

HE IS AT LIBERTY

WILLIAM KNOX PARDONED FROM THE PENITENTIARY

Killed in Self Defense—He Was Sentenced to 10 Years in the Pen, and Now It is Found That He Committed No Crime at All.

After spending more than four years in the Deer Lodge penitentiary for a crime which five judges and the prosecuting attorney before whom he was tried now virtually say was no crime at all, William Knox will regain his liberty. He was sent up in September, 1892, from Missoula county for killing George W. Searles. Gov. Rickards pardoned him Nov. 25, and Monday the board of pardons unanimously confirmed the act of executive clemency. According to the petition that was signed by Judge Marshall, and all the jurors now living or in the county, Knox shot and killed Searles while acting in self defense. Searles was cutting wood on land belonging to Knox and a dispute arose. Searles assaulted Knox with an axe and the latter who had fallen to the ground after turning to run away, shot and almost instantly killed him. The governor, in his letter to the board of pardons, explains his reasons for granting clemency. The letter is:

"Gentlemen, I herewith grant a free and unconditional pardon to William Knox subject to your approval. This man was convicted in the Fourth judicial district on Sept. 6, 1892, for killing one George W. Searles, and was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the penitentiary, nearly half of which sentence he has already served.

"It is seldom that the merits of a case appeal so strongly for executive interference, yet I am fully convinced, after a painstaking investigation, that Knox acted in self defense when he killed Searles, and that the latter was the aggressor from every point of view. It is in evidence that Searles was trying to rob Knox out of the land which had been selected by the latter for homestead entry, and that a violent dispute arose over an act of trespass by the former. During the quarrel Searles assaulted Knox with an axe, and the latter, in self defense, shot the former causing his death. The papers in the case fully justify the conclusion that Knox, knowing his man to be of violent temper with a vicious purpose in view, had every reason to believe that his own life was in danger. The man who attempts to deprive another of his home, which is being legally acquired by peaceful means, is as guilty as he who, by force, seeks to possess his purse. It is a matter of extreme doubt, from both a moral and legal standpoint, whether Knox should have been incarcerated for the murder of Searles. As it is, he has not only served a large portion of his sentence, but has lost his property by reason of his incarceration and his family has been broken up. Under the circumstances, I feel that the appeals for clemency in behalf of this man should be respected, coming as they do from those best acquainted with the facts. Your attention is called to the statement herewith appended, signed by the officers of the court in which Knox was tried and convicted. The names of the judge, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the courts, and all the jurors now living and in the country are affixed to this document, together with 24 other citizens, familiar with all the facts brought out in the trial of the case. A petition from Cache county, Utah, signed by a hundred persons recites that Knox was for 20 years a resident of that territory; that he was a peaceable, quiet well behaved citizen, a faithful, industrious and hard working man who was never arrested or accused of any crime or misdemeanor. This petition prays for clemency for Knox in behalf of his wife and little children. Letters bearing on this same case are also handed you. Believing this to be a case meritorious in all respects, my action is respectfully submitted to your approval.

Notice

At and during the regular session of the board of commissioners of this county, held on the 13th day of December, 1894, the following order was made and entered, viz:

"The business of the board having been heretofore hindered and delayed by the presentation of bills and claims against the county, during the session of the board: It is therefore ordered, that at future sessions of the board, no bills or accounts will be examined or passed upon, unless the same shall have been presented and filed on or before the first day of the session of the board, and the clerk is authorized to make due publication of this order."

HENRY E. STEFFENS,
County clerk and recorder, Madison County, Montana.

BOREAS DID IT.

The Virginia City Water Company Suffer From the Storm King.

During the recent cold snap the Virginia City Water Company suffered no little inconvenience. Pipes froze up all over town during two or three of the coldest days, and on one occasion the president of the company, Dick Bickford, was forced to summon to his aid in alleviating the distress, all the stockholders of the company. It came pretty near driving many of the F. F. Vs. to strong drink and might be characterized as a game of "freeze-out" for the drinks. Wednesday's chinook came to the aid of the water company however, and when this was written the water was coursing along the pipes in the even tenor of its way. While we were indulging ourselves in these pen pleasantries, we nearly forgot to say that these are days when Dick Bickford and Billy Stevenson cut all kinds of ice.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

It Will Meet Next Wednesday—The Program.

The literary society, which furnished so many pleasant evenings' entertainment last winter, will open this season's work at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening.

There will be the usual song by the choir, after which President Mountjoy will deliver his annual address; Miss Hannah McGovern will deliver a select reading; Prof. Little will recite; then will follow another song by the choir, after which the "Gossip" will be read by R. A. Vickers, editor. The president will then deliver a lecture, and a song will conclude the exercises of the evening.

FOR M'GUIRE AND LOFHOLM

Friends Will Erect a Monument Over Their Graves.

A monument is to be placed over the graves of Jack McGuire and William Lofholm, who were killed several months ago by a fall of earth in the tunnel of the Summit Placer Mining Company. It will be placed there by their friends of whom there are many in this section. Jack Westley and others have interested themselves in this matter, and experienced no difficulty in raising the necessary amount. Following is a list of those who contributed to the monument fund:

C. J. Westley	1.00	Fred Kraemer	1.00
W. A. Siciate	1.00	Henry Miller	1.00
Musser & Rogers	1.00	J. M. Knight	1.00
J. A. Doran	1.00	Henry Elling	1.00
Thos McColgan	1.00	F. F. Polard	1.00
W. W. Cheely	1.00	A. J. Bennett	1.00
I. H. French	1.00	J. M. Herndon	1.00
H. Albright	1.00	C. W. Mead	1.00
R. Vickers & Co.	1.00	D. French & Co.	1.00
H. B. Green	2.00	H. S. Gilbert	1.00
Joe Smith	1.00	A. L. Roney	1.00
W. H. Haggerty	1.00	Frank Kinsella	1.00
J. H. Powell	.50	A. K. Kellogg	1.00
G. Mohr	.50	E. Plumb	2.00
J. J. Haines	1.00	A. Metcalf	2.00
H. B. Haggerty	1.00	A. Alex Gray	2.00
Geo. W. Reil	1.00	Henry May	2.00
Philip Hoffman	1.00	J. R. Johnson	.50
W. E. Thomas	1.00	Andrew O'Leary	1.00
John Lavell	1.00	James H. Hiley	1.00
Fitz Walker	1.00	John Roberts	1.00
Joe R. Brown	1.00	W. Batten and bro	1.00
J. M. Sweeney	1.00	N. V. Johnson	1.00
J. P. O'Sullivan	1.00	Dan McGehegan	1.00
John Rempley	1.00	P. H. Cobb	1.00
Joe Harrington	1.00	C. W. Rank & Co.	1.00
F. Fitzpatrick	1.00	M. M. Keim	1.00
Dan McDonald	1.00	Funk & Co.	2.00
Antone Binjah	1.00	C. F. Sauerbier	1.00
Fishback	1.00	S. J. Wales	1.00
John Rowe	3.00	Frank Fouts	1.00
J. B. Rank	1.00	M. B. McLean	1.00
J. H. Dismel	1.00	Louis L. Roney	1.00
Martin Moutz	1.00	John Barber	2.00
R. A. Vickers	1.00	John Troy	1.00
C. H. Buford	1.00	F. J. Emerson	1.00
J. M. Barrett	1.00	H. C. Caruthers	1.00
Joe B. How	1.00	G. Massingall	1.00
Chas Gray	1.00	W. H. Gilbert	1.00
John Ryan	1.00	A. W. Canaday	1.00
E. H. Barrett	1.00	H. P. Pomey	1.00
Ben Hunter	1.00	G. Massingall	1.00
Chas McDougal	2.00	Geo. H. Johnson	1.00
Joe Trotter	.50	China Joe	1.00
Ben Hunter	1.00	Geo. Rogers	1.00
Ragan and	1.00	P. McGovern	1.00
Southmayd	1.00	Frank M'Keen	2.00
Ed Gohn	1.00	P. L. Ward	1.00
Joe Mitchell	1.00	Erk Mattson	1.00

COUNTY DEBTS.

The Indebtedness of the Various Counties in Montana in 1895.

County	Debt	Increase	Decrease
Beaverhead	\$2,292.24		\$13,251.55
Cascade	237,707.50		22,665.49
Chouteau	156,175.09	\$16,153.68	
Glacier	235,034.75	11,202.27	
Dawson	34,756.27	2,777.74	
Deer Lodge	165,533.45	55,345.13	
Fergus	82,915.61	2,509.79	
Fishback	125,987.34	29,251.82	
Gallatin	115,288.56	19,721.52	
Greene	54,824.49	16,966.54	
Jefferson	151,393.55		10,775.35
.....	181,969.21	65,478.20	
Madison	77,055.29		2,096.39
Meagher	172,329.17		1,546.46
Missoula	227,455.29	37,191.03	
Park	196,804.09	18,267.77	
.....	89,962.62	11,132.28	
.....	102,265.73		3,267.39
.....	56,115.67	29,327.50	
.....	78,641.59	15,669.24	
Yellowstone	178,942.91		2,163.51

The Grand Republic 5 cent cigar at the post office.

For the news of Madison county take this paper.

Notice to Creditors.

ESTATE OF Barclay Jones, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Barclay Jones, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the law office of Lew. L. Callaway, in Virginia City, Madison county, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the county of Madison.

Dated at Virginia City, Montana, this twenty-fifth day of November, 1896.
NEWTON ORR,
Administrator of the estate of Barclay Jones, deceased.
First publication November 25, 1896. 7-4

Santa Claus' Headquarters

WILL BE OPENED AT

... C. W. Rank & Co's

Monday, December 7.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

SEVERAL thousand dollars are due the Madisonian from delinquent subscribers, in amounts varying from \$2.50 up. The sum in the aggregate is a handsome one and we would like to see a reasonable proportion of it paid by the first of the year. During the past two years we have endeavored to give our readers their money's worth. We have said very little about pay. It takes money to run a newspaper just as it does any other business. Printers seldom wax fat on air and mountain scenery, and strange to relate the man from whom we buy the paper on which this is printed insists on receiving his money with alarming and unceasing regularity. Now we are going to ask all who are in arrears to the Madisonian to pay up. If you owe \$10 and you feel that you cannot afford to pay all, a remittance of \$5 on your account will be evidence to us that your heart is in the right place. Money is the motive power of a paper and the great family newspaper of Madison county is in need of motive power.

EVIDENTLY A BIG THING

A NEW FIND IN NORTHERN MADISON.

About One Mile South-east of the Gaylord Smelter Site—A Gold Vein Five Feet Wide Which Assays \$150 to the Ton.

The MADISONIAN has private advices from Gaylord to the effect that a wonderful strike has been made in the northern end of the county, about a mile south-east of the Gaylord smelter site. W. S. Clark and A. V. Davis are the fortunate owners of the property in which the strike was made, and if all reports are true it is another Mayflower. The vein is five feet wide, and it assays \$150 to the ton in gold. Our correspondent is one of the most reliable men in the county, and one in whom the people have confidence. His name is withheld for the reason that we are not authorized to print it.

A traveling man, who arrived from Whitepl Wednesday evening, corroborates the statement made by the MADISONIAN'S correspondent.

SOME SHERIDAN MATTERS.

Frank Parmeter's Return—Talking Electric Lights—Jeff Fouts has a Broken Leg.

O. F. Parmeter, who has been investigating the merits of the mineral resources of Roseland, B. C., during the past two months has returned. He says Roseland is a lively camp, and there are good opportunities in that section both for mining and commercial investment. He predicts a great boom for that country during the next year or two.

Pete Clifford announces that if he can get a modest guarantee from the corporation and the people of Sheridan he will put in an electric light system. Now here is the opportunity. If you people who have been talking electric light will get a sufficient stir on yourselves to indicate that you really mean what you say, Mr. Clifford will do the rest. He means business.

Jeff Fouts, well known to many residents of Madison county, sustained an accident recently that will probably lay him up for sometime. While over at Hyndman's mill the other day, the rope attached to the dinner bell became tangled and unworkable. Jeff volunteered to ascend the pole and fix it. All went well until the top was reached when the pole broke off close to the ground and down came Jeff, bell pole and all, Jeff at the bottom of the b. ap. Examination proved that one of his legs was broken. Surgical aid was summoned and he was made as comfortable as possible, but it will be some weeks before he will be able to be about.—Sheridan Paper.

Wanted.
Yearling steers and weaning calves.
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STATE BRIEFS.

Butte has 4,000 school children. The report of a reduction of wages by the Anaconda Company, sent out from Denver, is denied by the Butte officials of the company.

A convention was held at Forsythe, Saturday, to nominate officers for the proposed county of Rose Bud. 48 delegates attending. The following were selected: Huntington, Isaac and Torrett for commissioners; George McDonald, treasurer; F. W. Finch, clerk and recorder; O. S. Hon, sheriff; G. Eldring, clerk of the court; H. B. Darnell, superintendent of schools; E. C. Philbrick, surveyor; and William Chloesser, assessor.

A Butte dispatch to the Helena Independent says, James Kelly, a brother of the late J. F. Kelly, and of Fred Kelly of this city, committed suicide today by taking a big dose of morphine and laudanum. Kelly had been drinking heavily for two weeks. He spent last night at the Casino, carousing. At about five o'clock this morning his companions noticed his heavy breathing as he sat by the stove. He admitted that he had taken poison. He was rolled over on his back and slapped on the body until the physician arrived with a stomach pump. Kelly had swallowed about 60 grains of morphine and part of a bottle of laudanum, which he had in his pocket. The physician and others worked over him for several hours. He partially recovered once and inquired, "Am I still on earth?" He died at one o'clock this afternoon. Kelly was 30 years of age and came to Butte from Canada about four years ago. After the suicide of his brother, J. F. Kelly, a well known Butte business man, six months ago, he went to the coast, and returned here a few weeks ago. On his return here, Fred Kelly, another brother, gave him a suit of clothes, a gold watch and some money. The money lasted one day, and he pawned his watch and most of his clothes.

J. A. McDonald, a young railroad man on the Great Northern, was instantly killed near Meaderville at six o'clock Sunday morning. McDonald was a brakeman on the freight which left Clancy last evening with 10 cars, drawn by engine 407. In passing the Pennsylvania switch, near Meaderville, McDonald was keeping a lookout from the top of one of the rear cars. Just after passing the switch the forward wheel of one of the cars broke, probably owing to the frost. Seven cars were ditched including the one McDonald was on. The car fell on him and killed him instantly. The cars were badly smashed, but a wrecking crew had the track cleared by noon today. McDonald was 25 years of age and leaves a wife and baby at Clancy. He has been with the Great Northern about a year, and on the Helena-Butte division about three months.

William Day, who was convicted last week of murder in the second degree in striking Thomas Lee on the head with a hatchet, and causing death, was sentenced to 60 years' imprisonment. The jury had requested the court a severe sentence. A life sentence would have been given Day had not such complications.

A young fellow named Manning, who passed three forged checks in Butte two weeks ago, was arrested on Tuesday at Helena for passing worthless checks, which were believed to have been drawn by himself. One of the checks which he passed in Butte was sent to Helena in order that the handwriting might be compared. Chief McCann, of Helena, telegraphed Chief Toho that he had a sure case against Manning, and after his sentence expires there he will be brought to Butte to answer for his offenses.

'T WAS AN EXPERIMENT

ON THE GARNET MILL AT PONY.

The St. Louis Stockholders Thought a Brick Crushing Machine Ought to Crush Ore—Stamps Will Be Put In.

When the Garnet Mining Company of Pony adds a stamp mill to their new concentrating plant, which the manager, Mr. Woods, proposed to do with the early spring, it will be ready to do a land office business in the matter of concentrating values into small compass and will employ quite a force of men.

Connected with the building of this new plant is a story of the kind that make the corners of mining men's mouths twitch upward. The stockholders of this company are nearly all residents of St. Louis most of whom have not had a great deal of experience in mining matters. They conceived the idea that a brick crushing machine, working on the principle of the cylinder of a threshing machine, ought to crush ore satisfactorily, and all the protestations of Mr. Woods, the manager, who is a practical mining man, were of no avail—the brick crushing machine proposition had to go. Mr. Woods finally induced his company to have the mill built so that the cylinder crusher could be replaced with stamps if necessary. A few hours' run demonstrated the fact that an excellent brick-crushing machine is out of class when pitted against quartz. So ended the St. Louis experiment, and now stamps will be put in which will make the plant complete. The mill has six corrugated rollers, four six feet in length and two four feet long, and all the appointments are first class. With the addition of stamps the mill will have a capacity of 60 tons per day. A tramway, 675 feet in length, conveys the ore from the mouth of the tunnel to the mill, and five men are required to run the mill two shifts—21 hours.

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