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The Closing Address in the Cronin Case is Made.

Joseph G. Dilman's Disappearance is Still in Doubt.

A Noted Old-Timer Gone to the Haven of Rest.

A Democrat Speaks.

HELENA, Dec. 13.—(Special to the LEADER.)—A democratic senator today said he would rather resign Monday or help organize the senate, that the republicans had treated the democrats well by not forcing them into the senate and that the democrats were beaten and might as well give up. The Big Four are discouraged.

Jim Hill and Engineer Fanning will examine the dam across Black Eagle falls the first of next week.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—On account of the illness of Mills, States Attorney Longnecker was obliged to make the closing address to the jury in the Cronin case.

He began by repelling the charge of the opposition, that the Cronin section of the Klan-gang had suborned a large amount of perjured testimony against the accused and said the most of the Klan-gang evidence was by members of the Mance Camp. He then took up and dwelt at length on the evidence against Beggs.

Mystery Unsolved.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Joseph G. Dilman, president of the Quaker city national bank remains unsolved. There is still considerable talk regarding Dilman's supposed financial difficulties. It was learned today that Dilman carried a \$140,000 life insurance.

Not Cooney.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Chief of Police Hubbard, when shown a dispatch from Dodgeville, Wis., stating that a man supposed to be Cooney had confessed, and that a detective would start with him for Chicago, pronounced it to be a canard. No corroborative evidence has been received here.

The Ice Broke.

PORT HURON, Ont., Dec. 13.—Last evening three children, belonging to very respectable families, two sons of Joseph Valleria and a son of R. M. Mitchell, went skating and have not been seen since. They undoubtedly broke through the ice and were drowned.

The London Strike.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The strike in the gas house of the South Metropolitan company is peaceable. Twelve hundred men engaged to take the strikers' places entered the works under an escort of police.

Depositions Safe.

AMILENE, Kas., Dec. 13.—Bank Examiner Griffith, of the U. S. treasury, took charge of the suspended First National bank here today. He authorizes the statement that the assets will pay the depositions in full.

An Old Timer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Thos. Baker, a well known citizen, died yesterday, aged 83. He was one of those who drew Lafayette's carriage into Washington from Baltimore in 1824.

No Denial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Dr. Louis Padrich, a tottering old man of 72 years, was held today on the charge of repeatedly raping two 12-year old girls. He made no attempt to deny the charge.

Don Pedro Better.

LENOX, Dec. 13.—Don Pedro, who has been indisposed for several days, is better.

Bar Silver.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Bar silver 95 1/2.

Music in Chicago.

The new opera house which Chicago calls the Auditorium is one of the hand-somest in the world. Its stage is spacious and magnificently appointed, equal to the production of even Wagner's masterpieces. The Auditorium is so stately a structure that it deserves mention as a landmark in the history of American culture.

Chicago will make, this winter, the experiment of having an Italian opera season of her own. A company of singers will come direct from Europe. They will not so much as stop over night in New York, but will go at once to Chicago to begin their engagement. New York has no part or parcel in them, and this is matter for special self gratulation to Chicago.

If Chicago can resuscitate Italian opera in this country, she will be doing what New York could not or would not do, and is indeed to be congratulated. But if the great western city is doing so much for music, why is there not a Chicago orchestra? Music, like charity, begins at home.

If you want to make your city, town, village or neighborhood moral, clean it up. Drain the ground, make solid, slightly streets, keep them clean and plant them with shade trees. Provide abundance of water, and see that it is used accordingly. If tramps and beggars could be induced to take a bath once a week they would cease to be tramps and beggars. When new houses are built take interest enough in your neighbors to lay before them the best plans for sanitation, also for handsome architecture. A pretty house costs not a cent more than an ugly one. Start a reading club for rich and poor, a place where newspapers, magazines and current books can be had free. It will not cost much if you are in earnest in the matter. Would men who are not yet confirmed drunkards spend their evenings in saloons if they had a clean, respectable place to go where they could find the newspapers and a welcome?

Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell, has been abroad this season and seen some things worth noting. Constantinople he found to occupy the most noble site of any city on the globe, yet so filthily and tumbledown was it, so wretchedly paved and sewerage, so rotten and antiquated were its quays, that he knew of only one city that could equal it in these respects. That city was New York, in his own country. Yet it is a fact that New York is by no means the dirtiest or worst paved city in America. In fact, there are not in the whole country more than three cities that are any better. When we are inclined to glorify ourselves over our great country, it will be worth while to remember that our streets and sewers are worse than those of Constantinople, the meanest, dirtiest city in Europe.

Boxing matches among gentlemen will probably go out of fashion in England now, because the London authorities have decided to prohibit them. To be in fashion Americans will have to stop prize fights, too.

Spain has a line of ships to Mexico, also to the Argentine Republic. The United States has not even a line between New Orleans and Vera Cruz. What is the matter with us, anyway?

Women have had full suffrage in Wyoming for twenty years, and the people have incorporated that feature into their state constitution by a majority of 8 to 1.

The Knights of Labor have put themselves on record as opposed to a general strike, May 1, 1900, to secure the eight hours working day. They think the strike should be confined only to such trades as are in condition to maintain it.

Letters From the People.

About the Prosperous Ranches Along Little Otter Creek.

And the Old and New Settlers Westward From Kibby.

They are all Content and Rejoice in the Plenty of the Land.

Letter From Kibby.

EDITOR GREAT FALLS LEADER: In my last communication to your esteemed paper I gave some of the improvements made during the past season east of Little Otter creek. On Little Otter they are mostly old settlers but show a spirit of enterprise. John Stone, John Ober, T. A. Wall and John Croft all show additions to their homes and marked improvements on their ranches in the way of fencing, corrals and breaking for the coming season. John Geisey has made an addition to his band of stock during the past week of 180 head of horned cattle purchased in Gallatin valley where they have suffered somewhat from drouth the past season. A good many look thin, but as Mr. Geisey has straw from 100 acres and some 200 tons of hay on hand they are not likely to go hungry this winter.

As we go west from Kibby and begin to ascend the summit between Little Otter and Belt, marked changes again meet the eye. Briggs and O'Kernan are ranchers but everything about their homes indicate that they will be looking for help natives in the near future. They are natives of Sweden; emigrated to this country when boys; made their stake in mining; have sworn allegiance to Uncle Sam and are full fledged republicans.

A short distance further on we find Ortmann, Rich, Gallan and on the very summit, Henry Johnson—all boasting of good crops of stock growing and in fine condition. H. Johnson last year raised a crop of oats bearing forty bushels to the acre. Montana, in the vicinity of Kibby, can beat the world and only takes such moisture as nature gives from her bounty.

As we leave the summit and go west, new settlers are seen on every hand. Some came early in the season, some came late, but all with whom I conversed expressed themselves very emphatically as being well pleased with Montana, the climate, water and general productivity. They have followed Horace Greeley's advice. They have no regret but are satisfied to remain, to conform to Montana's ways and customs and make for themselves a home in view of the time when old age begins to tell upon youthful vigor.

A mile farther on we stopped at Mr. Hall's, who came in two years ago and engaged in ranching and the raising of blooded Pole Angus cattle and I must say that a finer herd cannot be found in any country. They show Mr. Hall's untiring care while thrift and health abounds on every hand.

A little distance and we came to Kibby's ranch. They are new comers, but with a large family the improvements which they have made are surprising even to an old settler. Night overtook us and we pulled rein at Mr. Ogden's and received a right hearty welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden and daughter Mand are from Michigan. Mr. Ogden is approaching the age of sixty, yet healthy and hale he has finished off a fine house and made other improvements which show that he has not been idle during the past season. I spent a most happy evening and in the morning called on Nathan Wilson and wife. Last spring Mr. Wilson while hunting a location to settle on, staid overnight with your correspondent. At that time he looked as if he had come to Montana to be planted, weighing then only about 120 pounds. As he expressed himself, "When I left my home in Michigan, I had my wife and children good bye having but little hopes of ever seeing them again on earth." What a change! His health is improved, his weight is now 180 pounds—a strong and vigorous man. He has built a new house,

broke and fenced 20 acres and sowed the same to wheat. He said that before he could get the fencing and put it up, the range cattle got in and cropped it off close to the ground twice and yet if my memory serves me right he had 25 bushels per acre, threshers measure. He and his wife are highly intelligent and an ornament to any community. If any poor, discouraged pilgrim comes along, you can refer him to Nathan Wilson and he will recount what Montana has done for him.

Proceeding east I came to the base of the bench land. Among old settlers are the Gallagher boys and the old gentleman Nelson. They settled at an early day and have choice locations. They show the finest potatoes I have seen this year with a yield estimated at 200 bushels per acre, which is good for a dry season. They find a market in Nebraska, eighteen miles south at three cents per pound. They have some 300 head of cattle and any of the steers are as fat as stall fed cattle in the east, on nothing but Montana bunch grass. At the present time there is but little snow to be seen except on the north side of hills and in deep crevices and the stock men all agree that their cattle are gaining in flesh every day.

Going up on to the bench I was surprised, for in the head of every coulee was a house and a family and I was ready to agree with J. C. Hunsly, the wheel-horse of the democracy, that this section who said, "no wonder Montana went republican, for every coulee contained a pilgrim and every son-of-a-gun was sure to vote a straight republican ticket." One thing is certain, they are mostly men of means, have come to stay and are just such settlers as Montana wants. To mention them all personally would fill a column. It was noticed that they all seemed well pleased with their change and not one but that spoke in praise of Montana's soil and climate.

As I passed Ford's Coulee I could not refrain from calling upon Arthur Ford, brother of our ex-superintendent of public schools. I found him at home with the latch string on the outside. Genial and pleasant he leads a life of contentment with 100 acres enclosed with a good fence and literally covered with calves that are being weaned from their mothers on the range. If he is not a happy man his hearty laugh gives the lie to the words.

After bidding my friend Ford goodbye, the next call was on Oscar Swanson, who is a native of Sweden and a live, wide-awake man. Though a last spring's crop of oats he has built houses and barns, raised a good crop of seed, fenced 100 acres and in appreciation of his services and fitness, our county fathers have appointed him road supervisor of district No. 10, Kibby.

A refreshing friend Swanson and estimate his lady farwells, my next call was on the cattle kings, Henderleider and Bundy. They are located in a coulee with high hills or mountains on every side. There is no time in the winter, the snow be what it may, but the one of the other of the mountains is free from snow and as they are covered with a big growth of grass here is one success in cattle raising. They raise all the grain they want for feed and have for sale about \$800 worth a year and I can say for old settlers that their hospitals and good old Montana sayings and phrases can't be beat. As night came on I pursued my way, tired and weary, to rest in the enjoyment of "Home, Sweet Home."

Kibby, Dec. 11. ERL.

The Loan Exhibition.

The arrangements for the opening of our exhibition are nearly completed. At 2 o'clock on Tuesday next, the formal opening will take place; prominent citizens have consented to take part and a musical program is being prepared.

A surprisingly large number of contributions have been received and the variety is far beyond expectation. The committee are desirous that every body should have the privilege of inspecting this first collection of such articles exhibited in Great Falls, hence it has been decided to place the entrance fee within the reach of all; 25 cts. only will be charged and 15 cts. under twelve years old.

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