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## GREAT IS GAYLORD

### WORK THAT IS PROGRESS-ING.

Gaylord Will Be the Industrial Hub of Southern Montana—The Big Ditch Nearly Completed—The Spur Finished.

Joseph Harper, who has charge of the civil engineering for the Parrot Company, and Judge George A. Clark, the company attorney, were in town this week on business connected with the condemnation proceedings recently instituted in the district court. While these gentlemen were very reticent and conservative in their statements to the MADISONIAN man relative to the soon-to-be town of Gaylord, or the numerous enterprise contemplated by its projections; enough information was secured to assure even the most conservative that the future metropolis of Southern Montana will be Gaylord, and that Gaylord, both smelter and city will be in Madison county.

Recently all sorts of rumors have been afloat relative to the future of Gaylord. Butte papers have from time to time given publicity to the talk of deals between the Parrot and the Anaconda company. Only a few days ago a Butte reporter, in a cheap column and a half, sold the entire works of the Parrot company, smelters, mines and all, to the Anaconda Syndicate. Such articles usually appeared Monday morning when news was scarce and something had to be written to fill up space. But in the meantime the Parrot Company has gone quietly about its business and has had a little army of men, which has been augmented every day, at work in the northern end of Madison County, doing the preliminary work which must precede the great work of construction soon to be commenced.

Mr. Harper stated emphatically that nothing could block the enterprise at this late date save a drop in the price of copper so low that it would paralyze the production of copper all over the world. And with copper booming merrily at top notch prices no one in Montana anticipates the dropping of the bottom out of the market.

Six weeks from to-day the big canal, stretching from Iron Rod to the smelter site, 18 miles below, will be completed. The ditch will carry 15000 inches of water and will furnish power for the big plant.

The railroad spur connecting the smelter site with the Northern Pacific was finished this week, nothing remaining but the bridge which is now building.

About 50 men are at work in the company brick yards, near Whitehall, and are turning out an abundance of first class brick. However, most of the smelter buildings will be of iron.

The original plans have been greatly extended, and the plant now under contemplation is probably twice as large as the one originally designed.

Both Mr. Clark and Mr. Harper stated to the MADISONIAN man that the people of the Jefferson Valley, as a rule, had done everything in their power to encourage the coming of the big plant.

The Parrot Company expect to do considerable custom work and the immense deposits of mineral all along the Tobacco Root Range from above Virginia to Gaylord will necessitate the building of a railroad from this point to the Northern Pacific.

### THE TWIN BRIDGES FAIR.

It Promises to be an Interesting Meeting.

The ninth annual meeting of the Southern Montana Fair Association will be held at Twin Bridges Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 3rd, to 6th, inclusive. The MADISONIAN is in receipt of a neat program, printed by the Monitor, with the compliments of Supt. Pease. The meeting promises to be a very interesting one. Two bands—the Twin Bridges Cornet band and Biner's Swiss Minstrels, an interesting musical combination which visited Virginia recently, will be in attendance. The features

of the meeting will be a big pigeon shoot, water fireworks in Beaverhead river Thursday evening, horse, foot, and bicycle races Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and a grand ball in the art pavillion Friday evening. The program as published in the catalogue is as follows:

Tuesday, September 3—Classifications and arrangement of displays in the several departments will occupy the forenoon. Two p. m.—pigeon shooting. 500 birds.

Wednesday, September 4—10 a. m.—awards of committee on horse exhibit. Horses to be on the race track in front of the Grand Stand at 10 o'clock sharp. 11 a. m.—awards of committee on catla, sheep, and hogs, at their respective pens. 1 p. m.—Trotting and pacing race, three-year-olds, mile heats, best three in five, for horses bred and owned in Madison county. Purse \$75. Running race, free for all, one mile. Purse \$60. Saddle and running or cowboy's race, 440 yards for a purse of \$20.

Thursday, September 5—10 a. m. award of committee on poultry, farm, garden and dairy products. 11 a. m.—Awards of committee on farm implements, fruits, flowers, jellies, preserves etc. 1 p. m.—three mile bicycle race, free for all, purse \$25. Not less than five to enter and three to start. 2 p. m.—Ladies' equestrian exhibition. For a fine side saddle. For this prize there must not be less than six competitors. 3 p. m.—Running race. Free for all. 440 yards. Purse \$30. 4 p. m.—trotting and pacing race. Single mile. For green horses that have never trotted for money. Purse \$50. 5 p. m.—Plowing match for young men under 18 years old. Purse \$15. contestants to furnish team and plows. Four to enter. 8:30 p. m.—Grand display of water fireworks.

Friday, September 6—10 a. m. Awards of committee on fine art—painting, fancy needlework and miscellaneous articles. 1 p. m.—Amateur bicycle race. Distance one mile. Purse \$15. not less than five to start. 2 p. m.—Trotting race. Free for all. Mile heats best three in five. Purse \$75. 3 p. m.—Ladies' bicycle race. One half mile. Purse \$10. Not less than five to start. 4 p. m.—Running race. Half mile dash. Free for all. Purse \$25. Foot race for amateurs. One hundred yards. Purse \$10. Not less than four to start. 9 p. m. Grand ball and banquet in fine Art hall. Music furnished by Biner's Swiss Orchestra.

The exhibits are classified and superintended as follows: Class A, horses Hon. Alex. Metzger superintendent. Class B, cattle, J. R. Seidensticker, superintendent. Class C, sheep and hogs, J. S. Crisman superintendent. Class D, poultry, C. P. Newall, and J. C. Blinn, superintendents. Class E, farm and garden products, W. J. Gallahan, superintendent. Class F, dairy and other products, Mrs. J. D. Townsend superintendent. Class G, farm implements, J. R. Comfort, superintendent. Class M, painting and art, Mesdames H. M. Fitch and Raymond, superintendents. Class N, needle and fancy work, Mrs. Wm. Trebble superintendent. Class P, fruits and flowers, Maj. W. B. Brige and Mrs. G. W. Rew, superintendents. Class L, miscellaneous, George Comfort, superintendent.

### SHERIDAN TOWNSITE SOLD.

It Passes Back into the Hands of Mr. Raymond.

The townsite of Sheridan has again changed owners. This time it passes into the possession of Winthrop Raymond.

The deal was made several days ago. The deed, conveying the property to Mr. Raymond, is signed by Samuel Word and wife and among other things it narrates that the consideration was \$11,000.

The transfer includes all the property which, through the compromise effected between the litigants in the Raymond-Bateman law suit, was sold by Mr. Raymond to Messrs. Word, Bateman and Clark a few months ago. It is understood that Mr. Raymond proposes to put Sheridan lots on the market. Sheridan is one of the prettiest little towns in Southern Montana and while the townsite was tied up by litigation no absolute sales could be made.

## TELEPHONE LINE

### WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

The Poles are Up and the Work of Stringing the Wire has Commenced—The Company Will Incorporate—Officers Elected.

Two weeks from to-day, according to the statement of the officers of the company, the Virginia City-Sheridan telephone system will be in working order.

Contractor Charles Williams completed the setting of the 20 mile string of poles last Saturday.

The contract for completing the line in all the unfinished details, bracing and guying the poles, stringing the wire, adjusting the boxes and wiring the same from the central office, was let to Will Deimling of Ennis whose reputation as an electrician is excellent. Mr. Deimling began work several days ago and will push it to a quick finale.

At a meeting of the stockholders, held Saturday evening the following trustees were selected: W. A. Clark, A. J. Bennett and George Gohn of Virginia City, Al Gloyd of Laurin and Wm. O'Brien of Sheridan. W. A. Clark was chosen president by the trustees and A. J. Bennett secretary and treasurer. Mr. Bennett was instructed to immediately collect 50 per cent of the stock subscriptions. Steps were taken looking to incorporation.

Mr. Deimling's contract calls for the completion of the line within 30 days from the date of the contract, but he is of the opinion that with ordinary good luck sweet converse with our friends in Sheridan and Lieterville be common ten days from to-day.

As the line is not being built to make money but merely to facilitate the business intercourse of the people of the Ruby Valley, the box rental will be placed as low as possible; so low in fact it will be a saving of postage stamps to the subscribers.

### "A Trip to Wonderland."

Notwithstanding the present low rate to Yellowstone National park and return, the Northern Pacific has arranged with the Park Transportation company and Hotel association to join them in making a sweeping reduction for a special excursion from Butte. They have named a round trip rate of \$50, children under 10 years of age \$25, which will include all expenses en route, railroad fare Butte to Cinnabar and return, a double berth each way in Pullman standard sleepers, stage transportation through the park, five and three-quarter days' board and lodging. Aug. 24 has been selected for the date on which the excursion will leave Butte as at that time there will be no large parties going into the park and the Butte excursionists will virtually have the park to themselves. The train will leave Butte at 10:30 p. m., arriving at Livingston the following morning, where breakfast will be taken at the Albermale hotel. At 8 o'clock the train will leave for Cinnabar, arriving at 10:15 a. m. of the 25th, where the trip through the park will commence. The excursionists will leave the park Friday night, the 30th, at 8:30 p. m., reaching Butte Saturday morning, the 31st, at 9:15 a. m. The sleepers will be run both ways between Butte and Cinnabar avoiding change of cars at Livingston. The hotel accommodations in the park are strictly first-class, with steam heat, electric lights, bath facilities. The stages are the finest in the world. People contemplating this trip need have no fear of crowding as the excursion will be limited to a certain number. You should, therefore, lose no time in making arrangements for sleeping car, stage and hotel accommodations. For maps of the park showing route and points of interest visited, in fact, giving all details, in reference to the trip through the park, call on or write W. M. TUOHY, General Agent, Butte.

Send postal card address to C. W. Richard, Twin Bridges, Mont., for a free copy of the Normal Herald.

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## MADISON COUNTY.

What Commissioner Mills has to say about us.

The Hon. James H. Mills, who for so many years ably moulded public opinion through the New Northwest, but who is now commissioner of the Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Industry, has just issued a state document of value. The title of the book is "The Treasure State." Of Madison county he says:

The area of Madison County is 4,350 square miles. Virginia City, the county seat, was formerly the capital of the Territory of Montana. It is not reached by any railroad yet, but can be reached by staging fifty-five miles from Dillon on the Union Pacific system. Branches of the Northern Pacific system reach Norris and Pony, from whence stages also run to the county seat. Other railroads are contemplated and partially constructed. Virginia City has now a population of 500 to 600, and the county about 6,600. Virginia City is located in Alder Gulch, which was discovered in 1863, and is estimated to have yielded to the present time from \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000 in placer gold. It is about seventeen miles long and probably the richest gulch ever discovered. Considerable placer and quartz mining is still done there. Other principal points in the county are Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Pony and Gaylord, at which latter place the new Parrot smelters are being erected. The State Home for orphans, foundlings and destitute children, is located at Twin Bridges. The county is about two thirds mountainous, the remainder large, fertile valleys, bench lands and foot hills.

Gold, silver, copper, iron, lead and coal are found in the county, and mining for the precious metals is the principal industry. Very promising mines are being opened of late years and Madison County is regarded as one of the very best gold quartz mining counties in the state. Prominent among the valleys are the Ruby, Madison, Willow Creek and Jefferson. Their elevations range from 4,100 to 5,500 feet. The soil of the bottom lands is generally a deep black loam in the bottom, and on the bench lands a sandy loam with clay subsoil. It varies from a few inches to five or six feet deep. Except in rare instances on high uplands all lands require irrigation for successful cultivation. All the grains, grasses, vegetables, potatoes and other root crops grow well. There is a great deal of very fertile soil in the county. All small fruits are raised successfully, and considerable quantities of hardy apples are grown with some plums, grapes, etc. It is stated they do best near the base of the mountains, in sheltered localities. There are good local markets in the towns and mining camps. Grain and hay are sometimes marketed in Butte and Dillon. There are large areas of pasture lands and stock raising is generally combined with farming. Puller's Hot Springs, eminent for their medicinal qualities, are situated near Virginia City.

Farmers generally obtain fuel and fencing in from one to ten miles of the farms. Lumber sells at from \$13 to \$15 and brick at \$8 per thousand. Water is obtained in wells at from four to fifty feet. Most of the lands where water is available for irrigation have been taken up. There are stated to be lands on the Jefferson and Madison benches which large irrigation ditches would reclaim, but it would be quite expensive. It is believed, aside from mining, there are inviting fields in the county for industrious incoming farmers prepared to do most of their own work, and that creameries, an oat meal mill, woolen mill and other manufactories that could utilize the abundant water power would be remunerative.

Fairly improved lands with water rights can be bought at from \$6 to \$30 per acre in nearly all valleys, the absence of railroads communication holding many lands below their actual value.

Among those who may be applied to for further information are: W. J. Foreman, assessor, Virginia City; M. H. Lott, Newton Orr, Twin Bridges; Joseph J. Boyer, Pony.

### Close Connections With the N. P.

Commencing May 15th and until further notice, the stage for Sappington will leave Virginia City at 7:30 a. m., running through to Sappington without lay-over arriving there at 7 p. m.

The Northern Pacific through east-bound train passes Sappington at 12:50, midnight. The train for Butte and all points west passes Sappington at 6:36, a. m.

For the return trip the stage will leave Sappington at 7 a. m., running through to Virginia City, without lay-over, arriving at 7 p. m.

For rates, time tables and other information write to W. M. Tuohy, General Agent N. P. R. R., Butte, Mont.