

entered upon Sunday morning...
Burkenbuel, a well-known ranch man, was in the city with a load of oats. He has about 20,000 pounds. His crop this year, he thought, amount to 750 bushels of oats and the bulk of the crop in the area. Of other ranches, he thought the following: Spence, 1,400; Powers, 1,000; Murray, 1,000; and the largest yields are to be from Mort Strong, who has 700 bushels and William Strong 500.

are being rapidly added. It is quite possible that a dynamo will be taken down today and it is hoped that this may be run by water power tomorrow evening. If nothing miscarries, the power will be turned on and the wheels set in motion tomorrow morning.

The ball which the German Beneficial society will shortly give promises to be one of the most pleasant social affairs given in the city. The music will be first class and complete arrangements will be made so that everyone who attends can have an enjoyable evening. It is set for next Saturday evening and will be given at the International hotel, on the corner of Third avenue south and Fifth street. Tickets may be obtained from members of the society.

A. M. Rowles, a Sun river ranchman, who sells garden truck in the city, was quite seriously injured last evening. He was driving past the Elm hotel, when, through a lurch in his wagon or some other accident, he fell from the seat of his wagon directly under the horses' heels. The front wheels of the wagon passed over his arm. This was badly bruised and he also has his injuries taken into the leg and his injuries, which are not considered dangerous, were attended to.

The work of building the new railroad shops progresses rapidly. A track has been laid to the grounds and quite a good deal of the material has arrived. The foundation is well under way and will in all probability appear above the ground today. The location of all the twenty stalls has been marked out. Any one examining it will realize the large proportions of a twenty stall round house.

The Democratic club of Sand Coulee is planning to give a dance in the near future and will endeavor to have a special train run from this city that all who wish may attend. Some well known democratic speakers will be invited to deliver an address on the issues of the day.

Spike Trainor and a man named McPete broke out of jail yesterday and have, so far as known, shown the city a clean pair of heels. Owing to repairs going on the cage is said to be somewhat sprung and as the door was only slightly fastened escape was easy.

The Great Falls football team returned last evening in a rather demoralized shape. They were again beaten by Sand Coulee, the score this time being 2 to 0. A motion is now on foot to consolidate the two teams and to play Lethbridge.

Mr. Bowie, who has been putting in place the machinery at the electric light power-house, expects to finish his work Saturday. About the first of next week he will move across the river and begin work on the smelter.

THE BENTON GROUP.
What Supt. Barker Says About It—A \$5,000 Car of Ore Going to Market.

Dave Barker, superintendent of the mining property at Neihart generally known as the "Benton group," is in the city, but will return this morning to Monarch, where the company has a car of ore waiting transportation to Helena. Mr. Barker will accompany the ore to the capital, where it will be sampled and sold to the highest bidder. The ore will run \$300 to the ton and it is safe to say the car will net the company over \$5,000. This ore was taken out during the last month in the prosecution of development work. Not a pound of ore has as yet been shipped from the mine. Mr. Barker informs us that he has started a tunnel lower down on the hill which will tap the Big Snowy several feet below the bottom of the mine, and while further developing the property will enable them to extract, in course of development, a large amount of rich ore. This tunnel will tap the lead in a few weeks. In all its workings the Big Snowy is looking as well as ever, and Supt. Barker is fully convinced that the "Benton group" will in the near future rank with the best mining properties in Montana.

THE NEIHART CELEBRATION.
It Will Be a Red Letter Day in the History of the Camp.

Mr. William Tierney of Neihart who came to town on Monday to make some arrangements with the railroad company in regard to the excursion to that lively camp, said last night that it would probably be held on or about November 15. He has arranged with Superintendent Johnson for that date unless something unforeseen should interfere.

The citizens of Neihart are all enthusiastic on the subject and will entertain the excursionists royally. Nearly one thousand dollars have been raised and no stone will be left unturned to make the day a magnificent success. There will be plenty of food for mind and body. Some prominent Montanians will be invited to speak and there will be no end of good things to eat and drink. Carriages will be provided gratis for all the excursionists from Great Falls, Helena, Butte and elsewhere who may desire to visit the mines. There will also be music that any who wish may trip the light fantastic.

An interesting feature of the day's exercises will be the driving of a silver spike in commemoration of the completion of the road. This spike will be made of silver taken from several different mines in the camp.

The people of Neihart, always hospitable, will surpass all former efforts on the day of the celebration, and do everything in their power to make it an unprecedented success. The business men of Great Falls should make a special effort to go and fraternize, as it were, with our neighbors in the future Leadville of Montana.

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THE MANN POSTOFFICE.
A New Story in Regard to Robbing the Mails—Who Was It.

It will be remembered that at the time Mrs. Barnum and her son were arrested for the robbery of the mails at the Mann postoffice the proof was considered so convincing as to be almost absolute. A different story with some facts that are new and some which are merely explanatory is now being circulated. Just what foundation it may have in fact it is impossible to judge, as it comes from interested parties. As, however, it maps out to a certain and probably limited extent the plan of the defense it is not without points of interest and is given for what it is worth.

To start with, the family is said to be not merely respectable, but highly cultivated and intelligent. The lady comes from some place in the south, where her family became impoverished during the war. Now it is said that when the inspector was tracing up the robbery Mrs. Barnum was all the while perfectly cognizant of his presence. And here the first doubts arise. Would a business woman of the defendant's shrewdness have opened and robbed a letter knowing that an inspector, looking for just such a doer, was within a few miles of her door? True, the marked bill was found in her possession, but that is also accounted for by the story. A strange man slept in the Barnum house on the night in question. His past and present whereabouts are alike unknown. His room was very near the letters. An Indian boy of that neighborhood is said to be willing to swear that when he left in the morning he paid for his night's accommodation with a \$2 bill, which was the identical marked bill.

Still another occurrence is cited. About two weeks ago, under the shadow of a rock, a man was detected opening some letters. Either from fear or other reasons he was not disturbed but when he left an examination was made and concealed beneath the rock about sixty opened letters were found. All were from the east and were stamped with dates differing in time only about three days. These, it is said, have been seen and duly noted by the inspector, who is quite puzzled thereby. Since their trouble the Barnums have been under surveillance and have had no access to the mails. The stage driver who stays over night at Mann's, takes the mails sacks to bed with him. So that with this latest robbery the Barnums could have no possible connection. From this the conclusion is drawn that the mails are being systematically robbed by a gang and that the postoffice authorities are yet far from the mark.

The tale is not wholly devoid of inconsistencies and fails to explain several important circumstances. In addition to this it comes from interested parties, and yet it is said to be a fact something not altogether undeserving credence.

A WORLD'S FAIR SCHEME.
Prof. Peter Clausen's Proposition to the State Commissioner—The New Opera House.

Prof. Peter Clausen of Minneapolis arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He comes to figure on the contract for painting the scenery and drop-curtains and doing the fresco work on the new opera house. The professor has painted the scenery in the Grand Forks opera house and the Grand and Lyceum of Minneapolis, with which latter two he has for some time been connected. For the fresco work he represents Lindman & McIvor, a Minneapolis firm. The exact character of the scenery can not as yet be detailed, but it will, he says, be of a character exceptionally fine.

Prof. Clausen besides his connection with the opera house painting has another string to his bow. He makes a proposition somewhat unique but at least sufficiently practical to merit careful consideration at the hands of Montana's world's fair commissioners.

To begin with he is said to be a scenic painter of no small celebrity. He had an exhibition at the Minneapolis exposition a panoramic series of views of the Great Northwest which made quite a hit. The canvass was about 150 feet in length and 800 feet was devoted to scenery about the Yellowstone.

The professor proposes working on a similar plan to paint a series of Montana views. About 800 feet would, he thinks, be sufficient. As these views are 12x25 feet this would make the number thirty-two. They would embrace in their subject matter the great mines, mountain scenes, smelters, water-falls, buildings, ranches or whatever else the commissioners might wish from various portions of the state. The whole would be put in panoramic form, taken to the World's fair and shown with Montana's exhibit. Some man acquainted with the state's resources and capable of so doing might be put in charge and would, as the panorama rolled past, explain the various views to the people. This could be carried at an expense of about \$8,000 and would give to the visiting public a most excellent idea of Montana's unrivaled greatness.

The gentleman stated that his views were all done with natural colors and by himself. Some of his theatrical work he has now with him at the Park hotel. He has seen Mr. Hershfield, one of Montana's commissioners, who, at the time he called, was unable to give him much time. Today he expects to call on T. E. Collins, one of the alternate commissioners. He is enthusiastic regarding Montana's scenery and expresses his delight at being in so charming a country.

The Burlington Road.
Mr. Edward Mann arrived in town yesterday afternoon and is stopping at the Milwaukee. He says the Burlington engineers, who have been encamped near his place for some time, have located the line down Otter creek to Belt creek and are now cross-sectioning the same. This must mean business for cross-sectioning is slow, laborious work and is not done unless the engineers have explicit orders from headquarters.

It is also reported that some of the head engineers have already made overtures to certain ranchmen on Otter creek in regard to a right-of-way through their property. If so the early construction of the road to Great Falls is a foregone conclusion.

Take dinner at the Milwaukee.

SAPPHIRE AND RUBY COMPANY.
A Strong English Company Formed to Work the Gem Mines of Montana.

A cablegram to the New York Herald says: A huge American enterprise to be launched in the coming week on the London market is the Sapphire and Ruby company of Montana, which will ask the public for \$2,522,000 on a declaration that that company will secure 4,000 acres in Montana, on the right bank of the Missouri river, about twelve miles northeast from Helena, "on lands to be acquired by the company."

It is asserted that 35,000 carats of sapphires and rubies now in London were "procured during a trial run of a machine separator which was put in to separate the gems from the gravel."

The prospectus gives an official report from Edwin W. Streeter, a gem expert, in which he says:

"Excepting only the South African diamond fields, I consider the sapphire and ruby mines of Montana to be the most important discovery of modern times."

The language of the prospectus is bound to create a sensation, and the announcement that all the company has to do is to set a machine to work on the gravel to have rubies and sapphires separated from the rubbish has already set mining experts buzzing in a lively way.

The mining men of Montana can judge from these statements the nature of this colossal scheme, which has among its founders the Duke of Leinster, the Marquis of Tweeddale, Sir Francis Knollys, secretary of the Prince of Wales; Sir Robert Morier, British ambassador to Russia; Earl Chesterfield, the Marquis of Bristol, Lord Suffield, Earl Mowbray, Lord Henry Bentinck, Earl De la Warr, Earl Clarendon, Sir James Whitehead, the Marquis of Breadalbane, Lord Chesham and a dozen of the most prominent men in England. The directors are Lord Chelmsford, Frederick H. Bowman, Sir Robert H. Collins, H. Mallaby Deeley, Milford Hallett, W. B. Gurney Littlewood, Horatio Steward and Edwin W. Streeter. The secretary is H. Moir and the brokers are C. H. Magniac, Gilbey and Sumner and Messrs. Hodding, King & Co.

ABOUND ABOUT THE COURTS.
A Suit of Large Dimensions—Poor Farm and Jail Contracts Let.

In the recorder's office was filed: A deed from F. Z. Henzlik to Mrs. S. G. Rice for lot 35, block 80 in Monarch, consideration \$165.

Wm. L. Martin to Houston & Johnson lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 6 in Cascade, consideration \$500.

A final receipt to N. J. Verge for 160 acres in section 8, township 19 north of range 4 east. The same property is then transferred to Geo. E. Foster and back to Jennie M. Verge.

A deed for right of way from A. P. Warren, Geo. F. Kules, Henry F. Stock and Alice S. Warren to the Montana Central, extending from north to south across the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 23, township 20 north of range 3 east, consideration \$450.

Also a right of way from Byron F. Strong of Dodge to the same extending across lot 2, section 19, township 18 north of range 1 east in Lewis and Clarke county, consideration \$77.02.

A deed from T. Leave to E. L. Williams for lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in block 12, Cascade, consideration \$1,500.

A patent to S. S. Hawkins for 100 acres in section 19, township 20 north of range 3 east.

A contract from the Townsite company to Anna Kukalus for lot 9, block 498, consideration \$200.

In the district clerk's office:

Final citizenship papers were issued to Frank Richard.

In the matter of the estate of J. S. Tod the hearing of the petition of the Great Falls Realty company, to compel the executors to convey lot 8, block 311, lots 8, 9 and 16 in block 19, as according to contract, to O. W. Toek and M. K. Freeman was set for hearing Nov. 21.

In the matter of the estate of Martin F. Tolbert the bond of E. B. Largent was approved and appraisers are to be appointed.

A marriage license is issued to August Hill and Mary Markkula of Sand Coulee.

Charles E. Beal proves up a timber claim located in section 11, township 19, north of range 5 east.

Walter E. Frederick, on a timber claim in section 12, township 19, north of range 5 east.

Edward P. Cadwell brings suit against Charles McIntyre, John B. Wilson, John W. Thomson, E. D. Hasting and J. W. McKnight on a note for \$42,520.00 bearing date May 8, 1901. The latter four are sued as securities and the matter in question is connected with the Crown Butte canal.

The commissioners met yesterday and held a special meeting. The contract for building an icehouse at the poor farm was let to F. A. Robbins at \$250; for building a stable and shed at the same place to J. C. McLean at \$598, and for building the North Great Falls jail to J. H. Buckingham, \$350.

In the clerk's office:

The following made final proof:

Albert G. Johnson, on a homestead claim, lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in section 22, and lot 3 in section 23, township 19, north of range 3 east.

Joseph S. Herring, pre-emption claim, the northeast quarter of section 35, township 19, north of range 3 east.

Sherman E. Berger, pre-emption claim, north half of the southeast quarter and east half of the southwest quarter of section 26, township 19, north of range 3 east.

W. M. F. Dawson, desert claim, northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 1, township 17, north of range 9 east.

Samuel Jones, desert claim, southwest quarter of section 31, township 18, north of range 10 east, and northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6, township 17, north of range 10 east.

Same on pre-emption claim, west half of the southeast quarter and southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 32, township 17, north of range 9 east.

David T. Wilson, timber claim adjoining his farm on Deep creek.

In the divorce suit of Nellie Wallace

vs. Charles S. Wallace default of defendant was noted and divorce and custody of minor child granted plaintiff.

In the habeas corpus proceedings of W. H. Halley vs. George Treat the defendant was ordered released. He was discovered several days since giving whisky to prisoners in the city jail. It was found, however, that the statute did not cover this offense.

T. W. Murphy vs. L. G. Phelps, decree of foreclosure and order of sale of the following property: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter and lot 1 in section 26, and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter in section 25 and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter in section 24, township 18 north, range 1 east. Amount of judgment, \$1,134.16; costs, \$125.

Bateman & Switzer vs. H. A. McClure, judgment on default for \$145.50 with costs.

In the matter of the estate of Geo. D. Wilson Sibyl E. Wilson asks letters of administration. Hearing October 24.

Charles Nelson brings suit against F. C. Kress. Complaint alleges contract by defendant to convey on June 1 lots 33, 34 and 35, block 81 of Monarch; states failure of obligation and asks damages in amount of \$125.

In the recorder's office were filed:

A deed from the Townsite to Valeria library for lot 14, block 252; consideration \$1.

Articles of incorporation by the Laura Lake Canal company. The purpose of the company is stated to be to hold real estate, dig ditches, build dikes and reservoirs; to purchase and sell water powers and town sites; to plant and grow trees, to own machinery, cattle, horses, sheep, etc. The company is capitalized at \$40,000 in 44,000 shares. Incorporators are Julius P. Bouscaren, John J. Ellis, Zachary T. Burton, Alexander Kerr and James K. Clark.

A deed from Annie E. Leach to M. McDonald for the east half of lot 2, blk. 126; consideration \$125.

OUT ON BAIL.
Judge Pemberton Admits Hickey, Kelly and Deeney to Bail in the Sum of \$10,000 Each.

BUTTE, Oct. 14.—Deeney, Hickey and Kelly, the three men bound to the district court, charged with the murder of W. J. Penrose, were admitted to bail by Judge Pemberton this afternoon in the sum of \$10,000 each. Judge Pemberton listened to arguments on both sides in the habeas corpus proceedings. The judge then said the only question for him to determine is, whether the evidence is proof of guilt, or whether the presumption is sufficient to raise a doubt in the mind. He realized that the killing of Penrose engendered a great amount of feeling, as it was a horrible and inexcusable assassination, startling the whole state. But the court should not be controlled in its duty by the enormity of the crime nor the passions and prejudices of the people. He finds no pretense that guilt is evident or positive, and it must be admitted that it is all circumstantial. He placed the bonds at \$10,000 each, and these were furnished in a few minutes.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Their Annual Session—Election of Officers and Banquet.

BUTTE, Oct. 14.—The fourth annual session of the grand commandery Knights Templar of Montana, convened at the Masonic temple this morning. The greater part of the day was devoted to the consideration and discussion of measures for the good of the order, and a number of committees were appointed to carry out the conclusions arrived at. Twenty delegates were present, representing the six subordinate lodges in the grand commandery. E. D. Neil, Jr., Rev. P. T. Webb and F. D. Jones represented Helena. At the afternoon session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Carl T. Peterson, R. E. G. C.; E. D. Aiken, V. E. D. G. C.; A. L. Babcock, E. A. G. G.; Edwin D. Neil, Jr., E. G. C.; F. T. Webb, E. G. P.; M. C. Biles, E. G. S. W.; Wm. B. Norton, E. G. J. W.; R. O. Hickman, E. G. treasurer; Cornelius Hodges, E. G. recorder; C. A. Lewar, E. G. st. bearer; Henri J. Haskell, E. G. sd. bearer; Wm. H. McCann, E. G. W.; A. L. Lane, E. G. S. The newly elected officers of the grand commandery were duly installed. Immediately following Montana commandery No. 8 of Butte took possession of the hall and gave an exemplification of the work in the order of the temple. The meeting lasted until nearly 11 o'clock, after which all the knights adjourned to the McDermott, where a grand collation awaited them, tendered by the Butte commandery.

The banquet was a brilliant affair and the spread one of the most elaborate ever prepared in Butte. Three tables through the entire length of the dining room were well loaded and handsomely decorated. There were 110 covers laid and nearly every one was represented. Twelve colored waiters were there to see that the sir knights got what they came for. Col. C. B. Nolan of Helena performed to the queen's taste the office of toastmaster.

The toasts as responded to were as follows: "The Grand Commandery of Montana," A. J. Davidson of Helena; "Early History of Masonry in Montana," Hon. Sam Word of Helena; "The Apron and the Cross," Charles H. Gould of Miles City; "The Christian Knight," Frederick T. Webb, of Helena; "Shall we Have Another Crusade," Cornelius Hodges of Helena; "Blue Lodge Masonry," J. H. Monteath of Butte; "Knight Templarism, Though Not a Religion, is Religion's Handmaid," P. R. Dolan of Butte; "Montana Commandery No. 3," M. C. Riley of Butte. Several other informal toasts were responded to and the party adjourned at a late hour.

After Sunday Newspapers.
PITTSBURG, Oct. 14.—The Sabbatarian society decided to inaugurate a war on Sunday newspapers. Capt. Wisbart, president of the Law and Order society, will have charge of the movement and next Saturday night will arrest the editors, reporters, compositors, and pressmen found working after midnight. If the papers are published Sunday morning carriers and newsboys will also be arrested. It is the intention also to arrest newspaper men if they begin to work Sunday night before 12 o'clock.

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