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CITY AND COUNTY

BRIEF BITS OF LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Doings of Virginians and Madisonians—Social and Personal Gossip—The Unofficial Gossip Record of the Past Seven Days.

Z. D. Foster of Fish Creek is in town. F. S. Metzler, of Puller Springs, was in town Thursday.

Alex McKay came in from his Bivens gulch mines Tuesday.

George Leinenweber left for Butte on his wheel Thursday morning.

WANTED—An elderly woman to do housework. Address, "Green", Ennis, Mont.

Christian Nelson and his son, Matthew, returned from a trip to Butte, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. George Reif and daughter Ella, spent the season of the encampment with Bozeman friends.

Martin McLean and family and Miss Fannie McGregory returned from their Bozeman trip Saturday.

T. J. Farrell returned to Virginia last night after a protracted stay in eastern horse markets and Billings.

A long felt want is shortly to be supplied. Prof. Frederick Allen expects to open a bicycle school in a few days.

Miss Georgie Heinzeman is the latest lady cyclist. Her wheel arrived Wednesday and has since seen very active service.

The lessee of the Bamboo Chief, Messrs. Mountjoy and Smith, are making a 30 ton shipment of ore to Butte smelters.

F. B. Jackson and family left for the Park Wednesday morning. From the Park they expect to go to Iowa, via the prairie schooner route.

W. A. Smith of the Smith Piano Co. Butte, is in the city. Mr. Smith is a veteran in his business and visits Virginia about once a year.

J. S. DeWitt wore the star of the chief of police and looked after the peace and welfare of the town during Eugene Starks absence.

T. J. Lowman partook of piscatorial pleasure Sunday and has since been indulging in tales which would make the shades of Annias jealous.

Tom Hinds, junior member of the well known Whitehall firm of Hinds & Co. came up to Virginia last night to take a look at the town concerning which he has heard so much.

P. A. Largey, the veteran mining man and capitalist, was in Virginia a few days this week, looking after his interests. On his way over from Butte, Mr. Largey stopped at Silver Star, where his company is operating.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elling and Mrs. Cheely returned from Pony Thursday evening, where they spent several days at the home of W. W. Morris. Major Elling reports the mining outlook of Pony as being particularly bright.

Eph Matthis, who was injured by a premature blast in the Leiter mine last winter, returned from Philadelphia Monday, where he went about five months ago for treatment. His sight is totally gone, but he is in good health and cheerful.

B. F. Yerkes has many friends in Billings who will be interested in knowing that he is still on earth, tho' not very fat. Frank went east on the N.P. Friday, bound for Fargo, where he will visit his uncle and rest up for a spell. —Yellowstone Valley Recorder.

Will Deimling and George Lowman began stringing wire on the Sheridan-Virginia City Telephone line Tuesday afternoon. They expect to have this part of the work completed to-morrow. They will then wire the city, and with the placing of the boxes the line will be completed.

Martin McLean, who is quite a linguist when it comes to spouting classical Chinese, says it just made his heart sick to hear the language of the Flowery Kingdom murdered by the alleged funny men of the Little Tycoon Company, the rendition of which opera

he attended while in Bozeman recently.

D. R. Beck returned Saturday from a protracted stay in Helena and Marysville, and while away visited Des Moines, Iowa, the headquarters of the Bankers Life association, which company he represents. During June Mr. Beck did a larger business than any other agent connected with the company.

Fred McClure, a Butte cyclist, rode through Virginia Monday afternoon on his way to the Park on a wager that he would reach his destination in two days after leaving Butte, a distance of about 190 miles. His cyclometer registered the distance from Butte to Virginia, by way of Pipestone Springs at 76 miles. He reached Ennis Monday evening.

Jim Shewmaker, one of the boss horse breeders of the Pageville country, passed through town Tuesday on his way to the Madison valley. Mr. Shewmaker is the owner of some of the finest horseflesh in Madison county. He had with him his big French Coach horse which attracted so much attention in this city on the Fourth.

The bloomer girl is decidedly in it in Virginia. Every day develops new devotees to the latest whim of Dame Fashion. It has been suggested, we understand, that the local Equal Rights Club, famous for its resolution proclivities, by whereas and resolve change the wording of that popular refrain to "mamma's pants will soon fit Willie." Under the prevailing fad it would be quite apropos.

Hon. Alex Metzler is in town. The Senator states that there is positively no truth in the insinuation recently published in the Monitor to the effect that he had forsown school marms, but that his presence here during the quarterly session of the pedagogical examination, to which he is a daily attendant, is ample evidence of his steadfastness.

J. H. Duffy, the well known A. P. A. leader, eminent in the legal profession, came over from Butte this week and did a turn or two in the district court. Mr. Duffy has not visited Virginia very often lately presumably on account of the bath tub scandal which interested Virginians several years ago, and with which his name was unpleasantly associated.

Walter Hartman of Bozeman luxuriated in Daylight Gulch Monday. He was here representing the Gallatin end of the Godwin estate. As a silent tribute to Charlie Hartman's popularity, Waiter carries in his card case pasteboards bearing the legend "Yes, I am Congressman Hartman's brother" which, he says, he is compelled to present to nearly every individual to whom he is introduced.

Mrs. Tom Lewis died at her home below Sheridan, Saturday, after a very short illness. Her death is a particularly sad one and the husband, to whom she was united in marriage only a little more than a year ago, has the sympathy of a large number of friends. The funeral occurred Monday and was largely attended. The MADISONIAN regrets its inability to publish a larger account of this sad affair, but the facts were unobtainable.

Fred Allen, Dr. Southmayd, Lew L. Callaway and Julia Knight returned Friday night from a gunning expedition in the upper Madison country. There are various accounts as to the number of birds bagged by these sportsmen varying all the way from four to forty. The gentleman comprising this party are very reticent, presumably on account of the new game law, which limits the number of birds to be killed by each individual.

Miss D. L. Herndon, county superintendent of schools, is probably the busiest young lady in town to-day. She is holding her first quarterly examination of teachers under the new law. Among the teachers in attendance are: Miss Maud McGuire, Miss Edith Hunter, twin Bridges; Hattie H. Noble, Jefferson Island; Gertrude H. Kirby, Silver Star; Miss Mae McAtee, Ennis; Miss Edith Mills, Sheridan; Mr. W. Z. Foster, Fish Creek.

One of the jolliest parties which has left Bozeman for the Park this season started on Wednesday. It consisted of Mrs. Maxey and daughter, Miss Nettie,

and two sons, Will and George. Accompanying them were Mrs. Love, two sons and one daughter, from Chicago, Miss Edna Thomas, of Des Moines, Iowa, Glen Harrington, of Butte, and Jesse Hall, of Virginia City. They were fully equipped for a camping trip and will doubtless have a fine time. They expect to be gone about two weeks. —Bozeman Courier.

Nelson Cole and his son Bert, Jake Nelson and Edmund Callaway, spent several days in the upper Madison country, hunting and fishing, last week, returning Saturday. They brought back with them about 500 pounds of fish (no affidavit furnished) and an abundance of birds, and while away Mr. Cole had a narrow escape from being bitten by a rattlesnake. The snake struck him, striking him on the leg, but fortunately without sufficient force to penetrate the cloth of his pantaloons and overalls.

Previous to joining Company D at Bozeman last week A. J. McKenzie made a tour of the state with the Huette Musette combination which visited Virginia about the first of July. During his connection with the company, Mac picked up many of the tricks that go with theatrical people and is now quite stagey. He can do a little song and dance sketch or walk the tight rope at pleasure. He will probably identify himself with the Long Brothers of Central Ruby when they organize their Wild West Show.

County Clerk Jones received notice from the board of equalization a few days ago to the effect that it had raised Assessor Foreman's assessment on cattle 12 per cent, and on personal property (other than money, solvent credits horses, cattle and sheep) 10 per cent. The raise on personal property will make a large amount of work for the county officials as each item will require special attention and the work on the assessment book will have to be done again. Twelve per cent on cattle means a raise of from \$15.14 to about \$17 per head.

Willie Pfohl, of Sheridan, wended his weary way back to the valley town Sunday. He had been to the encampment with Company D, and thereby hangs a tale. Before he left Virginia last winter he became a member of Company D, and when he located in Sheridan he neglected to obtain his discharge. On the day of the company's departure for Bozeman he failed to show up on schedule time and a corporal's guard was sent to Sheridan to remind him of what was to be. Mr. Pfohl will relate the rest to those who desire further information. "Breezy Bill" Daugherty of Twin Bridges had a similar experience.

The King's Daughters lawn fete, which was given on H. S. Gilbert's lawn Tuesday evening was a success in every particular. The grounds were beautifully illuminated. The booths were attended by the following ladies: Ice Cream—Mesdames Duncan and McNulty; May Lowman, and Clara Gilbert; chocolate—Mrs. McLean and Fannie McGregory; candy—Bessie Farrell, Anna Nelson; lemonade—Barbara Wilson, Della Herndon; art loan association—Mrs. Byrd, Lottie and Mable Elling. The receipts were \$44.60. The ladies take this opportunity of expressing their thanks and appreciations to Mr. Gilbert for the use of his spacious grounds.

Messrs. Henry S. Gilbert, E. F. Johnson and George Gohn, the commissioners appointed recently by Judge Showers to assess the amount of damages that would result to the property of D. E. McCall and others by the condemnation of a right of way for the Parrot Company's big canal through the property, returned from Point of Rocks, the scene of the property in litigation, Tuesday evening. The ground in question consists of two mining claims one quartz and one placer, recently located. The commissioners looked over the ground carefully Tuesday morning, and adjourned to meet in Virginia Wednesday, when they assessed the damages at \$25 per claim. Marshall Eugene Stark accompanied them on the trip.

Frank Soarles met with a painful, and what threatened in its results, to be quite a serious accident, last Sunday afternoon. He was riding bare-

back near the brick yard below town, when his horse jumped from under him. As he fell his right arm became fastened in the coils of the lariat fastened to the horse's halter, and in less time than it takes to tell it, he was jerked forward by the rope, striking the ground violently on the back of his head and shoulders. A few minutes later he was picked up by Joe Kellogg and Joe Geisler, who were riding behind him. He was apparently unconscious at the time although he has stated since that he knew of all that transpired at the time of the accident. He was brought to his home in town and Drs. Ragan & Southmayd attended to his injuries. A slight wound in the back of his head necessitated a few stitches, but the most serious condition encountered by the attending physicians was the total paralysis of the left side of the patient, effecting the left eye, the tongue, the left arm and leg. During the past few days however he has improved greatly and his condition is now quite favorable.

When the women all wear bloomers and their skirts are laid away; when their legs are no mere rumors, coyly hid from light of day; when their petticoat's forgotten, with its swishing, whisking swirls, and there is less demand for cotton, I'll be sorry for the girls. I'll be sorry for the lassies who in school are at their books—at the head or foot of classes—I'll be sorry for their looks; for their ma's will make their trousers, and good heaven! don't we know, who were boys, but aren't now, sirs, that they'll make a holy show? It is bad enough when Willie weareth pants his mamma made, and it often knocks you silly just to see the youthful blade wearing pants that no man knoweth which is front and which is back—if he cometh or he goeth there is quite an equal "skack." But your Susie! Oh, 'tis galling; scalding tears will downward glance when you hear the urchins calling, "Say where did you get them pants?" You will see her, youthful, glowing, but by no dead certain rule can you tell if she is going or is coming home from school. There'll be trouble, you'll allow, sirs, there'll be anguish for your pa's when the daughters all wear trousers that are just revamped from ma's. So I'm weeping as I'm writing and my great tears fall like pearls, scarce I know what I'm inditing, for I'm sorry for the girls. —Exchange.

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 ad 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 Albermarle 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.