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CITY LOCAL NEWS.

For Christmas gifts consult the LEADER columns.

Mr. Elm, we are reliably informed, does not intend to rebuild at present.

Charley Wegner says that Bob and Jo are princes among the Montana caterers.

The tickets for the grand ball on Christmas eve at the Milwaukee house are going rapidly.

Mayor Gibson left for the capital by yesterday afternoon's Montana Central train. He will return today.

Wm. Cockrell, the clerk of the district court, left yesterday afternoon for a trip to his native state. He will return about the 10th of January.

The new board of County Commissioners met yesterday in Recorder King-wald's office. Messrs. Clingan and Hastie were present; Mr. Hanks being unable to attend.

At the meeting of the new board of County Commissioners yesterday, the County Treasurer's bond was raised from \$25,000 to \$75,000, and that of the sheriff from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

W. B. Foster, San Francisco; A. A. Prescott, E. C. Perret, Helena; H. J. Doherty, Grand Forks, Dakota; T. L. Gorham, Cascade, and J. T. Armstrong, Belt, are stopping at the Park hotel.

Judge Rolfe yesterday removed his office to his building immediately north of the First National Bank block, where he will be pleased to see his friends having legal business to transact.

Wonder if that well-known Corkonian knows the difference between Mr. Quess-nelle's late place, on corner of Third street and First avenue South and Mr. Elm's property, several hundred feet to the west?

The following are registered at the Milwaukee house: Joseph Raina, Indian Basin; G. W. Milligan, Spunta, Wis.; Daniel Elgie, Belt; John McGee and Geo. Meredith, Kibby; J. H. Seffred and daughter, Belt.

County Treasurer A. E. Dickerman most gladly filed his bond for additional \$50,000 besides his former bond of \$25,000, because it was such an irresistible evidence of the growth of his favorite city, Great Falls.

L. O. Leonard, Supt. of the Rocky Mountain Telegraph company, left for New York on the 14th, pursuant to arrangement as heretofore published in the LEADER to purchase wire and material for the contemplated extension of the lines of his company.

Jerry Quessnelle has commenced excavating for a substantial two story and basement brick building to take the place of his frame structure, recently destroyed by fire. Mr. Q. is one of our substantial-go-ahead citizens. His building will mark a new era in First avenue South architecture.

The townsie company yesterday sold Mr. Hezekiah S. Hallingsworth, of Colfax, Washington territory, lot 13 in block 371, for \$1,700.00. Mr. H. is the owner of the townsie of Colfax. He expresses himself well pleased with Great Falls and backs his belief by the above purchase.

The new county officers quietly took their seats yesterday afternoon. A year ago when Cascade county was new the duties were new and untried, now a large number of the officials have had experience in their several capacities and are well qualified to transact the business of a second term.

Mr. Charles M. Webster, the genial secretary of the townsie company, left by yesterday's Manitoba train for a brief visit to the East. He will spend his time chiefly in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago, and will return about the tenth of January. We wish him much pleasure on his well-earned vacation.

Mr. H. H. Chandler, Supt. of the Morrison and Woodhurst mine, Running Wolf district, came in from there on Saturday last. He reports fine weather, development work progressing in good shape, with excellent prospects. About 2,000 tons smelting ores on the dump and thousands of tons in sight.

Messrs. Hanks & McClelland, the rustling insurance agents, have received instructions from the Home Mutual Insurance company to adjust Mr. Quess-nelle's loss, which will be completed as soon as the proper papers come. Acting on their advice Mr. Q. is clearing the ground preparatory to rebuilding.

From Stamford.
Mr. P. Harrison is in town from Dubuque, a mile from Stamford, where the postoffice is. An office will probably be established at Dubuque at an early day. Mr. Harrison is on his way to Southern Utah, where he has valuable mining interests, which he will dispose of while absent and return in the spring. He has the LEADER sent him during his absence, that he may be kept posted in the progress of Great Falls and regions round about.

Dry Wolf Placers.
The Solid Six, composed of six or seven experienced miners are at work on Dry Wolf cutting bed rock sluices to work the placer mines of that district in the spring. They are spending large sums of money in their preparations and expect to realize handsomely from their investment.

Book Delivery.
E. H. Westover, agent for the National Publishing company, Chicago, will deliver the "Crown Jewels," "Earth, Sea and Sky," and "Campfire Chats," in Sun River and Fort Shaw this week.

Visiting the Coal Mines.

Prof. Morrison accompanied Mr. Begg, the traveling editor of the Pioneer Press with their car "Success," to the Sand Coulee coal mines yesterday morning. Mr. Begg was delighted with what he saw there. He expressed surprise at the vast improvements and developments made there since his visit in May last. The company's main entry has now over two miles of drifts, with good level tracks, well ironed. The air compressing machinery is a prominent feature in working the coal, as also the large drums now being erected for the ventilation of the mine. The tower shaft is simply perfect—the coal passing through the various screens into separate cars for different grades—there being actually no waste from the whole product of the coal. The output now is over two hundred tons per day, which will be increased as fast as room can be found for new miners.

The coal itself, it is apparent to every one who has personally examined it, cannot be excelled in quality in the Northwest. As more pressure is obtained by increased length of entry, the coal is found to be purer, denser and free from foreign matter.

The town of Sand Coulee now contains a population of over 300 souls, and is daily increasing. It is well laid out, the houses for the employees being new and very neat. A post office has been established there, with J. G. Anthony, postmaster and Mr. Roberts, of the firm of Anthony & Roberts, deputy. There are several stores, a livery stable, and other enterprises; also the company stores, butcher shop, etc., all doing a good business.

Let our citizens who have friends from the East or West calling upon them, make it a point to show them these wonderful measures of coal that they may see for themselves the inexhaustible stores of cheap fuel at our doors, which, with our illimitable and peerless water power, our mountains of iron and other ores, are destined to make Great Falls one of the leading manufacturing centers of the continent.

The County Commissioners.

The new board of county fathers is composed exclusively of young men, but everyone of them has made his mark in conducting his own business and is therefore the better qualified to manage the affairs of our county. Mr. E. R. Clingan, of Belt, has already had nearly a year's experience as Commissioner, having been appointed by the Probate Judge some time in January last. Mr. Clingan is a graduate of Iowa University and has a good knowledge of law, having studied law some years since and having been, we believe, admitted to the Iowa bar. His economical and careful management of county affairs has been noticeable the past year. Will Hanks is one of Great Falls' citizens. He was born in Ohio, where he learned the compositor's art. He resided for some time at Sun River where he started the "Sun." Becoming impressed with the advantage of Great Falls he removed here in 1885 and established the Tribune which he conducted ably and well. Since his sale of the paper a little over a year ago he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business, where he has been markedly successful. He has so far recovered from his recent accident as to be able to sit up and will in a short time be able to attend the meetings of the board. Mr. E. D. Hastie, of Sun River, M. T., is another successful business man. Mr. Hastie is a large real estate holder and, like the other Commissioners, pays a good sized annual tax. With the others he will be interested in economically managing the county affairs.

Another Old-Timer Gone.

The Butte Inter-Mountain chronicles the demise, about midnight of the 14th inst., of David Meiklejohn, sr., in his seventieth year, surrounded by surviving members of his family. He came to Montana in 1864 and has been a resident of Butte since 1866. The funeral took place Sunday 16th, from the residence of Jere Rouch. It was conducted by Rev. S. C. Blackiston. Deceased leaves seven children to mourn his loss. They are Mrs. John Noyes, Mrs. Jere Rouch, Mrs. George Watt, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Phelps, of Salt Lake, Miss Ellen Meiklejohn and Mr. Dave Meiklejohn, jr. With the exception of Mrs. Brown and Miss Ellen Meiklejohn, who are in Massachusetts, all the above were at the bedside.

The body was placed in a magnificent casket of rosewood, satin lined and with heavy triple-plate extension bars running nearly its full length. The whole mountings were an exact duplicate of those on the casket of the late General Sheridan.

The Spotted Horse.

At Maiden the developments of this fine ledge of gold bearing quartz is causing much excitement. The owner of the Spotted Horse has realized during the past month, and for over a year, an average of \$19,000 per month. We understand that Jay Gould has offered a large amount for the mine, but he has not yet come near enough to a million to induce the owners to sell.

The Term "Plurality."

A correspondent requests a definition of the words plurality and majority, as used in our election parlance. A candidate is said to have a plurality when he has received a higher number of votes than any other candidate. When he receives more than half the votes given all the candidates he is said to have received a majority.

An elegant line of Christmas cards at Laporte's.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Reported expressly for the LEADER by the Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company.)

John Bright Worse.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—John Bright has suffered a relapse.

Worked Splendidly.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—During the trial of (name) suit in a law court today, a photographer was introduced to reproduce letter and other papers. The instrument worked successfully.

Robbed the Wrong Train.
MEMPHIS, Dec. 17.—The officials of the Southern Express Company say their loss by the train robbery Saturday night near Duck Hill, Miss., will not exceed \$8,000. The train which followed had \$198,000 in the express car.

Pleaded not Guilty.
BUTTE, Dec. 17.—The Chinaman suspected of the murder of Braden was arraigned this morning. He gave his name as Ah Hen, and pleaded not guilty. He was then remanded to jail, and will probably have a preliminary trial tomorrow.

Eighty-First Anniversary.
DANVERS, Mass., Dec. 17.—John G. Whittier, the poet, today reached his eighty-first birthday. Many friends and neighbors called to pay their respects. A large number of congratulatory letters and telegrams were received. Whittier is in comparatively good health.

Fire in Helena.
HELENA, Dec. 17.—About 2 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in a building called the Northern Beer Hall and had gained such headway that it could not be suppressed. The building belongs to R. S. Hale and was occupied by Nick Blurock. Each will lose about \$2,500. The origin of the fire is attributed to be incendiary.

An Important Message.
BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A Salem special says, "Gen. Alger, of Michigan, passed through here Saturday on his way to Augusta, Maine, to meet Blaine. At Ipswich he sent a dispatch to Blaine asking him to meet him at the station that evening. It is understood that Alger comes direct from Harrison with an important message for Blaine."

One Body Found.

HELENA, Dec. 17.—On the 25th of last October, two fishermen of Helena, Theodore Meyer and Guillaume Jacoby, left this city to hunt and fish on the Missouri river. They took a boat and launched in the same day. Their craft was a narrow, flat-bottom boat, fitted with a rude sail, and did not go fast. The last seen of them was at noon, Oct. 25th. Two weeks later their boat was found in midstream, opposite Strub's Ferry, water-logged, and empty. It was evident it had capsized and the parties were drowned. Searching parties were formed but nothing could be found of them. Yesterday I. J. Webber, a miner of French Bar, while walking along the river shore, stopped on seeing his dog stop at a black object on the lee near the shore, the river being frozen about forty feet out. The object looked hairy like some dead animal, but on closer inspection it was found to be the head of a man. Webber dug away the ice and found the body standing erect and the feet resting on the rocks at the bottom. It is supposed the corpse floated down the river until the feet struck at this point, when the current raised it to an erect position and the head striking the ice at the surface remained in that attitude until the foot locked it in the position in which it was found. Webber came to town and informed Coroner Morris, who took with him Arthur Canning and Chas. Bennett. They returned last night. Bennett identified the body as that of Guillaume Jacoby, one of the unfortunate missing men. The body was not decomposed, the water and ice having preserved it. The face and hands were natural when the body was taken out of the water, but became discolored on exposure to the air. Friends of the deceased offered a reward of \$200 for the discovery of the two bodies.

Died on Saturday Last.

The Helena Herald of Saturday last chronicles the death of Hon. W. W. Randall in that city, where he was taken a short time since, for treatment at St. Peter's hospital. Deceased was aged about 55 years, a native of New York and for several years a resident of Great Falls, being interested in stock-raising. He was an able and experienced business man and a genial, cultured gentleman, favorably impressing all with whom he came in contact. He was a brother of former Postmaster General Randall and cousin of Hon. S. J. Randall, of Pa. The remains were taken east for interment at his old home in De-plaines, N. Y.

Mr. Thomson's New Act.

Our enterprising townsman and merchant, Mr. C. P. Thomson, is out again in flying colors with an announcement of the big bargains he has to offer the people of Great Falls during the few days preceding the holidays. Don't fail to see his elegant stock.

Sewing and Repairing.

Mrs. S. G. Rice, corner of Second avenue South and Sixth street, announces that she is now prepared to do all kinds of sewing, mending and repairing. Gentleman's clothing a specialty.

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