

THE PONY COUNTRY

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one could almost hear it tick; and little Edna Adkins, when she sang "Won't you come to my Tea-party," brought down the house; as did also wee little Hazel McDonnell when she recited, "Good Night," so cunningly. The tableaux of "The Evening Prayer" and "Uncle Tom and Eva" and the negro song "We'll Raise de Roof To-night," by Chas. Morris, Henry Adkins, Clarence Parker and Orson Jay, was burnt-cork, plug-hat stunner. In fact, if the applause, yells and encores had continued much longer the roof would have literally been raised from the hall. The chief feature of the entertainment, however, was the play entitled "The Wild Irishman's Diplomacy." The characters were:

Mr. DeLaney.....N. J. Isdell
Aunt Prudence.....Miss Annie Woodward
Belle DeLaney.....Miss Alma Horner
Grace DeLaney.....Miss Mary Beckwith
Eugene Fitzgibbon, Belle's suitor,
.....Dr. H. F. Smith
Rudolph St. Clair, Grace's suitor,
.....W. W. Williams
Sir Harry O'Mallory, The wild Irishman,
.....Clarence Parker
Podkins, a servant,.....Geo. Dodworth
Peggy, a maid-servant,.....Miss Bessie O'Brien.

That the play was a good one and well acted was proven by the frequency of the applause. The committee, N. J. Isdell, Miss Anna Woodward and Miss Alma Horner, deserve thanks for presenting such a fine entertainment to the people who were so well pleased that a request was made for a repetition of it, which request will be complied with and the exhibition given again on Monday evening. The proceeds go towards fencing the cemetery here. There was a fine dance after the performance.

The boughs on the tree on Christmas eve bent with the weight of presents for the little ones, and old kids was as ever in distributing them.

Sixty-four tickets were sold for the ball on Christmas night. Many strangers being noticeable among the merry dancers.

There were some fine Christmas dinners served here, and if that turkey in Europe, which is gobbling up the poor Armenians so savagely, was as deaf as the turkeys which were gobbled at the festive banquets on that day, the world would be the better for it.

Dr. Cranston is up from Deer Lodge taking a look at the mines here.

The Misses Nettie and Reta Hanson, Lucy Stahora, and May Jay are over from the agricultural college, at Bozeman, and will remain here during the holidays.

Edling & Morris are now loading six cars with high grade ore for shipment. Frank Walters has struck a fine looking body of ore on his Fourth of July lode near the Clipper.

Representation work has been done on about all the mines on Mineral Hill. The Valley View Co., Captain Couch president, have also represented their immense lodes of low grade ore between North and south yellow Creek.

Last week Thomas Carman sold 70 head of cattle, for which he received between \$14 and \$15 per head. There were quite a number of calves among them which went at the same price.

The other day too much booze got into the bumps of combativeness of a couple of chaps here, who we'll call Tom and Jerry, for short. Jerry called Tom "you're an ozozer," and at it they went for the championship of the world—a fit contest and fit. Tom delivered a stem winder two yards to the right of Jerry's seat and Jerry responded by a tremendous uppercut on a hitching-post near by. When they both countered on the ground. At the call of time each arose feeling so "peeggy" that they declared the battle a draw, and saying "let's make up (hic) an' go an' take another drink," staggered off up the street arm in arm.

Of course Pony folks and Montanans generally, depreciate prize fighting as much, and perhaps more than the inhabitants of Texas and Arkansas, and they feel highly magnanimous at the authorities here for allowing such a terrific encounter to take place right in our midst.

The usual calm of our valley has been disturbed lately by a succession of blasts from the south and west, which sent that six-inch snow of a week ago off on a foreign mission; snatched some of the hay-stacks bare-headed; humped the stock up in the willows; sited the beautiful through crack and keyhole; drove hay seed into the rancher's hair and eyes; sent the lay he was loading down to the next ranch; made the mail carriers mad, and—checked the temper of the average citizen into a cocked hat.

Notice is hereby given, that the owner of the Columbus group of mines, situated on Richmond Flat, Madison County, State of Montana, has leased the said mines to Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, and any debts contracted in working and developing said mines are to be paid by her and the property, or mines, are not liable in any shape or form. MRS. REBECCA JOHNSON.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

JUSTICE BREWER WILL BE A VENEZUELAN COMMISSIONER.

Two Bad Shipwrecks in Eastern Waters.
New Bond Issue Will Be \$100,000,000.
It Is Said—World's Wheat Crop Much Short.

Another severe blizzard started Tuesday in the East.

The Philadelphia street railway strike is on again.

The Minnesota Educational association met in St. Paul Tuesday.

Municipal reformers of Wisconsin were banqueted at Milwaukee.

The National Reform Press association meets at Dallas, Tex., Feb. 2 next.

The state house of Jackson, Miss., is said to be likely to collapse at any time.

Lord Dunraven has gone home again. The reason for his sudden departure has not yet been divulged.

B. P. Hutchinson, the veteran of the Chicago wheat pit, is seriously ill at the home of his son-in-law, E. A. Lancaster.

During the rainfall of nine days in Missouri, nine and one-half inches of water fell, the heaviest known here since 1844.

It is announced that an engagement of marriage has been made between William Waldorf Astor and Lady Randolph Churchill.

It is said that Roosevelt has succeeded in running the gamblers all out of New York, and that now only gentlemen's games are played.

The handsome Ashland Masonic temple was dedicated Friday. The new temple is a beautiful 4-story structure costing \$80,000, and one of the finest in Wisconsin.

Over a hundred Chinese from the Atlanta exposition escaped the inspectors at San Francisco through treachery of a customs officer. They are now at large in Chinatown.

The White Star line steamer Britannic, from Liverpool for New York, has on board 1,750 bags of mail. This is the largest mail ever carried on a White Star line steamer.

The civic federation of Alton, Ill., employed a detective, who secured abundant evidence against saloonkeepers who violated the Sunday law, but no convictions resulted.

A body found between Alliance and Reno, Neb., has been identified as that of Banker Kimball, who wandered from his home at Deadwood Sept. 7, while in a state of mental aberration.

A conference of the officers, missionaries and corresponding members of the Northwestern district of the American Sunday School union has opened at Chicago and will continue until January 6.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS.

Henry Labouchere says George Augustus Sala furnished more copy during his lifetime than any other newspaper man who has ever lived.

The voice of Dr. Max Nordau so closely resembles Gladstone's that it is almost impossible to distinguish between them when they are heard together.

RAILROAD NEWS.

It is estimated it will take a year to repair the Bozeman tunnel on the Northern Pacific.

The Baltimore and Ohio and Wisconsin Central Railroad companies are quarreling over rentals in Chicago.

According to the official statistics just issued Illinois still leads the states in the number of miles of railways in operation. Railway construction last year was the smallest for many years.

According to The Railway Age for Dec. 27, railway building in the United States reached this year a lower point than in any of the last 20 years, and in only two years since 1865 has so small a mileage been built.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The senate committees have been completed.

The terms of \$3 presidential postmasters will expire in January.

The new bond contract is ready, lacking, it is said, only Carlisle's signature.

A free coinage substitute for the bond bill will be presented by the silver senators.

It is stated that the new bond issue will be for \$100,000,000 on a popular loan basis.

Hugh Beiknap was given his seat in congress, Larry McGann refusing to contest it.

Ex-Ministers Phelps and Lincoln are believed to have accepted places on the Venezuelan commission.

Secretary Smith has postponed eviction of the Cherokee intruders from Jan. 1 to an indefinite period.

Secretary Carlisle condemns the Republican bond and tariff measures as inadequate to the financial crisis.

The twin sister of the new battleship Kearsarge has been named by Secretary Herbert after the state of Kentucky.

Secretary Herbert has awarded contracts for Uncle Sam's two new battleships to the Newport News company.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Milwaukee Grain.
MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2, 1896.
FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.
WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56½¢; No. 1 Northern, 58½¢; May, 58½¢.
CORN—No. 3, 26¢.
OATS—Steady—No. 2 white, 18½¢; No. 3 white, 18½¢.

Duluth Grain.
DULUTH, Jan. 2, 1896.
WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard, 58½¢; No. 1 Northern, 52½¢; No. 2 Northern, 50½¢; No. 3 spring, 48½¢; rejected, 47½¢.

Minneapolis Grain.
MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1896.
WHEAT—January closed at 54½¢ May 55¢. On Track—No. 1 hard, 55½¢; No. 1 Northern, 54½¢; No. 2 Northern, 53½¢.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.
SOUTH ST. PAUL, Jan. 2, 1896.
HOGS—Market 8¢ higher; quality good. Range of prices, \$3.35@3.40.
CATTLE—Market quiet but steady; very few offered; good demand for butcher cattle.
SHEEP—Market steady; market firm; good demand for good butcher stuff; receipts went to local feeders.
Receipts: Hogs, 300; cattle, 100; calves 5; sheep, 3,400.

Chicago Union Stock Yards.
CHICAGO, Jan. 2, 1896.
HOGS—Market fairly active and 5¢ to 10¢ higher.
Sales ranged at \$3.45@3.70 for light; \$3.45@3.6 for mixed; \$3.85@3.70 for heavy; \$3.35@3.45 for rough.
CATTLE—Market firm and steady. Beeves, \$3.15@4.75; cows and heifers, \$1.70@3.8; Texas steers, \$2.75@3.70; stockers and feeders, \$2.40@3.65.
SHEEP—Market steady to stronger. Receipts: Hogs, 30,000; cattle, 10,000; sheep, 15,000.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.
CHICAGO, Jan. 2, 1896.
CLOSING PRICES.
WHEAT—January, 56¢; February, 56½¢ May 58½¢.
CORN—January, 25½¢; February, 25½¢; May, 27½¢@28¢.
OATS—January, 16½¢; May, 18½¢.
PORK—January, \$7.25; May, \$9.87½.
LARD—January, \$5.32½; May, \$5.62½.

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