

# A TALK WITH ALEX

## HE SHEDS LIGHT ON INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

**Expose of Haskell's Ruling Against the Orphans' Home—Rossiter on the American Flag—Some Matters Which the Metropolitan Press Overlooked—Metzel's Work.**

Senator Metzel, who left for his home Saturday, was seen by a MADISONIAN reporter the evening before his departure. He told of legislative incidents which the metropolitan press did not see fit to publish, for reason's best known to themselves, and which makes interesting reading.

The senator claims that the orphans' home at Twin Bridges was designed by the lawmakers to be the place of refuge for homeless children, of all sorts and conditions, Attorney General Haskell to the contrary notwithstanding. Some time last fall, it will be remembered, the despicable attorney general made a ruling to the effect that no children could find refuge in the home, save those who had no near relatives living. At that time about 60 little unfortunates were comfortably housed there, two-thirds of whom were turned out by the unjust ruling of the attorney general, and Senator Metzel has it from the best authority that Haskell made this ruling, not because he thought it was right from a legal standpoint, but because the state was short of funds, and he wanted to reduce expenses.

Speaking of Representative Rossiter the senator repeated a remark made by the Sheridan representative which ought to go down into history. It was at the time when the legislative mountain labored and brought forth the flag bill mouse, which consumed so much valuable time without result. Rossiter was disgusted. He met Metzel and said "all this talk about the American flag makes me sick. I would say that if any man interfered with the stars and stripes to shoot the traitor on the spot."

The senator, always gallant, was not, however, in favor of female suffrage. When the bill came up a lady lobbyist had button-holed him and had talked to him about the benefits that would result from its passage, when he said to her:

"You are waisting your sweetness on desert air. No use for you to talk to me."

"Why?" she asked.

"Well, you are married."

"Yes, I am," she replied and departed without saying another word. But the next day she returned with nine young ladies whose especial duty it was to see that the senator from Madison voted their way on the bill. But he could not do anything for them.

Mr. Metzel states that Will Orr, the rising young veterinary surgeon of Dillon, was the choice of the state board of stock commissioners for state veterinary but through the double dealing of the president and minority of the board Mr. Orr did not receive the appointment.

Among the measures which Senator Metzel was instrumental in the adoption of was an amendment to the revenue laws which reduces the license of such concerns as the Southern Montana Telegraph company from \$300 per year to \$5 per instrument per quarter; the orphans' home appropriations of about \$22,000, including deficit; an amendment repealing the license imposed on stallions, bulls and jacks kept for the purpose of propagating; requiring public documents to be published in uniform size; relating to auctioneers; forbidding discrimination in charges of by corporations fulfilling public functions; regulating charges for filing papers with county clerk, as follows:

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For first folio	\$ 30
For each subsequent folio or fraction thereof	15
For each entry in index	10
For certificate that such instrument has been filed and recorded, with seal affixed	50
For searching any index, record or files of the office, for each year, when required, in abstracting or otherwise	15
For abstract of title, when required made from original records and files, for each conveyance, incumbrance, or other instrument affecting title	50
For a copy of any record or paper, for each folio	15
For filing and recording each declaratory statement of location of quartz or placer mining claim, mill site claim, or no-	

For filing and indexing each chattel, writ of attachment, execution, certificate of sale, lien or other instrument required by law to be filed and indexed	1 00
For issuing marriage license and recording certificate of marriage, on return, including indexing, all to be paid for at time at issuing license	2 00
For recording and platting each townsite or map, for each lot up to and including 100	25
For each additional lot in excess of 100	05
For recording the field notes of survey of any townsite, per folio	20
For filing, recording and indexing each affidavit of annual labor on mining claim, for each claim named therein	1 00
For filing and indexing each certificate of incorporation, or annual statement of any incorporation	1 00
For each entry of discharge or satisfaction of mortgage, lien or other instrument, on the margin of the record thereof, or upon the original instrument, and noting same in index	25
For administering an oath, with certificate and seal	50
For taking and certifying an acknowledgment, with seal affixed, for first signature thereto	50
For each additional signature thereto	50
For filing and entering each affidavit for renewal of chattel mortgage	50
For filing and indexing each affidavit of butcher, of brands of cattle slaughtered	50
For recording and indexing transcripts in estray and lost property cases	1 00
For filing or recording, or indexing, any other instrument not herein expressly provided for, the same fee as hereinbefore provided for a similar service.	

His bill, providing for the appointment of a meat inspector in cities having a population of 10,000 and over, passed the senate but was defeated in the house.

### R. O. HICKMAN BETTER.

#### The Doctors Now Have Hopes of His Ultimate Recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson returned yesterday from Chicago. They bring very encouraging reports as to the condition of Mrs. Thompson's father, State Land Agent R. O. Hickman, who has been in a hospital there for some time being treated for sarcoma of the shoulder. A few weeks ago Mr. Hickman's condition was extremely critical, but about two weeks ago a change for the better occurred and he has been improving since. The change is probably due to the use of anti-toxine, which is injected into Mr. Hickman's shoulder once a day. The operation causes a great deal of suffering, but under it Mr. Hickman seems to be getting better. He is still quite weak, being confined to his bed all the time. Mr. Hickman is more cheerful than he has been for some time; he is bearing up bravely under the intense suffering, and his physicians now believe that his recovery is probable. This will be welcome news to Mr. Hickman's many friends in Montana who had almost given him up.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are glad to return to Montana although the weather just now is colder than it was in Chicago when they left. They are residing at 17 South Rodney street.—Independent.

#### Cord Wood Wanted.

The MADISONIAN desires 60 cords of wood, at \$5.50 per cord. This offer is good only to subscribers in arrears. And for every dollar credited on our books in this manner we will purchase one dollar's worth of wood from the payee for which we will pay cash. That is to say if you owe us \$11 on subscription bring us four cords of wood, we will credit your subscription account with \$11, give you a receipt in full and in order to even up matters and show you our heart is in the right place, will buy two additional cords from you, paying therefor in cash.

Get shaved Saturday. New barber law.

Grain fed beef is a luxury. Ben James has just purchased a bunch of grain fed steers, which he is now retailing. Try it, and you will not regret it. 21-2

### SEED! SEED!

Grass seed, Alfalfa, Red Clover White Clover, and Timothy. Seed for sale by

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Administrator's sale.

Remember the sale of the Collins ranch, near Laurin, Saturday, March 30. Best stock and farm ranch in the county. A bargain for somebody. Terms of sale made known at sale.

# AN UGLY RUMOR

## THAT THE GAYLORD SMELTER WILL NOT BE BUILT.

**In Consequence of a Deal Between the Anaconda and Parrot Companies—A French Syndicate Said to be Interested.**

And now comes the startling rumor of a deal, which if consummated will be the death blow to the new town of Gaylord. In speaking of the rumored deal the Butte Inter Mountain of last Wednesday said that the fact that the Parrot company has not yet let the contract for the construction of the big ditch to convey water from the Jefferson river to the contemplated plant near Whitehall has given rise to the rumor that a deal will be shortly consummated by which the whole Parrot plant, with all the properties of that company, will be transferred to the management of the Anaconda company. It is said by some that negotiations of some kind have been in progress for several weeks for the transfer of the Parrot properties, but it has been hinted that the deal was being made with a syndicate of French capitalists who have been anxious for a long time to obtain control of a number of good copper properties.

Superintendent R. D. Grant of the Parrot, is now visiting in the east, and Manager Gaylord is not inclined to discuss the matter. It is believed, however, that there is something in the rumor. The Anaconda mine has recently made many purchases of copper properties in this district. Even with all the ore obtained from the Anaconda and syndicate mines and the properties under lease to private individuals, it is known that not enough ore is mined to keep much more than one-half of the mammoth plant of the lower works in operation. With the Anaconda and syndicate properties and the Poulin group running at full blast, the company would have an abundant supply of copper to keep the smelter running all the year round.

The Parrot people during the good old days of Republican prosperity used a large quantity of the copper mined in Butte in the manufacture of goods at the Ansonia factory which is owned by the directors of the company. The depression existing throughout the country during the past two years has rendered this business so unprofitable, however, that the factory has been closed down a good portion of the time or restricted in its operations. It is thought that this fact has had something to do with the present negotiations.

Should the transfer be made as rumored it is not likely that the new smelter will be erected.

The Parrot company has three properties in Butte which have been developed, and a number of others upon which very little development work has been done. The Parrot mine is the main producer of the company, although the Moscow is said to be beginning to show up equally as well. The Little Minah was extensively developed up to two years ago, but work temporarily suspended, owing, it is said, to a failure to find any high grade ore. It contains, however, great bodies of low grade ore, which could be very profitably handled by the Anaconda people, whose railroad runs across the property.

All parties alleged to be interested in the deal deny all knowledge of it, and time alone will tell what foundation there is for the rumors now in circulation.

### GAYLORD DENIES IT.

**The Contract Let For Grading the Big Ditch.**

The contract for the construction of the Parrot mining company's great ditch was let yesterday morning by the Parrot company to Winters, Parsons & Boomer of this city, according to the Butte Miner of the 20th. The ditch will be 18 miles in length, from 15 to 30 feet wide and be five feet deep. It is for the purpose of conveying water from the Jefferson river to the site of the new smelter to be erected by the Parrot company five miles from Whitehall in a few months and will be an enterprise of considerable magnitude. The work will be commenced about April 1 and it is thought that about five months' time will be required to complete it.

About forty bids were submitted for the work, but that of the successful firm was the lowest. The bids came from all parts of the country.

A rumor was circulated in the city yesterday to the effect that the Anaconda company intended to purchase the Parrot company's possessions, but when asked with reference to it last evening Mr. Gaylord, general manager for the Parrot company, stated that he had heard nothing of such a proposition.

New Implements, harness, and grass seed. Dillon Implement Company.

### Administrator's Sale.

Remember the sale of the Collins ranch, near Laurin, Saturday, March 30. Best stock and farm ranch in the county. A bargain for somebody. Terms of sale made known at sale.

### The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

#### NOTICE.

##### Bids Wanted For Care Of County Poor.

Bids will be received by the board of county commissioners of Madison county for the care of and keeping the poor of the county, upon the "poor farm" (heretofore known as the Rodgers farm) near the mouth of Alder Gulch, for the year ending March 1, 1896. Bids may be made, either for leasing said farm and for keeping and maintaining the county poor thereon, per capita, by the week or month, including all expenses for food and clothing, and all expenses of burial, should any deaths occur, or for services as manager of such farm, for said year, the county to furnish all necessary provisions and clothing and pay all necessary expenses; the latter proposition being intended to cover a salary as manager only.

All bids must be in writing, and be filed with the county clerk on or before 10 o'clock a. m. of Monday, April first, 1895, at which hour and day all bids will be opened and passed upon by the board, at a special session to be held for that purpose. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the board of commissioners, BARCLAY JONES, Clerk.

#### To whom It May Concern.

To August Rastan. You are hereby notified that I have expended during the year 1890, one hundred (\$100) dollars in labor and improvements upon the "Picard" quartz lode claim, situated in Rabbit mining district, Madison county, State of Montana, of which you are a co-owner, in order to hold said claim under the provisions of section 2324 of the revised statutes of the United States, and the amendments thereto, being the amount required to hold said claim for the period ending on the 31st day of December, 1890. That from 1890, the said claim has been represented in full each year. And if, within ninety (90) days after the publication of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditures as such co-owner, to-wit: one-third (1/3) hereof, namely, \$33.33 1/3 thirty-three dollars and thirty-three and a third cents, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscriber, your co-owner, who has made the required expenditure according to the terms of said section.

HENRY MATHIAS  
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#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of sale made and entered by the District Court of the 5th Judicial dist. of the state of Montana in and for the County of Madison, on the 26th day of February, A. D. 1895, in the matter of the estate of Lockwood M. Todd, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will sell at public auction, subject to confirmation by said court, the following described real property to-wit: The east two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of lot numbered twenty-three (23) and the whole of lot numbered twenty-four (24) in block numbered one hundred and ninety (190) of the townsite of the City of Virginia, County of Madison, State of Montana.

And also personal property consisting of household furniture. Said sale will be made at 10 a. m. on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1895, at the residence of deceased in the City of Virginia. JULIAN A. KNIGHT, Administrator of the estate of Lockwood M. Todd, deceased.  
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#### Notices.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of sale made and entered by the district court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Montana in and for the County of Madison on the 26th day of February, A. D. 1895, in the matter of the estate of John S. Bartruff, deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will sell at public auction, subject to confirmation by said court, the following described real property to-wit:

Lots numbered one (1) two (2) and three (3) in block numbered two-hundred (200) of the townsite of the City of Virginia, County of Madison and State of Montana.

Also, at either private or public sale, personal property consisting of household goods, an old cabin and some tools. The above sale will be made at 2 p. m. on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1895 at the residence of deceased in the City of Virginia. JULIAN A. KNIGHT, Administrator of the estate of John S. Bartruff, deceased.  
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