

## NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The Boston & Montana Smelters Will be Kept Busy For a Year.

## NOTES ABOUT BUTTE'S MINES.

Rich Strikes Reported in the Iron Mountain—The Boston & Montana's New Stack Will be Finished Today.

All Ore Which They Have Heretofore Been Unable to Work Will be Crushed Up as Soon as the New Appliances are Ready.

BUTTE, March 25.—Those who have been apprehending that great harm would come to the camp from the removal of the Boston & Montana smelters to Great Falls have no immediate cause to fear. In the first place Superintendent Couch states that the Great Falls works will not be in operation for nearly a year. When they do get in operation he says that there will still be work for both of the present smelters to do for a year, while one of them will certainly be kept operating for an indefinite length of time. There will be a great deal of cleaning up to do. Owing to insufficient appliances in the past the company has been forced to throw on the dumps much ore containing copper. This must all be crushed as soon as the company's appliances are sufficient to handle it, as well as the high grade ore that is being steadily pulled out of the several mines. When asked if he would carry the smelter men now employed in Meaderville to Great Falls, the superintendent stated that he could not say, as the men were very migratory in their habits.

### The Secretary Stops the Payment.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The secretary of the treasury stopped the payment of the treasury draft for \$769,144, drawn in favor of the governor of Indiana, in settlement of the claim of that state under the direct tax act. This action is due to the discovery that there is an unsettled liability on the part of Indiana amounting to \$47,000, on account of old war claims, which liability was overlooked in the settlement of the state's account with the government. The matter will be settled for the present by paying the state all in excess of the amount in dispute, leaving that for future adjustment.

### Annapolis Naval Cadets.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 27.—Out of a class of fifty two naval academy cadets, about forty-seven, it is expected, will graduate in June. The honor of graduating at the head of the class is said to be between Cadets Frank B. Zahn of Pennsylvania, Henry G. Smith of Ohio and Horatio G. Gillmor of Wisconsin, all of whom were "star" members of the class the last term with Cadet Witt of Pennsylvania and Blamer of Iowa. Averages of the present term will not be made up till June, just before commencement exercises.

### The First Permit.

CHICAGO, March 28.—The first permit for the inspection of cattle for export to Europe under the new law just passed by congress, was issued today to Nelson Morris of Chicago. Morris received a dispatch this afternoon from Rusk, secretary of agriculture at Washington, announcing the fact. Information was also received showing the marvelous results of the inspection system, while yet in an imperfect operation before the passage of the new law.

### Commissioner Bloodgood's Decision.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 28.—Commissioner Bloodgood rendered his decision in the lottery case this noon holding Mr. and Mrs. Newbour and Bennie Hatting for bail and discharging Alfred Smith as a prisoner, but holding him as a witness. The Newbour's bail was fixed at \$5,000, Mrs. Newbour's bail was fixed at \$3,000 and Bennie's bail at \$3,000 and \$1,000 and Smith was held in \$3,000 bail to appear as a witness.

### To Fight for \$17,000.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 28.—The Astoria athletic club has raised a \$17,000 purse for a fight between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Hall. Fitzsimmons' backer, who is in Chicago, wired his acceptance of the offer. Hall, who is now in Portland, accepted the terms today. The date of the fight has not been decided, but it is to take place before August 1.

### From 12 to 15 Inches on the Level.

READING, Pa., March 28.—The snow-fall throughout this region today was six inches deep in this immediate vicinity and from twelve to fifteen inches on the level west of here, where the wind was blowing a hurricane. Tonight it turned into rain and the Schuylkill river, fed by melting snow, is rising.

### Death of the Third Case.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 28.—The third member of the Runke family case of trichinosis, the boy Edward, six years of age, died this morning, after suffering intensely. Mrs. Runke, the mother, is worse today and cannot live very much longer.

### Cattley Acquitted.

OMAHA, March 28.—Capt. Henry Cattley of the second infantry, tried on the charge of malingering at Pine Ridge, has been acquitted. General Brooke disapproves the finding and acquittal.

## IN FERTILE FLATHEAD.

Real Estate Rising in Value at Demersville.

Demersville, like the promised land, is hard to reach, but splendid when you once get there. Judging from some recent real estate deals one would naturally think her future very bright. A gentleman from Iowa came in to look at the Flathead country, and the morning following his arrival purchased a lot 50 foot front and 150 feet deep for the sum of \$500. Another man bought a lot at about the same time, 25 foot front and 150 feet deep, paying, it is said, \$750.

Whatever may be said of the town it certainly has splendid resources to back it. The Flathead country, as an agricultural district, cannot be surpassed in the West. The timbered lands, as good as exists anywhere in Montana, will afford material for extensive lumbering for years to come. The Great Northern railroad by next September will be able to furnish transportation to almost any part of the country. Congress, just before its adjournment, granted the Northern Pacific the right of way from Ravalli through the reservation to the foot of Flathead lake, from which point the Flathead country is easily accessible by boat. To the farmer of small means no place is more desirable.

One splendid feature about the country is the fact that no Chinamen are permitted in it. A couple of Celestials were brought in by the stage today, but had not time to look around and size up the town before a committee waited on them requesting that they leave town at once. On promising to leave on the first stage they were allowed to remain overnight.

Among other things that would assist in developing this splendid country might be mentioned a good stage line. When a man once makes this trip by stage from Ravalli here and gets back and finds himself all together he is satisfied to quit. Fourteen passengers on starting from Ravalli were promised good transportation. Two four-horse sleighs carried the crowd to the first dinner station, but on leaving there all the passengers and baggage were dumped into one sleigh. Think of fourteen full-grown men and women and the usual baggage for each being jammed into one 12-foot sled with only three seats to accommodate them. Well, the strain was too much and the sled soon gave way, obliging the driver to rustle up another, delaying the passengers for fully two and a half hours. At length everything was repaired and pulled out for the lake. The poor horses soon began to flag, and the passengers were compelled to walk at almost every little hill or grade over which they went. At last the lake was reached, just in time to be about thirty minutes too late for the boat. Alas! the boat had gone and the angry passengers stood at the landing using language not permissible in Sabbath school. However, all were provided with fair quarters for lodging until next morning. About 9 a. m. the passengers went to the landing expecting the boat in a very short time, as they had been informed it would be there by 10 o'clock, but to their sore disappointment the boat did not show up until 4:30 p. m.

On the arrival of the boat everything and everybody, including the passengers that started from Ravalli a day later, were soon on board and the little steamer, Tom Carter, was puffing away for Demersville. The river being frozen over, the boat could not get nearer than eighteen miles to Demersville. It was met by two stages. Here the jamming process was repeated. Fourteen passengers and their baggage were crowded on one, and ten passengers and their baggage on the other. However, candor compels one to say that the last part of the journey was better than the first and that the reception and sojourn of the passengers in Demersville was very pleasant indeed. The enterprising and thoughtful cannot fail to see the worth of this great and growing country. —Special correspondent Anacanda Standard.

### An Important Bill.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28.—One of the most important bills introduced in the present session of the general assembly was before the house today, it already having passed the senate. It involves 258,000 acres of so-called swamp land, part of which includes the territory upon which Brinkley, Forrest City, Corning and other towns are located, and if it becomes a law it will involve the Iron Mountain and Little Rock & Memphis railroads in costly litigation. The object of the bill is to protect purchasers of these lands, which were patented by the United States government to these railroads, but which the supreme court of this state recently decided to be the property of the state under the swamp land acts of congress of September 28, 1850, and of March 3, 1857. These lands have been sold by railroads to private individuals at from \$2 to \$10 an acre.

The bill proposes that all persons who have purchased land of this character from a railroad can obtain a clear title to it on payment to the state of 12½ cents per acre. Those who perfect their titles by payment of 12½ cents per acre will be entitled to recover the amounts paid to railroad companies, which aggregate nearly \$1,000,000.

### Results of the Snowstorm.

READING, Pa., March 28.—As a result of last night's snowstorm a large section of the country hereabouts is snow-bound today. Early this morning trains on the Wilmington & Northern railway which became stuck in seven feet of snow drifts near Waynsburg Junction, did not reach Reading till late this afternoon. A number of engines were used to get them out. Stages between Lancaster county towns and this city did not reach here at all today; the roads being filled up with drifts six to eight feet deep. The country west of Reading for twenty miles is covered with fifteen inches of snow. In Lebanon City there was a fall of from twelve to fifteen inches and communication by road in many places cut off. The mails are being sent on horseback. The melting snow is causing the Schuylkill river to rise.

### Police Investigations.

SOBIA, March 28.—The police are actively investigating the assassination of M. Balthoff, minister of finance, and thirty arrests have been made.

## HERE IS THE ROUTE.

The Great Northern Railway Will Follow It to the Pacific Coast.

The Contract for Part of the Road Has Already Been Let.

The Great Northern Will Get Possession of the Pacific Short Line.

Says the Minneapolis Tribune: "Just what will be the exact route to be followed by the extension of the Great Northern to the Pacific coast is no longer a matter of doubt, or, at least, a considerable portion of the distance is officially announced and the remainder, from Spokane westward, is practically decided upon. It turns out that during Col. Clough's recent visit to the coast, the survey for the extension from Ft. Assinaboine was filed at the Washington state land office. The document shows the route as leaving the main line at a point between Havre and Assinaboine, extending westerly through the Kootenai country to a point on the east fork of the Little Spokane river near its source, up that stream on the north bank on unsurveyed land for 20 miles and crossing to the west fork of the Little Spokane some 25 miles north of Spokane Falls.

The balance of the line has not been entirely surveyed, but the route is announced as follows: From the Spokane terminus the tracks will run across the Indian reservation, along the Columbia river to the Salmon river mining district, in a slightly northwestern direction, and from that section almost due west coastward, the Skagit pass being the probable outlet through the coast range, though another pass further south is under consideration and may be the one selected. At Ledro, of course, as is already known, connection will be made with the Westminister branch, and while Fairhaven will be held as an important terminus, the main outlet of the entire system over which the Great Northern has control will be at Seattle. That point is definitely decided and it is probable no change will be made in the extension as outlined.

The contract for fourteen miles of the road, commencing at the Pack river crossing in Kootenai county, Idaho, was let several weeks ago and the work is to be completed by July 1."

### HILL WILL GET IT.

The Pacific Short Line's Management Undoubtedly by the Great Northern.

Traffic Manager Mahoney of the Sioux City & Northern is regarded as one of the most genial railroad men in the west, and is always ready to give the interviewer the benefit of whatever news that can be offered to the public, when publicity is not likely to injure a deal's consummation. The Sioux City official arrived in St. Paul the other day and in a short time was holding a conference with freight managers of the Great Northern, as the latter road is known to be in a close arrangement with the line represented by Mr. Mahoney. During the absence of President J. J. Hill in Europe a report gained circulation that the Great Northern magnate had secured, or was about to secure, absolute control of the Pacific short line, but this report was strenuously denied by the local officials of the road and all knowledge of the deal disclaimed. Later, and despite protests to the contrary, another story came out to the effect that the Pacific short line was being managed by the traffic manager of the Sioux City & Northern, and the combination with Great Northern lines was only a matter of time.

That portion of the matter is now confirmed. The road has been built for 128 miles, extending from Sioux City to O'Neil, but the completion was deferred, owing to tightness in the money market and the difficulties encountered for that reason in floating bonds. Mr. Mahoney said yesterday that undoubtedly the line would be put through to Ogden, the objective point, at no distant day by the Sioux City capitalists who originated the plan, and arrangements perfected with the Great Northern on a close traffic basis.

This announcement is tantamount to an admission that the Pacific short line will become a distinctive branch of the Great Northern, and that its stock will be controlled by that system. Mr. Mahoney says the country traversed is not so thickly settled as yet, but the completion of the line and road traffic arrangements will make it a very important road in its section.

### The Western Extension.

TACOMA, March 26.—The topic of inspection of the proposed route of the Washington extension of the Union Pacific by General Dodge of Denver is more for the purpose, says a prominent local railroad man, of reaching a decision whether the Union Pacific will build the road alone or jointly with the Great Northern. Representing Jay Gould, General Dodge seems inclined to the opinion that the Union Pacific and Great Northern will build the road jointly.

Before leaving the city for Olympia he so expressed himself to a correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer. Provided the Great Northern is to join with the Union Pacific in this work, it is said President Hill of the former company will also make a personal inspection of every foot of the proposed route before the Great Northern guarantees its portion of the expense.

### The Markets.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Cattle slow and steady; natives, \$3.95@6; stockers, \$2.50@3.85; cows, bulls and heifers \$1.50@4.45. Sheep, steady; natives, \$4.62@5.25; westerns, \$4.50; lambs, \$6.

## THE MONTANA CIRCUIT.

Preparing for the July Meetings in Eastern Montana.

HELENA, March 27.—J. G. Ramsey, a prominent real-estate dealer of Glendive, was in the city yesterday. He reports good weather in that section and says the stock came through the winter in fine condition, and that the people expect a most prosperous season. The Glendive Fair and Sales association holds its annual meeting June 17 to 20 and offer \$2,500 in purses. The Montana circuit offers \$125,000 in purses and stakes, and the season opens at Glendive June 17 and continues for three days; Miles City is next, the fair beginning July 14; Deer Lodge, July 2; Missoula, 8; Anaconda, 13; Butte, 30; Great Falls, Aug. 17; Helena, Aug. 23 to 27. There will be sales of horses at Glendive June 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. The circular announcing the event says there will be buyers from all over the country, and parties horses for sale will do well to have them on hand for inspection. It is thought the Horse Fair and Sales association at Miles City, beginning June 24, will be the most successful yet held in that thriving town.

### A Famous Trial Probable.

FARGO, N. D., March 28.—From certain facts which have come to light within a day or so it seems possible that the trial of Joseph Remington for the murder of J. T. Flett at Arthur, may become one of the most famous trials in the United States. As the case at present stands it seems almost a foregone conclusion that it will be impossible to convince any jury of his innocence on the ground of insanity or any common plea. Hence it is almost a settled fact that the defense will be on the same line as that in the trial of Gabrielle Bompard at Paris last year, wherein it was claimed and so clearly proven a case of hypnotism that her accomplice was sentenced to hang, while she received a term of imprisonment. The theory in the Remington case it is understood will be that while he was hypnotized by a Minneapolis woman whose name has been so frequently mentioned since the arrest he murdered Agent Flett. Competent authorities who have visited Remington with this theory in view are said to be of the opinion that he is so constituted as to be easily liable to mesmeric influence. Should this line of defense be adopted it will probably be quite interesting to lawyers, as it will be the first one of the kind in the United States.

### Effecting a Settlement.

CINCINNATI, March 28.—The baseball delegates all left for home tonight. Their chief official action this afternoon was their ratification of the contract between Palmer O'Neil of the National League committee and A. L. Johnson, relating to the purchase of all capital stock of the Cincinnati baseball club. They also deposited money subject to the order of their Secretary and Treasurer, E. Young, to be paid to A. L. Johnson upon his compliance with the requirements of the contract. As to the restraining order issued by Judge Bates this afternoon, the delegates say it will only have the effect of preventing Young paying Johnson in full. Furthermore, they say that inasmuch, under advice of their legal counsel, the league has decided to guard the Prince and Wagner interest to the full extent of their investments. Their attorneys propose to have the injunction so modified that the Prince and Wagner claims can be guaranteed and assumed and Johnson can be paid.

### Shot Dead.

SOBIA, March 27.—This evening while Premier Stambuloff and M. Balthoff, minister of finance, who had been walking together, were about to enter their official residences, which adjoin each other, a man suddenly confronted them with a revolver and fired three shots point-blank at M. Balthoff, who fell dead. A crowd at once collected at the scene of the shooting. The murder, it is believed, has been part of a conspiracy to murder the premier.

### Big Failure in Ontario.

LONDON, Ont., March 27.—One of the biggest failures of late years in western Ontario is that of the wholesale dry goods house of John Birrell & Co., of this place, which is announced today. The liabilities are estimated at a quarter of a million and an offer of compromise at 45 cents on the dollar has been made. The assets are estimated at \$125,000. The creditors are old country firms and woolen factories in Canada.

### A G. A. R. Friend.

YANSTON, S. D., March 28.—An unknown friend to the G. A. R. has deposited with a bank in this city a check for \$500 to be the nucleus for a fund to build a hospital in connection with the state soldiers' home at Hot Springs. He refuses to reveal his identity. The G. A. R. appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the remainder of the fund.

### Thirteen Days Ahead of Time.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Coe Gayton, the actress who started from San Francisco seven months ago to walk to New York on a wager, arrived at the Ashland house at 6:25 tonight, thirteen days ahead of her time. She is said to have walked a distance of 3,395 miles in six months and twenty days and will receive for her trouble \$1,300.

### New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Burlington 78½; Northern Pacific, 27, preferred, 70½; Northwestern 103½; preferred, 130; St. Paul, 55½; preferred, 110; Manitoba, 107½; Omaha, 22; preferred, 80; Duluth, 23; Wisconsin Central, 19½; Great Northern preferred, 87½.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Markets were strong today. Flaxseed, \$1.20@1.25. Money Easy. NEW YORK, March 28.—Money easy, with no loans and clearing offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet and easy at 48½ for sixty-day bills and 48½ for demand.

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GREAT FALLS, having the greatest available water-power on the American continent, is destined to be the chief industrial city of the northwest. The Montana Smelting Company having erected a Silver-Lead Smelter costing \$1,000,000, now employs 800 men.

The Boston & Montana Consolidated Company has begun the construction of a Copper Smelter with extensive Refineries and facilities for the manufacture of Sheet Copper and Copper Wire, to cost \$2,500,000, and will employ within a year 1,000 men.

Ground has been selected and operations begun for the construction of the Butte & Boston Copper Smelting Works. At Great Falls soon will be in operation the largest Copper Smelting and Manufacturing Works in the United States.

GREAT FALLS is now the terminus of four railroads—the Great Northern, the Montana Central and the Great Falls and Sand Coulee line, now extended to mines of precious metals in the Belt mountains, and the Great Falls & Canada, connecting Great Falls with the great Coal Fields at Lethbridge, North West Territory, and with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

It is the Commercial Center of Northern Montana,

It has a population of over 6,000 and is growing rapidly. Enterprises now under way and to be inaugurated will greatly increase the population this year.

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