

COUNTY AFFAIRS

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, in Special Session April 25, 1895—The Poor Farm Contract Let.

FIRST DAY—April 1st.

The board of county commissioners of Madison County met in special session at the office of the county clerk of said county, on Monday, April 1st, 1895, pursuant to published notice, for the purpose of receiving and passing upon bids for the management of the poor farm and care of the county poor, for the year ending March 1st, 1896. Present E. F. Johnson, J. S. Crisman and George Copp commissioners, and Barclay Jones, clerk.

Board was called to order by the chairman at 10 o'clock a. m. and at once proceeded to open and examine the bids on file relating to the poor farm and the care of the county poor, when the following offers were found to have been made, viz:

J. H. Monckton offers to take charge of the poor farm and care for the poor thereon, with the privilege of keeping ten head of his own live stock on the farm, at a salary of \$35 per month, the county to pay all expenses and furnish everything for the convenience of the farm.

W. A. Parkinson and wife offer to take charge of the poor farm as manager and matron, for \$125 per month, the county to pay all expenses for provisions and clothing for the county poor.

G. L. Shewmaker offers to manage the poor farm, his wife to act as matron, for a salary of \$600 per annum, and also offers the use of his team and harness and two cows, for use upon the farm.

P. P. Gould offers to superintend and manage the poor farm for \$50 per month and board, or for \$65 per month and board himself.

N. Brisette offers to manage the poor farm, his wife to act as matron, from April 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896, at a salary of \$42.50 per month, the county to pay all expenses.

A. T. Rodgers offers to take charge of and manage the poor farm, care for the county poor, furnish team or teams, wagons, all farming implements and machinery required to plant and harvest all crops grown on the farm, his wife to act as matron and assist in the house work; the county to pay for all provisions, clothing, burial and other expenses necessary, including help, if required, in harvesting and haying, both in the house and field; all for the sum of \$100 per month for year ending March 1st, 1896.

All of which bids were carefully considered by the board; and it appearing that nearly all of said bids contemplate the furnishing and equipment of the poor farm with teams, wagons, machinery, household goods and furniture by the county, which would necessitate a heavy outlay of money, the board believing that the acceptance of any of said offers would not be advantageous to the county thereupon rejected each and all of said bids.

In order that some arrangements might be made for utilizing the poor farm as a home for the county poor, the board made a proposition to A. T. Rodgers, to take charge of and manage and give all of his time to working the poor farm, to furnish all teams, wagons, implements and machinery necessary to properly plant and harvest all crops grown thereon, under the direction of the board; to care for all county poor that the commissioners may see fit to place upon said farm, his wife to act as matron and assist in the work and management of the household; the county to furnish all provisions and clothing necessary for the use of the county poor, and also to furnish such help in the house and field as may be absolutely necessary, and pay him therefor at the rate of \$1,000 per annum for the year ending March 1st, 1896. Which proposition was taken under advisement by Mr. Rodgers, and the board adjourned to 9 a. m. of Tuesday the 2d, instant.

SECOND DAY—April 2.

Board met pursuant to adjournment; present the same members as on yesterday.

Mr. A. T. Rodgers having accepted the proposition made by the board for the management and care of the poor farm and county poor, the details of the proposition were completed and a contract drawn in accordance therewith was signed by the chairman of the

board and Mr. Rodgers, and filed in the office of the county clerk and it was ordered that said Rodgers execute a bond in the sum of \$2,000 for the faithful carrying out of said contract and that the same be filed with the county clerk.

The bonds of the following named road supervisors, appointed at the March, 1895 session, were examined and approved, viz:

R. T. Cook supervisor district No. 1
I. S. Pendarvis.....do..... 2
F. W. Stone.....do..... 3
W. P. McGrady.....do..... 4
E. D. Marsh.....do..... 5
Henry Kroger.....do..... 11
A. E. Wilcomb.....do..... 14

and the clerk was authorized to furnish such supervisors with receipts and other necessary blanks.

The bond of J. R. Stark as constable for Jefferson township was approved, and ordered filed.

P. P. Gould, J. P., having complied with the order of the board as to furnishing a new bond as such J. P., said new bond was approved and ordered filed.

It appearing to the board, upon complaint of a tax payer of the county, that certain children known as the "McDeed children" are under the age of twelve years and are orphans and destitute and that they are now being kept at the expense of the county, in the custody of Mrs. Jane Parke; on motion it was ordered that all of said children, under the age of twelve years be transported to the Orphans' Home at Twin Bridges, Montana, and entered as inmates of said home.

The minutes of the meeting were read, approved and signed, and the board adjourned.

Note:—The foregoing is the only record authorized to be made by the board of the proceedings had by and before them at said session.

BARCLAY JONES,
Clerk.

REPRESENT YOUR CLAIMS.

The Regulation Assessment Work Must be Performed This Year.

It is not generally known to mine owners that Senator Teller's bill for reenactment of the "in lieu of labor" law was not passed by congress and that this year the usual annual assessment work will have to be performed, says the Anaconda Standard. The bill failed to become a law because mining men generally opposed it for the reason that the suspension of annual assessment work upon claims checks progress by retarding development. It was claimed that the law the past two years nearly stopped the procuring of patents to mining claims, and that it has caused many people to leave mining camps because they could not obtain employment, and non-resident owners were the greatest beneficiaries under the law. The records were encumbered with notices of claims which would never have been heard of but for the law, and by reason of its provisions the prospector was fast disappearing. It was also argued that every mining claim being a franchise from the people it should be worked, and that the law was of no real benefit to either the miner or the prospector.

The undersigned merchants of Virginia City will not open their business houses on Sunday after April 7th:

Elling, Knight & Buord,
S. R. Buford & Co.,
O. D. French & Co.,
Mrs. E. L. Smith,
Robert Vickers & Co.,
Mrs. O. D. French,
M. Mailand,
R. O. Hickman.

Garden seeds of all sorts and conditions at C. W. Rank & Co's. 23-3

Just a little work will make the old suit look bright and new. Take it to R. O. Hickman's.

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 therefore in cash.

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

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

SHERIDAN SALAD

MATHIS' BENEFIT BALL WAS A SUCCESS.

It Was Largely Attended and Very Enjoyable—Sheridan Has the Bicycle Fever—Notes.

SHERIDAN, April 1.—[Special Correspondence.]—The Efe Mathis benefit ball was a brilliant success, both socially and from a financial standpoint. The attendance from outside points was quite large—much larger in fact, than the local attendance. The pretty little hall was taxed to its utmost capacity. The people of Leiterville who were the promoters of this ball, have reason to feel elated over its splendid success, and for the more substantial reason that the Mathis' fund will be enriched by, at least, \$200.

The arrangements committee, Messrs James Leiter, Ed Adams, L. Owens and J. L. Churchill, were untiring in their efforts to make the dance the success it was. The music, which was exceptionally fine, was furnished by the Striker-Searle-Gohn orchestra of Virginia City and the prompting was done by Prof. Xertes Kellogg of Central City. Supper was served J. Z. Clem of the Ruby hotel and it was a dandy. There were edibles on the menu which seemed to touch the right spot and Mr. Clem fed something like 225 hungry people, his dining room being full from 12 until 3. The floor managers of the dance were Edgar Birchard of Laurin, Frank P. Bowman of Twin Bridges, Charles Glasser, Ed Wright and John Smith of Leiterville, Ward McAllister French and Ed Gohn (who wore his father's best suit to the dance) of Virginia City and J. Z. Clem of Sheridan. Mr. Leiter practically suspended operation at Leiterville in order to allow his men to attend the ball, and they were there in force.

Both hotels—the Ruby and the Sheridan—were crowded to their utmost capacity by the large number of outside visitors.

Will Neagle of Dillon, representing the Dillon Implement Company, was in town this week with a stock of bicycles. They were beautiful machines, high grade Columbias, as well as cheaper grades, and Mr. Neagle succeeded in placing several with our people, who seem to have the wheel fever very bad. Mr. Neagle informed the MADISONIAN correspondent that in a few weeks A. L. Stone and himself would make a trip to Virginia on a pneumatic tandem machine—one of the latest. These machines are geared up to make from 15 to 20 miles an hour and the gentlemen propose to make the round trip from Dillon to Virginia and return in one day, just to show what can be done on this season's record breakers.

FROM PULLER SPRINGS.

Hillhouse Raymond Having Good Luck With Horses Shipped East.

PULLER SPRINGS, April 3.—[Special Correspondence.]—Hillhouse Raymond of Belmont Park, we understand, is having splendid luck disposing of his horses, shipped to Chicago, having sold twelve or fifteen head so far, one span of geldings bringing \$500.00.

R. T. Boatman brought over sixty head of horses from Red Rock Lake yesterday. Anyone wishing a fine saddle or driving horse will do well to call early as they are going to be shipped to Miles City about the 10th inst.

T. A. Metzler and Wm. Hamilton made a flying trip to Butte City last week.

John Donegan did not ship his stock as reported last week, having sold them as soon as he arrived at Dillon to an Omaha buyer who is in that vicinity purchasing quite a number of cattle.

William Nurnberger was head pusher on Uncle Sam's mail last Tuesday and made excellent time, beating all previous records—cause unknown at present.

A dance was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garrison last Tuesday night and everyone reports an enjoyable time.

Ralph Peterson is over from Red Rock Lake and reports the snow very deep there at present, the recent snow fall being over a foot in depth.

Mrs. and Miss Wanderly, Misses J. and Agnes Donegan, Misses Hannah and Mary McGovern were visitors at York ranch Monday evening.

Misses Hannah and Mary McGovern returned home today from a week's visit on this valley.

ONCE IN A WHILE.

New lines of bicycles in. Do not fail to call and see them whenever in town. Dillon Implement Company.

FROM ENNIS.

The New Hall Completed—Personal and General.

ENNIS, April 1.—[Special Correspondence.]—Most of our farmers are preparing for seeding and some have sown considerable already.

The new hall is now completed and the Madison Valley brass band is using it for practice. This is a handsome structure and is truly a credit to the community as it evinces the enterprise and public spirit of the citizens. Everybody turned out and worked with a hearty good will and the building was ready to be occupied in ten days from the time the foundation was laid.

The band boys propose to give a grand opening ball on the 19 inst. and also a concert in the near future.

We understand that Mr. Maynard has a contract to supply butter and eggs for the Revenue mine. This is a lucky hit for Mr. Maynard and we wish him success in the same.

Hay and grain are also being taken from here to the Richmond Flat mining camp. This camp promises to make a ready market for the produce of Madison valley.

Current reports say there will be a new butcher wagon in the valley during the coming season. Mr. Macatee is pushing the enterprise. Opposition is the life of trade, so our people can depend on good meats at reasonable rates.

A sister of John Hartman arrived in the valley last week and will make her future home among us.

New arrivals every week, and still there is room.

Chas. Armitage is recovering from his recent illness and will soon be able to attend to business again.

Mr. Hinman was very sick for a few days, but he is recovering nicely.

Dr. Bradley spent a few days with us, in repairing the teeth of some of our people. R. E. PORTER.

MATHIS HEARD FROM.

He is in Philadelphia and Has a Fighting Chance.

Ed Gohn has received a letter from G. H. Cummings, who accompanied Efe Mathis east and will take care of him during his treatment. It is dated from Philadelphia and is as follows:

We arrived here on the night of the 25th all right and the doctor examined Mathis' eyes yesterday. He said there was a chance but would not promise anything but thought he might help him. This doctor thinks just as Dr. McNulty did, that Efe has a chance. There is rock in both eyes which will have to come out and will necessitate at least three operations. I asked the doctor how much his bill would be. He said that he could not tell just yet but his charges would be within Efe's limits as Miller had explained the case to him. I had to advance \$30 to the college and Efe will go there after while. If we both stopped at the college it would cost \$3 a day so I got a room and board for \$12 a week for two until Efe has to go and stop at the college all the time. The doctor thought I had better stop here until that time and see how the case turns out. He can tell by that time whether Efe's sight will be restored or not if not I can take him back.

Send me what money you have for Efe. I think that the doctor will charge about \$100 for his services but don't know. I do not think it will be less as he told me he had received \$250 from a party from Butte and the case was not near as bad as Efe's; he also told me that Efe should have the best care that he could give him and he would be reasonable in his charges.

Just a little work will make the old suit look bright and new. Take it to R. O. Hickman's.

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World's Fair Highest Award.

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FROZEN CELESTIAL

FOUND NEAR PINE GROVE THIS MORNING.

Fred Kohls, Enroute to Virginia, Made the Discovery—Coroner McNulty and a Jury Investigate.

Fred Kohls, who came down from Summit this morning brought the startling intelligence that the dead body of a Chinaman had been found by him on the roadside near Pine Grove. He said he almost drove over him before realizing that the snow covered object was a man.

He made only a hasty examination and saw no marks of violence. A small bundle of clothing was lying near the body. He notified some of the dead man's countrymen living near by and came on to town.

Coroner McNulty, after impaneling a jury left for the scene about 11 o'clock. His intention was to have the jury view the remains, and if necessary to hold an inquest, to adjourn to this city.

Later—The report of the jury came in as we were about to go to press. They report as follows:

STATE OF MONTANA, } ss.
County of Madison }

An inquisition holden at Summit in the county of Madison, on the fifth day of April, A. D., 1895 before me, Charles A. McNulty, coroner of said county, upon the body of Wong Dot, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths, do say: That said Wong Dot came to his death by intoxication and exposure to cold.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

J. W. BUSH,
DICK PEEL,
N. D. JOHNSON,
Wm. H. ADSHEAD,
E. B. JACKSON,
FRANK FOUTS.

EASTER SUNDAY.

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Paul's Mission.

April 7, Palm Sunday, Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.; subject: "Cleansing the Temple." Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p. m. Even song and sermon at 7:30 o'clock, subject: "Hosanna—King of Kings." April 8, Monday before Easter, 11 a. m.; April 9, Tuesday before Easter 11 a. m.; April 10, Wednesday before Easter, 11 a. m., and 1:30 p. m.; April 11, Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion at 11 a. m.; April 12, Good Friday, the three hours commemoration from 12 noon to 3 p. m.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "What Shall I do with Jesus?" April 13, Easter even at Madison Valley hall, 7:30 p. m.; evening service and choir. April 14, Easter Sunday, hall Modison Valley, 11 a. m., and at St. Paul's in the evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. D. Holmes, Rector.

Clothes neatly pressed and cleaned at R. O. Hickman's.

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SHOW GOODS

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MRS. L. HENRICKSON.