" style. There will be six wooden piers, supported by rock foundation. Work has already been commenced, and will be pushed through as rapidly as possible. Although no particular date has been set for its completion, the probabilities are that the bridge will be finished by January first.

Word comes from Benton that the Misses Johnstone are to be married to Jacob and B. L. Powers who are brothers. The brides are school teachers and much esteemed socially. Benton thus takes the lead on cupid's list.

Mr. Saulsbury, the veteran stage coach manager, has left town for San Francisco. He is greatly pleased with the change in the Billings route, and has ordered six large Concord coaches for the route.

The genial Sam Dodd has returned in good health after visiting friends in Saint Paul and along the route, for he has acquaintances all the way from Minot to Great Falls. It is reported that like

Armour, Sam has a corner in pork here, but unlike the Chicago packer he will not advance the price. It is stated on good authority that Sam Dodd has acquired the North Montana Company's ranch and will add dairy farming to his already extensive meat business.

The finishing touches are being put to the interior of the Central block.

The ice still continues firm, and teams are crossing daily.

P. Grady, the popular contractor on the Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, is here, accompanied by his bride. Mr. Grady is receiving the congratulations of his many friends in Great Falls.

There is a brisk demand for houses, and it would pay to erect a sufficient number to accommodate those desiring to rent.

Coming to the Front.

BALTIMORE, December 16.—The Manufacturers' Record this week will say that a few weeks ago George M. Pullman, Robert T. Lincoln, August Belmont, jr., and other capitalists visited the south. In letters the gentlemen all agree that the south will soon rival if not surpass, the north and west in the quantity and value of its products, and the enterprise and resources of its people.

Baseball in Winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—The Chicagoans defeated the Saint Louis Browns today by a score of 5 to 1. Carroll and Mullane were the battery for the Chicagoans and Bushing and Foutz for the Browns.

Fire in Saint Augustine.

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, December 16.—A fire originating in Hamblin's hardware store at Saint Augustine destroyed a number of buildings yesterday. Loss \$200,000; insurance \$60,000.

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

Taken from pastry room Park hotel on Thursday a Patent Lever English open face watch (gold.) Any party bringing watch to the hotel office will receive the above reward.

Blaine Calls on Carnot.

PARIS, December 16.—James G. Blaine and Levi P. Morton were received by president Carnot Wednesday. They were presented by minister McLane.

Gas in Colorado.

SANTA ANNA, Colorado, December 17.—In boring an artesian well in Fairview

six miles from here, yesterday, natural gas was struck in large quantity. When indications of gas were discovered, the workmen bored deeper, and after going six feet struck gas which burns strongly on emerging from the well. The digging still continues and the gas pressure is increasing.

Refused to Divide.

Mrs. Mason, of Sioux Falls, held a ticket which drew \$15,000 in a lottery recently. She was a member of a pool of ladies who purchased the ticket. She refused to divide, and the bank in which the money was placed was enjoined from paying it to Mrs. Mason. If the case should go to court the money would be confiscated for the school fund. They will likely compromise.

Austria Must Arm.

PESTH, December 17.—The Austrian press are unanimously of opinion that the article published in the Saint Petersburg official military gazette in relation to military preparations of the powers has greatly increased the seriousness of the situation. The Pester Lloyd says Austria must make military preparations involving large expense.

The Gallows Revived.

CHARLES CITY, Iowa, December 17.—Chester Bellows was hanged yesterday for the murder of his niece, Alice Waterman, on July 8, 1886. He was so weak that he had to be supported to the gallows, but protested his innocence to the last. His execution was the first judicial execution in Iowa since 1865.

They Prefer the United States.

OTTAWA, Ontario, December 17.—The number of emigrants arriving in Canada from January 1 to November 30 was 138,000 as compared with 309,000 for the same period last year. The number of passengers to the United States from Canada for the same period was 65,000.

Death of General Smith.

BALTIMORE, December 17.—General Samuel W. Smith, aged 86, died Thursday night in this city. He was formerly secretary of state and of the treasury.

Powderly Improving.

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, 17.—Powderly continues to improve slowly, but is still very weak. Rest and quiet will fully restore him.