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THE WEATHER.

The weather forecast for Friday and Saturday, ending at 8 p. m. Saturday: Increasing cloudiness; warmer to-night and Saturday.

DEATH OF CAPT. SHEPHERD.

Captain John Cahoun Shepherd, who has been one of the characters of Butte for many years, is dead. He was a great favorite with the people of the busy metropolis, and always figured most prominently in the observance of national holidays.

The captain was a privileged character in Butte. He ate and drank what he wanted, and never paid, nor he was ever expected to.

The captain claimed to have been a veteran of the Mexican war, and the people of Butte were too busy and too charitable to probe too deeply into the captain's war record. There were some, however, who were unkind enough to insinuate that the captain's fighting record existed principally in his vivid imagination.

He lived by his wits and he never overlooked anything. On one occasion, when Sells circus visited Butte the manager was introduced to the captain. "How large is your family?" asked the circus manager. "Six" replied the gallant captain without batting an eye. The manager gave him six complimentary. The captain had no family. This little incident is related just to show that he was great in strategy. Peace to his ashes.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Secretary Smith has handed down a recent decision that is of direct interest to locators of placer ground. Referring to the necessity of subdivisions where the land has been surveyed, he says: "By section 2330 legal subdivisions of 40 acres may be subdivided into 20-acre tracts, and section 2331, of the revised statutes, provides that, where the placer claims conform to legal subdivisions, no further survey or plat shall be required. It seems to me, therefore, that it is clearly the intention of the statute that the location of placer claims by legal subdivisions makes the marking of the boundaries an idle ceremony that is not contemplated by the law."

In the same case, that of John M. Reynolds, no discovery of mineral was claimed to have been made, but it was cited that the land was returned as mineral by the surveyor general, and it was therefore claimed that it was not even necessary to make a discovery. The secretary held that this does not in any event avoid the necessity of a discovery of mineral, and any location made without a discovery, as required by the statute, is void.

THE ROENTGEN RAY.

And now some learned doctors of Chicago have discovered that the X ray is death to germs of cholera, diphtheria, influenza, glanders, pneumonia, typhoid, anthrax and tuberculouses. The bacilla of these diseases were selected with great care and allowed to "culture," as the doctors say. The electrical ray was then applied to them for a couple of hours, and although carefully nurtured for more than a week, have shown no signs of life.

If these deadly germs can be slain by

the electrical ray it means that epidemics in the future will be impossible. The importance of the discovery cannot be overestimated.

And now Edison has perfected his new invention—the fluorescope—with which, assisted by a powerful X ray he can see through flesh without the necessity of photographing.

Governor Rickards came out flat-footed the other day in an interview with a reporter for the Inter-Mountain and frankly acknowledged that he is a candidate for re-nomination. The governor evidently does not believe in hiding his light under a measure.

The sad suicide of J. F. Kelly, a prominent business man of Butte, is regrettable. The pace of life in Butte was too strong for him—it is the kind that kills. Life in the busy metropolis is too fast for many and the list of its victims is a long one.

Mark Hanna, who is doing the Marshal Ney act to McKinley's Napoleon, is confident that McKinley will win. In an interview with the New York Journal a few days ago he referred to Platt and Quay as political babes. Hanna seems to think that his man has the nomination in the hollow of his hand.

It has been intimated that Cleveland proposes to delay action in the Cuban matter until a short time before the democratic convention; then suddenly become intensely interested in the Cuban cause and provoke a war with Spain on the theory that such a condition of affairs would keep him where he is. Abraham Lincoln, speaking of his re-election during the war, said the people did not care to swap horses while crossing a river, but Grover will find, should he attempt this coup, that the American people will gladly exchange a slow moving mule for a spirited horse under any and all circumstances.

IS AFTER THE NOMINATION.

Governor Rickards Publicly Announces His Candidacy.

Independent: All doubt as to the intentions of the present governor of the state, with reference to a renomination and re-election, if there ever were any doubts, will be set at rest by the following interview he had Saturday with a reporter for the Inter-Mountain, in which it is said:

Gov. John E. Rickards is spending the day in Butte, partly on official and partly on private business.

His excellency lacked his usual cheerfulness this morning, having just learned that since he left the capital Mrs. Rickards was seized with an attack of quincy. He is greatly concerned about her, and will return at once, possibly taking her to California, should the family physician so advise.

"If you have a moment to talk politics," said the reporter, "would you mind stating whether you will be a candidate for renomination before the state republican convention?"

"My intentions in that direction seem to have been suspected in some quarters," said the governor with a smile. "Frankly, I will say that my name will be presented. The ambition to be the governor of so fine a state as Montana is honorable and my friends will present my claims to recognition."

"Upon what will they be based, governor?"

"Upon the record I have made in the executive office. If it is satisfactory I would like it to be endorsed and I should feel greatly honored by a renomination. If it has not been satisfactory, I shall retire, satisfied that at least I have done my duty as I understood it."

"Are you hopeful of the result?"

"I am. I have been governor during the formative period of the young state. Under my administration the state buildings have been begun and I think my familiarity with the work fits me to continue it, should the convention be pleased to investigate the facts."

"Then you do not believe in an interchange of horses during that perilous crisis which is incident to the progress of the wayfarer from one side of the river to the other?"

"That sounds all right," said the governor, "and I hope such a sentiment will find expression in the Republican platform. I regard horse-trading

under any circumstances as an immoral transaction."

ANOTHER MINE HORROR.

Seven Men Killed By An Explosion in the Broadwater Mine at Nelhart.

The Broadwater mine in Nelhart was the scene of a terrible explosion early Sunday morning which resulted in the death of seven men and the wounding of six others, some of whom are expected to die.

The dead are: Frank Doran, Jim Morrison, Hugh McKenzie, Dan O'Leary, Dan Ross, John Kerns, and Joe Dearon.

The wounded are: Mike Ward, James Comity; Mike Coburn, Chas. Schmidt, James Gallagher, and Joe Doran.

Of the men killed all were single except Frank Doran. At last accounts James Gallagher was dying. It is also feared that three others will die.

There seems to be some doubt as to the actual cause of the tragedy, although the point of explosion is known to be at a magazine where the dynamite was stored. The three tunnels of the Broadwater mine are along the road leading up from the canyon over old Baldy. The second tunnel, where the explosion occurred, is close to the road. A short distance inside is a branch tunnel about 30 feet long leading to the magazine in the drift. About 50 feet down the main tunnel the miners were working, a shot having been put in just before they went to lunch at 12 o'clock.

There were 22 miners working on the level, about half of whom had gone in or were going in at the time of the explosion. Frank Doran had charge of the magazine, which was used for thawing out powder. He went in ahead with a box of powder. The last seen of him, he was kneeling on the ground boxing the powder. It is supposed that the fire from his candle ignited the powder, or it may be possible that he perceived his danger, for his body was found in the main shaft fully 50 feet from the magazine.

STATE BRIEFS.

The secretary of the interior department has just handed down a decision to the effect that locators of placer ground are not required to stake locations on unsurveyed land.

The "U & I" comedy company stranded in Anaconda.

Frederick Warde has just closed an engagement in Butte.

The remains of the late Capt. J. C. Shepherd were interred in Butte, Sunday with semi-military honors.

W. M. Black has been appointed receiver of the Kenyon-Gonnell Commercial Company.

Col. P. R. Dolan, president of the board of managers of the soldiers' home of Montana, left for Columbia Falls last evening, to stake out the grounds; accept the bonds of the contractor and start the work of building the soldiers' home, which will be pushed with all possible speed. If there is no hitch in the plans the work of excavation will commence immediately for the foundation. Col. Dolan expects to be absent a week.—Miner.

Joe Klaffki's Anheuser-Busch saloon and cafe on lower Main street, Butte, was taken possession of by the sheriff Monday, under 10 attachments, aggregating \$7,235.02. The first attachment levied was on a suit brought in the district court by the Hoge-Brownie bank for \$5,000 due on a note executed June 18, 1895, payable six months after date and bearing one per cent a month interest. The note was made by M. Klaffki and signed by William Scallon and D. J. Hennessy. Klaffki says his stock of goods is worth fully \$9,000.

The woolgrowers in eastern Montana met in annual session at Miles City, Monday, 25 members present. T. S. Wiley was elected president and J. S. Truscott secretary. Many important questions, among which was the late tariff discussion at Washington, and the following was adopted: "Resolved That the president of this association write our senators and congressmen in Washington, asking them if they will support a bill placing a tariff on wool without the question of silver."

Jack White, brakeman of the Great Northern, was killed at Great Falls Tuesday afternoon by the overthrowing of a car of poles half a mile beyond Monarch. No one else was hurt. Deceased leaves a wife and family.

Charley Kenyon, of the State Democratic committee, is expected in Helena this evening to consult with Secretary David Marks with respect to issuing a conventional call. Members of the party are understood to favor the appointment of delegates to Chicago, but Secretary Marks states that a convention must be held and action taken in the customary way. Chairman Kenyon is on record against the Cleveland administration, but Collector Brown and others holding Federal commissions insist that Grover must be endorsed in the usual form, by resolution. The convention will probably be summoned to meet not later than June 10th.—Herald.

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UNITED STATES GRAND JURY.

Some Results of Its Deliberation—The Vaughn Case.

The United States court convened this afternoon at two o'clock with Judge Knowles upon the bench, says the Helena Herald. Lee Perrin, against whom was found an indictment last Friday by the grand jury, was fined \$1,000. He was charged in the indictment with unlawfully returning to the Crow reservation after having been warned off. He was tried and convicted.

After disposing of the Perrin case, an indictment was read by Clerk Sproule. This is the second indictment handed in at this sitting of the grand jury. The true bill was against Frank Vaughn, a young fellow residing in Livingston. He is not more than 18 years of age. The indictment charges him with sending an immoral letter and picture through the mails to Miss Grace McQuirk, a young lady of Livingston, aged about 15. The letter was mailed on February 13, 1896.

After the reading of the indictment, Judge Knowles asked Vaughn who had been arrested, and brought up from Livingston, if he had an attorney. He replied that he had not, and would not be able to employ one unless his mother put up the necessary funds. He had previously written his mother asking for the money, and expects to hear from her to-morrow. Attorney McDonald was appointed to defend him in case his mother did not comply with his request.

After a few minutes consultation with his attorney, Vaughn pleaded not guilty to the indictment as read. The judge forthwith placed his bond at \$1,000.

The court then took a recess until 2 o'clock to-morrow.

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