

# THE TROPHY WINNERS

## RETURN IN POSSESSION OF THE PRIZE.

Company "D" Boys Make the Best Score Ever Recorded in any Military Competitive Tournament of Montana—Lead by Thirteen Points.

Bozeman, Montana, July 20.—It was not at all a good day at Fort Ellis for the teams which Monday forenoon shot for the state trophy, as the wind was continually varying, necessitating re-adjustment of sights every few minutes, but very good scores were made nevertheless. Shooting commenced early in the morning, and was not completed until 1 o'clock, when Company D, of Virginia City, was announced winner of the trophy, by 13 points, the total points made by each company being as follows: Company D, of Virginia City, 754; Company H, of Bozeman, 744; Company G, of Butte, 736; Company A, of Great Falls, 620. The official report of the shooting was not given to-night, but will be read at dress parade to-morrow evening, when the silver cup won at last year's encampment by the team from Company H, of Bozeman, will be turned over to the Virginia City company. Governor J. E. Rickards making the presentation.

Knute Ellingson of Co. D and Lieut. French of Co. A, Great Falls, made the two best individual scores of 163 points each.

Every company in camp has expressed a wish that if they could not win the cup themselves that it might go to Company D, so that there is very general satisfaction over the result. Company D, for three years, made a splendid showing, but always lost the trophy by a very few points, taking their defeat as cool as though it were a victory and won a respect which brought them to-day the heartiest congratulations of the entire regiment over their victory.

After the teams from the range had been given time to rest, the competitive drill for the Kessler flag was begun, the part of to-days programme, commencing with Company F, of Butte, which formed on the parade ground and after careful inspection of the soldiers themselves, their guns and their barracks, by the board of judges, composed of Colonel R. B. Wallace, Colonel John P. Miller and Lieutenant H. V. Bailey, they were marched out upon the prairie by their captain and drilled for 15 minutes, the drill ending in advanced battle front, when the men were thrown back into skirmish line, an attack made on the enemy by a firing squad, with supports and reserves. The company closed in on the enemy, running, kneeling or lying down and firing, then charging with fixed bayonets and being repulsed, retreating, and then flanking the enemy's position. It was a grand sight to see this exciting drill, each company, but Company K, going through this maneuver, the companies drilling after Company F, being Company K, of Anaconda; Company A, of Great Falls, H, of Bozeman; and G, of Butte; Companies B, of Butte, and D, of Virginia City, not drilling.

BOZEMAN, July 21.—This evening the governor formally presented the state trophy for best marksmanship to Co. D of Virginia City, and the Kessler flag to Co. H, which was won in the competitive drill.

RETURN OF COMPANY D.  
It was a triumphal return for the militia boys Thursday afternoon. But for the fact that the city was in mourning pending the funeral services of Barclay Jones and on account of the fatal accident at Summit, the victorious soldiers would have met with an

ovation worthy of their mettle. The ladies who accompanied the detachment report a most delightful and enjoyable trip, but were slightly fatigued on account of the long carriage ride from the railroad.

The result of the scores which secured Company D the honors and state trophy for best marksmanship reads as follows:

Yards.....	200	300	500	600
Lieut. Mead.....	42	38	34	32
Corp. Strong.....	38	36	40	24
Corp. Vickers.....	41	44	36	33
Priv. Parke.....	41	35	38	39
Priv. Ellingson.....	43	40	42	38
Totals.....	205	193	190	166

It is a pleasure to note this record, since—notwithstanding the constant necessity of adjusting the sights on account of a choppy wind—it is the best score ever made in the competitors' military tournament of Montana. The massive and highly embellished trophy of solid silver has often been described and is now on exhibition at Dewitt's jewelry store.

Most of the daily papers erroneously reported the winning by ten points when it should read thirteen. Capt. Keown, of Bozeman, was disallowed one shot of three points which he fired at the wrong target. The mistake was immaterial, as to general results, and not nearly as significant as when, in 1892, Co. D missed winning the cup through the carelessness of one man accidentally firing in the air—thereby losing by one point only.

### MARTIN IN BOZEMAN.

Elected An Honorary Member of the Sons of Rest.

Bozeman, Montana, July 18.—Perhaps it is not generally known throughout the state that there is an organized lodge of the Sons of Rest in Bozeman, but such an order does exist and has a long list of members.

At the regular monthly meeting held at their hall Thursday evening the 16, another member deserted the ranks of the toilers and pledged himself to forever uphold Weary Willieism. When the G. S. of B., Lester Pierstorff, asked if there were any new names for membership, Brother Major Pease arose and presented the name of Martin McLean formerly of this city, but now of Virginia City, who he said was desirous of joining this noble band. The name of McLean was greeted by a storm of applause, and he was immediately initiated into the mysteries of the order. At this point some one in the rear of the hall shouted for a speech from our new member, whereupon brother McLean took the floor with a two-for-a-quarter smile on and in a few well chosen remarks said that he was proud of the honor of being able to say that he was a member of such a noble order as the Sons of Rest. He said that he regretted exceedingly that he had been guilty of working for the past fifteen years, but hoped that he would be excused on the promise of doing better in the future.

After Brother McLean took his seat the members were treated to a glass at the expense of the order, and after drinking brother McLean's health the meeting adjourned.

### Dressmaking.

Will go out by the day or take sewing to my place of residence, the home of Mrs. Covely. Call or address Miss Jennie Te Sell.

The valuation of Lewis and Clarke county, according to the assessor's returns for 1896, is \$46,048,910. This is a fall of \$2,161,000 from 1895. Silver Bow county's total valuation for 1896 is \$21,653,925, a falling off of \$2,437,489 from 1895. Deer Lodge county gives a total valuation of \$6,641,879—an increase over last year of \$670,978.

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# THE SUMMIT ACCIDENT

## JOHN MCGUIRE, A WELL-KNOWN MINER, KILLED

By a Fall of Ground in the Tunnel of the Summit Placer Company's Property—William Lef's Miraculous Escape.

John McGuire, a well known young miner, met death in a most horrible form at Summit, about 11:30 Wednesday morning. McGuire was in the employ of George Henderson, of the Summit Placer Company, as a drifter, and while at work in the tunnel, was caught by a fall of ground in the face of the drift and instantly killed, his body being frightfully mangled, both neck and back being broken. Wm. Lef, who was McGuire's partner on the shift, escaped miraculously. Lef heard the report of the fall, and made a rush for the tunnel, but was caught and pinned down but his head was protected by a broken piece of lagging, and this chance circumstance saved his life.

It seems that a rivalry between Chas. Gray, another drifter, and the dead man, is partially responsible for this distressing accident. Both were anxious to excel in amount of work done during each single shift. Mr. Henderson was with McGuire in the tunnel at 7:30 and gave him his instructions. McGuire, in his anxiety to do a big day's work, drove his lagging too far, which caused the accident.

Lef came out of the tunnel 10 minutes before the accident, with a car load of dirt and reported everything safe. Mr. Henderson entered the tunnel a few minutes later, and heard Lef cry out. He rushed to the face of the drift, and realized in a moment, what had happened. He at once summoned help, and for 26 hours the rescuers worked faithfully. Lef's head was free and he could talk to the men who were working to save him. After about three hours of hard work, Lef was taken out, largely through the bravery of Jack Wesley, who went under the timbers at the risk of his own life and brought Lef out.

McGuire's body was recovered after 26 hours of continuous work. Among the men who worked this long shift without intermission were Jack Wesley, Wm. St. Clair, W. H. Gilbert, Charles Gray, Jack Barrada, Henry Ptomey, J. H. Beal, J. Rosenberg, J. Rodgers, Arthur Davis and others. Will Nurenberger also did heroic work. When the body was finally reached several of the men fainted from extreme fatigue.

Coroner McNulty, who in the meantime had arrived on the ground, then impaneled a jury and investigated the causes leading up to the accident. The testimony was as follows:

Testimony of Charles Gray—The mine is worked in a workman-like manner. Mr. Henderson takes every precaution to secure the safety of the men working in the mine, the mine was well timbered. When I quit on my shift the morning of accident, July 22d, 1896, I had put in the main set of timbers, the timbers were in good shape. I worked in the same place; came off shift at 6 o'clock in the morning. Started a few lagging on left hand side where the ground was a little loose and heavy. I told John McGuire the ground was heavy and advised him to put in another set of timbers as quick as possible. And the reply he made me was that he thought there was too much scientific work about my advice and thought common sense was all that was necessary to hold the ground. There was no danger in the ground if proper precaution was taken. I was not afraid of the ground. The cause of the accident was caused by driving the spiling too far, thus throwing the weight on the point of the spiling and causing the cap to rock.

George Henderson—That on the morning of the accident soon after 7 o'clock, I went into the mine; went where John McGuire was at work; looked over the condition of the face of breast and saw some toggling in the left hand corner, told McGuire to set his timbers as soon as he could and to put them so the cap would come inside of the toggling and for him not to disturb the toggling until after he had his main set in place. He said there was no trouble in driving his spiling ahead of the toggling. I told him to let them stand as it would then be perfectly safe. He said he intended to show Gray he could put this set of timbers in without a run, as he considered his common sense as good as Gray's expert mining. I told him to be careful as in ten feet

more we would be past the marked spot and be in solid ground, with this I left him. I again went into the mine at 11:30, and heard William Lef calling; I rushed to the face and found the timbers down and Lef caught; could not hear anything from McGuire. I got assistance at once and all was done to recover the men.

William Lef—I was going to drive a sprag against the breast board and the first thing we knew like a shot it came down; at once I throwed myself back and Jack he lay there. McGuire and I were the only ones working in there.

C. J. Westley—The cause of the accident was that McGuire drove the spiling too far and the weight came on the front end of the spiling and turned the cap. My reason for believing this was that the cap was broken but still hung together; if broken while standing up the two broken ends would have been separated. I do not consider the ground dangerous if properly handled.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the death was accidental, and exonerated the company from all blame.

McGuire had resided in Virginia several years. He was a genial, witty Irishman and had many friends among all classes. He was about 35 years of age, and was a graduate of the University of Dublin. He was a prominent Knight of Labor and a member of the Butte Miners' Union. His father resides in Scotland and three sisters are residents of Boston, Mass.

The funeral occurred at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the Catholic church, of which the deceased was a member, Rev. Father Pauellen officiating. It was quite generally attended. Although the company was exonerated from all blame, Mr. Henderson very generously paid for the coffin, the grave digging and the hearse, and the other expenses were met out of the deceased's ready money. Mr. Henderson states that McGuire had worked for him a year and that he was a man of sterling integrity. He feels very badly over the accident. McGuire was known to the writer to be an honest, upright man, and regret over his untimely fate is widespread in this community.

## IN SPECIAL SESSION

### RESOLUTIONS EULOGIZING THE MEMORY

Of the Deceased County Clerk—Synopsis of the Proceedings of Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, at and During the Special July, 1896, Session.

FIRST DAY—JULY 20.  
The board of commissioner of Madison county, Montana, met in special session at the office of the county clerk of said county, at the county seat, on Monday, July 20th, 1896, (being the third Monday in said month) at 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, present: Joseph Smith, George Copp and Jacob Crisman, Commissioners, and H. E. Steffens, deputy clerk. Said meeting being held pursuant to due and legal notice and in accordance with the provisions of the Political Code, in such case made and provided, for the purpose of examining, adjusting and correcting, if found necessary, the assessment roll, made and returned by the county assessor for the current year.

The day was occupied in examining said assessment roll, and the same appearing to be a fair and reasonable assessment, on motion it was ordered that said assessment roll, so returned, be and the same is hereby approved.

JOSEPH SMITH, Chairman.  
H. E. STEFFENS, Deputy Clerk.

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the county commissioners of Madison county, state of Montana, that Barclay Jones, clerk and recorder, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, at 6 o'clock, a. m., on July 21, 1896, and that by reason of his death a vacancy exists in the office of clerk and recorder of said county; now, therefore, it is ordered that a special meeting of the board of commissioners of Madison county, Montana, be held on Tuesday, July 21, 1896, at the office of the clerk and recorder of said county in Virginia City, the county seat of said county, at 2:15 o'clock, p. m., of said day for the purpose of appointing a competent person county clerk (and recorder) of Madison county, state of Montana, to fill the vacancy now existing, and fill and hold such office until his successor is elected and qualified.

Done this 21st day of July, 1896.  
JOSEPH SMITH,  
J. S. CRISMAN,  
GEO. COPP,  
County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana.  
Board met at 2:15 p. m., July 21, 1896, pursuant to the foregoing order, and on motion, Henry E. Steffens was unani-



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ously appointed county clerk (and ex-officio recorder) of Madison county, to hold and fill such office until his successor is elected and qualified.

JOSEPH SMITH,  
J. S. CRISMAN,  
GEO. COPP,  
County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana.

Whereas, in His divine wisdom, Almighty God has seen fit to call from his earthly labors, the clerk of this board, Mr. Barclay Jones, and

Whereas, Mr. Jones has performed the duties of clerk of the board of commissioners for many years, with the utmost efficiency, promptness and with remarkable ability, always doing more than his duty, and doing it with a cheerfulness, and disinterested kindness to all the members of the board;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, in view of the esteem and high regard that Mr. Jones has been held by the members of this board, that in respect to his memory we do now adjourn this meeting until to-morrow, and that the clerk be ordered to spread these resolutions on the commissioners' journal in full.

Board adjourned to 9 a. m., of Wednesday, July 22, 1896.

JOSEPH SMITH,  
J. S. CRISMAN,  
GEO. COPP,  
County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana.

SPECIAL JULY SESSION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1896.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present: Joseph Smith, J. S. Crisman, and George Copp, commissioners, and H. E. Steffens, clerk.

On motion Patrick Carney was appointed justice of the peace in and for Jefferson Township, upon condition that he execute and file a bond of \$2,000.00 as required by law.

The bids for furnishing 60 cords of wood for the use of the county were opened and examined, when it was found that the following named persons offer to furnish such wood at and for the price per cord set opposite their respective names, viz:

W. J. Finney..... \$3.50  
Joseph Pollock..... 4.85

And the bid of Joseph Pollock being the lowest bid offered, on motion it was ordered that the contract for furnishing said sixty cords of wood be awarded to said Joseph Pollock, at the sum of \$4.85 per cord.

On motion the clerk is hereby ordered to notify Secretary of State not to ship this county a standard of weights and measures as the county has no use for same and the county's finances will not justify the expenditure.

The business of the session having been completed the minutes of the session were read and approved and the board thereupon adjourned.

JOSEPH SMITH,  
Attest: Chairman of the Board.  
H. E. STEFFENS, Clerk.

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