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Friday, December, 28, 1894.

LO! HE HAS SPOKEN.

Tom Alexander, duke of Forsyth and chief conspirator in the plot to create Rosebud county, has evidently been moved by the suggestion made by this paper that Joe Allen was putting up a very indifferent sort of a fight for county division. This is made conspicuous by the new Billings paper—the Yellowstone Recorder—taking a hand in the fight to the extent of publishing what purports to be an interview with the duke, in which he is allowed to unload himself of a half a column of stuff that he could not safely trust to Joe Allen's diplomacy or his English. In the alleged interview the duke modestly confesses that he is "the instigator and prime mover in the scheme," and that it is two years old, thus giving the lie direct to his Forsyth organ manipulated by Mr. Allen, which has shrieked in every key that county division was up to a week or two ago, a nightmare of the YELLOWSTONE JOURNAL, and never thought of by a man, woman or child in Forsyth. Now Mr. Alexander permits the Billings paper to state authoritatively, that he has been at it for two years at least, and how much longer no one knows. The duke further says that he has just returned from Helena, where his business was to utterly rip up and destroy a lobby that Miles City had established there to fight county division, and from this general statement he makes the mistake of particularizing by stating that "Banker Jordan" and T. J. Porter, of Miles City, were the persons who had built up this lobby. This must have been a rough guess on the duke's part, as Mr. Jordan has not been in Helena for several years, and Mr. Porter's recent visit there was solely on legal business. Of course the duke was successful in completely dissolving this "lobby" that his imagination had conjured up, and in consequence of this victory he tells the Billings man that he now feels quite confident of ultimate success, having secured one member of the legislature, with a fair prospect of getting another. It is hard to guess who the "one member" is that the duke has corraled. It cannot be Jim Hopkins, for we have his card staring us in the face with its point blank assertions that he is opposed to county division. The duke then goes on to tell the Billings man how many signatures he has got on his petition for division, and here again he makes a slip by going recklessly into particulars. He mentions only two outfits that he claims are in sympathy with his movement; one is the Chariton-Montana Cattle Co. and the other J. J. Thompson. We are not advised of the attitude of the Chariton-Montana Company on this subject, but we do know that Mr. Thompson is actively opposed to it, and is doing everything he can to strengthen opposition on the Upper Rosebud. We don't like to intimate that the duke habitually perverts the truth to serve his ends, but it is nevertheless a fact that in this short narrative that he pours forth into the hopper of his new organ, he has lied twice or else he failed to read proof on his article. It is unfortunate for the Yellowstone Recorder that in taking up the fight for Tom Alexander it has to antagonize the other "Tom" Barry who has always been such an admirer of the editor of the Recorder, but it is written that one cannot serve two masters and just now it is probable that "Banker" Alexander will give down more freely than the other. One good thing will come out of this interview; poor hard-worked old Affidavit-Joe Allen will hereafter be relieved of the necessity of swearing that county-division originated only last night and then on the suggestion of the YELLOWSTONE JOURNAL.

Lucky and Unlucky Vegetables.

Peas and beans are very important plants in folklore, and there are many superstitions connected with them. Peas were favorite instruments for divination. A pea pod with nine peas was equal to a wishbone when placed above the door. In Northamptonshire it is accounted generally lucky to find nine peas in a pod, or kid. In Mecklenburg, Germany, it is believed that peas must be sown early on Wednesday or Thursday, or the birds will carry them off. If they are fed to hens, it is said that fowls will lay well. They must not, however, be eaten during the Christmas holidays nor until after Twelfth day.

Beans were mysterious in antiquity. Pliny says they contain the souls of the dead. The Romans used them in religious ceremonies. They were used in Greece as ballots, and Pythagoras desired his disciples not to "love beans"—that is, not interfere with politics. Our phrase, "You don't know beans," probably means you are no politician. Ovid prescribes beans to expel evil spirits.—Philadelphia Press.

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of County Commissioners For Dec. 3rd.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, OF CUSTER COUNTY. Miles City, Mont., Dec. 3 1894.

The Board of County Commissioners for Custer County, Montana, met in regular session at 10 o'clock a. m., all members of the Board present.

The sheriff duly announced the meeting.

The Board now proceeded to audit claims against the county, the following being allowed to the persons and on the funds set opposite their respective names:

TO WHOM ALLOWED.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	FUND.	AMOUNT.
Jay E Wilson	Ser road viewer	road	$15 00
H G Wear	" " "	"	25 00
Geo Schertz	Ser sup engineer	bridg	31 70
Geo E Newman	P O box rent	genl	3 00
W & E L Co	Lights	"	85 12

The balance of the forenoon was spent by the board in looking over correspondence.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m.

Office of the county clerk 2 o'clock p. m.

The board re-convened as per recess taken with all members present.

The following claims were allowed and clerk instructed to draw warrants for same:

TO WHOM ALLOWED.	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	FUND.	AMOUNT.
S M Hewett & Co	Porcupine bridge	brdg	$80 00
S M Hewett & Co	payt Powder brdg	"	500 00
Mrs J E Light	exp supt schools	genl	28 85
J E Farnum	ser jury comsr	"	1 00
S E Young	washing	"	1 00
J Tully agt	mdse pr & pr hse	poor	25 30
B Ullman	labor & material	genl	47 85
Wm Hawkins	exz dep sheriff	"	8 00
C E Brown	ser for ct house	"	26 00
John Wright	mdse poor house	poor	1 75
John Wright	mdse ct house	genl	1 25
J W Western	ser supt poor farm	poor	225 00
F Christopher	lunch canv board	genl	5 50
S M Brann	mdse pr & pr hse	poor	35 40
C W Savage	boarding jurors	genl	52 75
Miles City I C Co	coal ct house	"	45 00
Miles City I C Co	coal pr & pr hse	poor	21 15
Alderson & Co	coal pr & pr hse	"	13 00
Alderson & Co	coal ct house	genl	28 41
W W Alderson	ser as spcl bailiff	"	5 00
Fred Ramsey	bld elct booths etc	"	5 00
C S Fockett	gen elc, notes etc	"	3 75
J K Lambert	ser registry agt	"	60 50
B M Medum	ser registry agt	"	88 25
T J Graham	ser jury comsr	"	1 00
S D Long	ser dep sheriff exp	"	12 40
John Bowman	ser registry agt	"	68 50
Allan Ireland	ser registry agt	"	139 45
Albert Badham	pstmotes of elct	"	3 00
Loveridge & Thurman	livery hire	"	18 00
Geo Schertz	mat Powder brdg	"	36 00
Geo Schertz	ap Powder pr brdg	road	363 00
C O Mason	p t notes elct etc	genl	9 75
J B Hawkins	exp as sheriff	"	329 60
A T Campbell & Co	mdse for poor	poor	79 60
J B Hawkins	board of prisoners	genl	79 80
O F Rogers	transpt of pauper	poor	2 50
G C Eldering	transpt of pauper	"	27 50
J B Hawkins	board of prisoners	"	54 60
J B Hawkins	board of prisoners	"	66 00
G W Myers	atty fees	"	25 00
C W Myers	atty fees	"	25 00
John Wrigh	rebate taxes	"	13 75
C S Full	ser bailiff dist ct	"	24 00
Jas McErlean	ser road viewer	road	3 00
C H Loud	office rent	genl	180 00
Jas Simpson	convyz pol books	"	3 64
Geo McDonald	ser registry agt	"	52 50
Geo Y Charles	messenger dist ct	"	16 00
F K Chapman	bailiff dist ct	"	24 00
Frank W Smith	ser registry agt	"	50 00
W C McDowell	rebate taxes	"	25 90
Wm Lowe	burial of pauper	poor	46 50
Miles City I & D Co	water poor farm	poor	20 00
Jos Isaac	ser road viewer	road	3 00
G O White	ser registry agt	genl	50 00
Chas S Jefferies	ser registry agt	"	65 00
Jas Dunlap	pst elct notices	"	8 40
Ed M Stevens	ser registry agt	"	52 50
C E Sexton	ser cty surveyor	road	14 00
W B S Higgins	ser registry agt	genl	58 50
M I Draper	ser road viewer	road	3 00
A H Swerdfiger	cash ad elct ex	genl	74 99
W W Moorhead	ser registry agt	"	35 00
Chas F Huckins	ser registry agt	"	20 00
Ed Yaeger	mailing elct retns	"	3 52
J F McDonald	rebt spcl road tax	road	3 80
Jos Northway	ser & exp dep sheriff	genl	100 05
Geo D Barnard & Co	mdse	"	5 75
John Hart	ser registry agt	"	47 50
A T McAusland	election supplies	"	2 35
C E Pierce	ser registry agt	"	69 00
T Alexander	rent room for elct	"	10 00
F M Kreidler	ser spcl bailiff	"	10 00
M A Shreve	ser registry agt	"	57 35

STATE OF MONTANA, } ss.
COUNTY OF CUSTER. }

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners of the county of Custer, regularly holden at the county seat of said county on this third day of December 1894 it appearing to the said board that W. W. Alderson has listed two chattel mortgages for the year of 1884, amounting to the sum of $2,274.00 that the same is and now appears as a part of his assessment list for the year of 1894; and

WHEREAS, The said W. W. Alderson has deposited these two mortgages as collateral to secure the payment of a loan made to himself for a larger amount and the said $2,274.00 that it nowhere appears in his lists that he has been given proper offset therefore; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the assessment lists of the said W. W. Alderson for the year of 1894, be and the same is hereby reduced in the sum of $2,724.00 and that the taxes that have been levied for the year of 1894 upon the said sum of $2,724.00 be, and the same is hereby abated, and the clerk is hereby directed to furnish the county treasurer with a copy of this resolution.

"Adopted."

The hour of 5:30 arriving the board adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Mushroom Poisoning.

It is well perhaps for the sake of a possible emergency to bear in mind that on the authority of Dr. Taylor, chief of the division of microscopy of the department of agriculture, there is but one known antidote to mushroom poisoning, sulphate of atropin. A dose may be given in the usual way by the mouth or by hypodermic injections.

Broke Something.

Miss Gaswell—Have you heard that all is over between Miss Bellefield and Mr. Hilltop?

Miss Dukane—I heard something about it. Did Blanche break her heart?

Miss Gaswell—No, only her engagement.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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FORDING A TENNESSEE RIVER.

Pits Dug In the Stream's Bed by Guides to Trap the Unwary.

Traversing the country from south west to northeast and in a pouring rain, we visited the villages of Si-kou-ying, Hao-kwei-ying and Sang-yein. Here the women, dressed in their best clothes, stood watching us on the doorsteps, which would have been quite a pretty sight, with their manicolor jupons and trousers, but the effect not been partly spoiled by the horrible deformity of their feet, reduced into microscopic rhinos. I possess a pair of these shoes as worn by a mandarin's wife, and the length of them is only 3 inches. Toward noon we reached Ya-lo-wan, on the banks of the Hung-ho river, a miserable village on a minuscule hill of yellow earth. The river had to be waded.

A Chinaman—a beggar, I thought—volunteered to take animals and rider safely across for a sum of money, for he said there were large holes in the river bed, in which our animals would have lost their footing had we crossed by ourselves. I would not employ him, as I hate to be imposed upon by humbugs, and knowing the little way which these gentlemen have of digging large holes on purpose in the river bed while dry in summer, so as to extort money from timid travelers, I proceeded to "sell" him.

I guided my mules not right across the water, for the holes are generally dug where most unaware people are likely to cross, but a few yards further up, therefore landing every one safe on the other side, with the exception of one donkey, who, in strict similarity with all the evil spirits of China, insisted on going on his own account in a straight line in front of his nose, with the result that when he reached the middle of the stream he fell into one of the holes, and with the weight of the load he was carrying disappeared. Only the point of his ears could be seen wagging out of the water. The boleman, if I may call him so, who had eagerly been watching for this, ran in the water to his rescue and saved his life, for which act I duly rewarded him.—Fortnightly Review.

SOME PEOPLE'S RELIGION.

Marion Crawford Writes a Pointed Little Lecture on Intolerance.

There are very good and devout men and women who take the world—present and to come—quite literally, as a mere fulfillment of their own limitations; who look upon what they know as being all that need be known, and upon what they believe of God and heaven as the mechanical consequence of what they know, rather than as the cause and goal, respectively, of existence and action; to whom the letter of the law is the arbitrary expression of a despotic power, which somehow must be looked upon as merciful; who answer all questions concerning God's logic with the tremendous assertion of God's will; whose God is a magnified man, and whose devil is a malignant animal, second only to God in understanding, while extreme from God in disposition.

There are good men and women who—to use a natural but not flippant simile—take it for granted that the soul is cast into the troubled waters of life without the power to swim or even the possibility of learning to float, dependent upon the bare chance that some one may throw it the life buoy of ritual religion as its only conceivable means of salvation. And the opponents of each particular form of faith invariably take just such good men and women, with all their limitations, as the only true exponents of that especial creed, which they then proceed to tear in pieces with all the ease such an undue advantage of false premise gives them. None of them has thought of intellectual mercy as being perhaps an integral part of Christian charity. Faith they have in abundance, and hope also not a little; but charity, though it be for men's earthly ills, and theoretically, if not always practically, for men's spiritual shortcomings, is rigidly forbidden for the errors of men's minds. Why? No thinking man can help asking the little question which grows great in the unanswering silence that follows it.—Marion Crawford in Century.

But Perhaps He Does

A Chicago photographer has eloped with another man's wife. He can hardly expect the abandoned husband to look pleasant.—Washington Post.

How the Blizzard Began.

The frost it bites severely,
And the wind is getting low,
And the folks with whom I've dwelt
Want cash for what I owe.
And many times I've blamed myself
For voting for a "change,"
But I've burned through my stomach
What I couldn't through my brains.

There's no money in my pocket,
And the's no coal in the bin
The weather's growing colder
And my breeches mighty thin.
I'm looking for the "good old times,"
And my conscience gives me pains
For I'm burning through my stomach
What I couldn't through my brains.

The factory hasn't started up
And times are mighty slow
And daily I am adding more
To the little bills I owe
Each day I figure losses
Where I used to count up gains,
And I'm learning through my stomach
What I couldn't through my brains.

There's a day of judgment coming
For those who fooled me so
There's a day of retribution
For those who made times slow.

THE BLIZZARD OF 1894.

I am going to vote to change times back
When I can count up gains,
For I've learned through my stomach
What I couldn't through my brains

Souphouses have been opened,
But the diet's awful thin.
Free traders made their promises
And denounced McKinley tin.
But the people have grown wiser.
Losses don't size up with gains.
They've found out through their stomachs
What they couldn't through their brains.

They pity the "poor farmer,"
Taffy well the workingman,
And praise the free trade Wilson bill
To the people of the land
And how they love the pensioner,
It gives the veterans pains,
But they learned through their stomachs
What they couldn't through their brains.

They promised us much better times
And money free as mud,
But work has stopped and wages drop'd
Way down with a dull thud.
But we have smitten those Democrats
And given the liars pains,
For we've learned through our stomachs
What we couldn't through our brains.

It Beats Acting.

They had just emerged from the telephone exchange where they were employed.

"Sometimes," said one of them, "I think that I would like to be famous that I would like to go on the stage and act or on the lecture platform. Then again, I think not."

"I think not all the time," was the positively spoken rejoinder.

"Still it must be nice to play upon the emotions of the multitude."

"Of course it is. That's what makes it so jolly in the telephone exchange. When we talk sweetly to some man, through the phone, I can tell by the way he coos back that he is smirking in the most absurd manner. And if I want to make him angry I can tell him the line's busy and ring in his ear. I tell you, my dear, when it comes to playing on the emotions of the multitude Sarah Bernhardt will have to give extra matinees if she wants to surpass us in opportunity."—Kate Field's Washington.

Happened In Hades.

The grinning imps were packing sinners into the oven with a thing like a hay press. And the sinners groaned, all but one good natured looking man.

"Do you know," said the good natured man at last, "this is rather nice. Reminds me of when I lived in dear old Brooklyn and crossed the bridge at rush hours."—New York Recorder.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Miles City will be held at the banking office at 2:30 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, January 8th, 1895, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and such other business as may be presented.

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