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THE FLAT FATALITY

DETAILS OF THE MONITOR ACCIDENT.

It Seems That it was Entirely O'Connor's Fault—Ventured in a Dangerous Place After Repeated Warnings—The Coroner's Inquest.

Dennis O'Connor, the unfortunate Monitor miner, who was killed at Richmond Flat last Friday, evidently was the victim of his own carelessness. Coroner McNulty returned from the scene of the accident Sunday, having held an inquest Saturday afternoon, and from the evidence adduced at the inquiry O'Connor ventured in a dangerous place after having been repeatedly warned away.

The place in which O'Connor was killed was a narrow chute which had become partially clogged up. The place was considered dangerous on account of the decomposed rock above. O'Connor entertained a foolish notion that he could clear the debris away alone, and without orders went to work at it. In a short time the loose mass above him gave way and he was completely buried under the debris, and death by suffocation followed before the rescuers could get him out. His cries were heard for several minutes after he had been buried. There were but few bruises or scratches on his body. He was buried Sunday. O'Connor was about 40 years of age. He was well known in Virginia, having been employed on the Easton and other mines in this vicinity.

The testimony of Harvey Foster, one of those who endeavored to rescue him, was as follows: Dennis O'Connor was opening a clogged chute in the Monitor mine, Friday, September 7, at 4:45. He came to the top of the chute and took a long iron bar tied to a pole, and a sledge hammer. At 5:15 I looked down the chute and talked to him; he was driving an iron bar down, trying to make an opening. I told him it was not safe; that he had better wait until the foreman came. Ten minutes later I heard the dirt and rock start, and heard an outcry from him. I went to the head of the chute where I met Hawley, who said "hurry; Denny has gone down the chute." We both went down to where the slide had taken place. O'Connor continued to cry out for about three minutes. Hawley went around to the bottom of the chute and I tried to get the rock off of him but it was no use. He was probably under six or seven feet of dirt and rock. A few minutes after Hawley left me the sound from O'Connor ceased entirely. I then went around to the bottom of the chute and found McKinnon and Hawley there. They were at work letting the muck out. Hawley then went above, while McKinnon and I worked below. After a while Hawley came back and said he could not do anything. Finally we reached him. He had fallen backwards and his feet were doubled back over his head. The gate of the chute was so small to allow his body to come through so we broke off a board; Hawley pulled his body out to the level while we held the board open. I felt his pulse and tried his heart, but there was no sign of life. We then hoisted the body to the surface. The chute is off the second level. It is about 50 feet deep and was clogged. O'Connor went down to open it. He was about 15 feet from the second level.

Lewis Hawley's testimony was as follows: About three o'clock Dennis O'Connor came into where I was working and said he was going down into the chute to try to open it. I told him it was not safe and went down to the first set of stulls to show him the danger, and persuaded him not to attempt it at that time. At 4:30 he came up again and said he could not start it from below. Foster and I both told him to let it go until McKinnon came down; that it was not safe. He said as he went down: "If I go into the chute don't say anything about it." About half an hour later he asked me for the striking hammer and I threw it down to him. About 5:35 I heard the rock

start in the chute and heard an outcry from Dennis, but thought it was only because the chute had started. The next cry sounded like he was away down in the chute. I ran to the top of the chute as quickly as possible. His candle was burning and I could see the hole he had dropped through. The rock was closing in on him. I went around to the bottom and Foster stopped above. Met the foreman and told him what had happened. We went around to the bottom of the chute and opened the gate to let out the muck. He sent me above for an ax. Went to the top of the chute and listened but could hear no sound from him.

The verdict of the jury exonerated the Monitor Gold Mining Company from all blame, and was to the effect that O'Connor came to his death by strangulation, as the result of his own carelessness. The jurors were West Crowell, foreman; Willis Wood, John F. Allen; J. B. McLennan; J. D. McLead and D. H. McLennan.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TIGER

Bobs Up Serenely After Vacation.

The First Receipt for License Money Issued By Treasurer Albright Monday.

The Montana tiger is irrepresible. He has been in hiding since the first of last July but the indications are that he will be doing business at the old stand in the very near future and paying his share of the state's expenses for so doing. He has simply had a two months vacation, and whether he has lain dormant since the gambling law went into effect is a much mooted and oft disputed question.

Frank McKeen of this city applied to County Treasurer Albright for a license last Monday. His tender was accepted and pending a decision from the supreme court the treasurer issued him a receipt, which will have the effect of a license until the supreme court is heard from. In so doing he acted under the advice of County Attorney Callaway, who is backed by the following opinion of the attorney general: "The decision of Judge Blake, as I interpret it, holds that the law of 1889, permitting of faro and poker, was not repealed, hence gambling is as legal to-day as it was then. I do not know whether an appeal will be taken to the supreme court, but until that is done, it is your duty to issue a receipt for the money tendered you for a license. I would not advise you to issue a license until the supreme court has passed upon the question. The receipt given by you will permit of gambling until the validity of the law is finally decided. If Judge Blake is sustained, then receipts for money paid call for a regular license, but if the anti-gambling law is sustained, then their receipts call for the refunding of the money."

Now that the opening wedge has found the weak spot in the statutes it is very evident that the gamblers do not propose to sleep on their rights. As soon as the Blake and Showers' decisions became public property the professional gamblers made preparations to resume business early. The "speak easy" resorts were thrown wide open. It is understood that the supreme court will hand down its decision forthwith.

It is understood that Mr. McKeen's action will be followed by a number of other establishments in various parts of the county.

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THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

A Splendid Array of Pedagogical Talent

President Reid of Bozeman Will be Present and Will Lecture—Other Attractions.

Prof. Reid, president of the Bozeman college, formerly of the College of Montana at Deer Lodge, has accepted the invitation of Miss D. L. Herndon, county superintendent of schools, to be present during the session of the county institute, which will be held in this city from the 21st to the 25th of this month. Prof. Reid, who stands high as an educator, has consented to deliver one or two lectures during the session, and in him the rustling superintendent certainly has a valuable acquisition. It now looks as though the institute will be a meeting of the cream of the school people of the state and county, to be well attended and thoroughly enjoyed and of vast benefit to its members, rather than a meeting of the county educators attended only because the new laws make it compulsory.

Miss Herndon estimates the attendance at between 40 and 50 and it ought to be within the province of such a congress of school people to accomplish much real good. Prof. Mahony will be here, as will also Prof. McFarland of Sheridan and Prof. Birchard of the Twin Bridges Normal. These with the addition of Prof. Steere, state superintendent of instruction, will probably constitute the board of instructors. Every evening during the five days session will probably be the occasion of a lecture or an entertainment, and one evening there will be a musical and literary entertainment in which the best talent of the county will participate. To this a small admittance fee will be charged, the proceeds going to defray the expenses of the institute, which are limited by law to \$25.

NEGOTIATING TO PURCHASE

McDonald's Mines At Meadow Creek.

May be Sold to an Eastern Syndicate—Other Meadow Creek News.

MEADOW CREEK, Oct. 2.—[Special Correspondence]—An eastern syndicate is said to be negotiating for the purchase of A. G. McDonald & Co's group of mines. An expert, representing the syndicate, was here recently and made a thorough examination of the property, which consists of the Baltimore, Last Chance, Robin, Mayflower, King, Garlock, Garfield and Arthur lode claims, and the Cypress, King, Turner and Bell placers. The report is said to have been very favorable, and in case the sale is made a 10 stamp mill will be erected. The property is situated about four miles southwest of Norris on the Virginia City road and are easy of access. The ore is a quartz with iron base, hematite and oxide near surface, carrying gold partly in free state and partly in iron, and but little silver. The veins are from three to ten feet in width, and the assays therefrom go all the way from \$7 to \$46 to the ton, \$20 to \$25 being a fair average. In the development ore has been encountered in all workings. The Baltimore shows only a small vein but has been taken up to cover the springs, which are excellent, and building sites. The Garlock and Garfield have received most attention in the way of development.

The placer claims are in Nugget gulch. In former operations these claims produced nuggets valued as high as \$80 and \$100, and water can be easily ditched to them.

Mr. McDonald also owns the Hugo, an extension of the Revenue at Richmond Flat, the Crystal, Boston, Newton and Denver, all situated at the Flat in close proximity to the principal mines of that section, and very similar in character of ore. These properties are under bond to Denver people.

Fred Gibson, the versatile, has gone to Harrison for the winter. Mr. Gibson is taking a course in law.

Road Supervisor Kroeger is making the best of these beautiful fall days in putting the roads in as good condition as possible.

Close Connections With the S. 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 6:30 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.

KILLED TWO WILD CATS

Nervy Children of Meadow Creek

Gertrude Bronner and Chandler Buell Dispatch Two Wild Bobs With Stones.

From Meadow Creek comes the startling story of how two children, little Miss Gertrude Bronner and Chandler Buell killed two wild bob cats on south Meadow Creek a short time ago. The children were out in the mountains horseback riding, when the fierce barking of their two dogs called their attention to the fact that they had treed two half grown bobs, and while one of the dogs kept the kittens in the tree, the other held the mother cat at bay. The boy and the girl rode up close to the tree, when the boy dismounted and collected his hat full of rocks which he handed up to the girl. The boy then climbed back on his horse and the two began a fusillade of the missiles of old King David. To the girl must be awarded first honors. Almost the first rock thrown by her struck one of the cats square between the eyes, killing it almost instantly. Here's something for the new woman to crow over.

Before their rocks were exhausted they had killed the second kitten, which allowed both dogs to turn their attention to the mother cat, and they made short work of her. The young hunters then managed to pack the dead animals on one of their horses and formed a small but triumphal homeward bound procession.

A MADISONIAN representative had the pleasure of meeting the nervy young lady and gentleman a few days ago and can vouch for the absolute truth of the story.

Of Interest to Teachers.

The Montana State Reading circle committee has selected "Fisks Civil Government" and "Master Pieces of American Literature" for the year's work. The questions for the next four examinations will be based on these works. Teachers may order these books through the county superintendent. Price of first 75 cents and the latter \$1.

DELLA L. HERNDON,
County superintendent of schools.

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