

ALL OVER MONTANA

John Purdy, a brakeman, fell from near Dillon Thursday and received fatal injuries.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Montana will hold their next state convention in Butte.

Sheriff Ward, of Ravalli county, last week captured Charles C. Dunn, a noted horse thief over on the west side.

Ezra Dillingham, residing near Belfry, Carbon county, was recently struck by lightning and, after remaining unconscious for 24 hours, came around all right.

Norman Thetford, of Miles City, was killed in a wonton manner by a holdup early Wednesday morning. A man by the name of Husp is in jail charged with the crime.

Ex-Congressman C. S. Hartman, of Bozeman, has announced that while he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, he will accept the nomination if tendered him by the state convention.

The Beaverhead high school board of trustees have converted the gymnasium into a class room for the domestic science class and instead of turning out foot ball players, will endeavor to turn out good cooks and bed-makers.

After a more or less stormy convention, the socialists of Montana last week named their state ticket and adjourned. Harry Hazelton, of Missoula, is the candidate for governor and Arthur Harvey, of Lewistown, is on the ticket for secretary of state.

A booklet recently issued by the Butte Chamber of Commerce says that the Montana metropolis is the greatest railroad city in the world considering its population. Nine millions of dollars are paid to the railroads annually for freight. The number of carloads of freight handled annually is 192,000.

MINING

E. W. King, for years, superintendent at the Gold Ref in Gilt Edge, one of the principal owners of the Barnes-King prior to its sale to the present holding company, a former member of the state legislature from Fergus county and one of the most popular fellows who ever lived in this part of the state, came in last Monday evening to attend the corner stone laying ceremonies and, incidentally, to take a degreer or two in the Masonic work. Although his residence is now in Bozeman, "E. W." has spent the greater part of the past year in Rawhide, Nevada. He was one of the first men on the ground in that camp and got control of some of the biggest propositions there. To a reporter for the Democrat, Mr. King stated that Rawhide is now one of the busiest camps in Nevada. There are several thousand inhabitants, town lots command big prices and many substantial buildings have already been erected. There are forty hoists at work in the camp and the mineral wealth of the mountain is being rapidly developed. He showed us specimens which ran up in the thousands in gold and says that his company has shipped out a considerable quantity of about the richest rock ever taken from the earth. All ore which does not run over \$35 per ton is left on the dump as it does not pay to ship it to Salt Lake but, according to Mr. King, it is but a matter of months before a big mill will be erected in the camp and then thousands of tons of this ore will be worked at an enormous profit. Mr. King left Thursday morning for Rawhide, expecting to reach there yesterday morning.

What some people believe will be one of the biggest mining propositions in the country is owned by about a dozen Finlanders and located at Yogo Baldy, about half way between Yogo and Neihart, in the Belt mountains. These men, who live in that vicinity, some owning ranches and others working at whatever they can find to do, located the ground about nine years ago. They worked there at odd times and, at all times, maintaining the utmost secrecy. The Democrat learns from an authoritative source, however, that they are developing a lead which is 30 feet thick and which assays \$100 in gold, silver and copper. They have followed the vein down to a depth of 90 feet where they cross-cut 30 feet. The lead grows stronger as they go down. We are informed that eastern parties have an option on the ground for \$185,000, with the chances strongly in favor of this option being taken up.

C. B. Noble has been working steadily for weeks on a prospect in the Cone Butte district in which he, Oswald Lehman, A. L. Hawkins and Ed Sutter are interested. The showing is most encouraging and all of

William Strain, one of the pioneers of Great Falls, died last Wednesday.

Miss Winnifred Ferris has been chosen queen of the Bozeman sweet pea carnival.

The Sons of Harmann lodge held their annual state convention in Great Falls last week.

J. J. Dallas says that the Independence party will put a full state ticket in the field in Montana.

Kirby Hoon says that an effort is being made to get Portland into the Pacific Northwest League, in which case, Butte will be dropped.

The county commissioners of Silver Bow county have reduced the number of justices of the peace in Butte from ten to two and also cut eight constables off the pay roll.

E. H. Beckler, one of the best known civil and construction engineers in the United States, dropped dead last Wednesday at the west tunnel camp on the St. Paul road near Taft, Montana.

George Cresswell, one of the boys who held up the Shelby train in the suburbs of Great Falls and killed William Dempsey while doing the job, has been admitted to bail by Judge Leslie in the sum of \$3,000.

Louis Jacobs and wife, of Billings, were carried over a steep bank by a team of horses and fell a distance of nearly 100 feet. Jacobs was seriously injured if not fatally. Mrs. Jacobs received only a few slight bruises.

Matt Erker, of Butte, has instituted suit against the Boston & Montana Mining company, of Butte, for \$30,000 damages alleged to have been sustained when the complainant fell through the floor of the Pittsmtont smelter last December.

Full line of blank books at the Democrat Supply Department.

the boys are jubilant over their prospects.

Rich Strike Near Butte.

An enormously rich find of gold quartz has been made at the doors of Butte.

Two assays of the ore found in a 10-foot discovery shaft have been made, one showing \$133.20 in gold and the other \$1,384 in gold and 20 ounces in silver to the ton. The discoverer is W. T. Clark, for many years a resident of Anaconda, where he is well known, but in later years a resident of Butte.

The location of the strike is about three-quarters of a mile from Gray station, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, 22 miles from Butte and just east of the Eighteen Mile house, between the St. Paul road and Fish creek, and on the ridge about 2,000 feet above the creek.

There are some good copper croppings in that neighborhood, and Clark went out there two years ago to prospect for copper. He ran a tunnel 150 feet and cut a vein at a depth of 100 feet, finding good indications and some bunches of copper ore, but it was a proposition that did not appeal to a poor man, and last month he started to look for gold.

Finds Outcroppings.

After some prospecting, he found the outcroppings of four small veins, upon which he sank discovery shafts. In one of them he has a vein eight inches wide, from which he panned the gold, the rock being speckled with the yellow metal. In another shaft he has what he calls a "seam," four to six inches wide, but the ore does not show the native gold like that in the other vein, and he brought some average samples to Butte for assay, with the result above given. The assay certificates of Lewis & Walker show \$1,384 gold and 20 ounces of silver for one sample, and \$133.20 in gold for the other.

Modest About It.

Clark is modest about his discovery. "I don't know if there is any more than shows in the shaft or not," he said yesterday, "but I believe there is. The veins are well defined and in a granite formation. I didn't need the assay to tell me that there was gold in the rock, for it is easily panned, but I wanted to know just how much there was in it."

Clark has located seven claims and Tuesday he showed his assay certificate to several men. The result was a mild stampede to the district early yesterday morning. Several of the claims located by him disclose in the discovery shafts silver and lead ore. Years ago a lot of placer gold was mined along Fish creek below the ridge where the veins have been found. The location is some distance below the old Highland district.

Says McAdow Is Mistaken.

Helena, Aug. 25.—Statements of P. W. McAdow of Punta Gorda, Fla., that the party he was with in 1862 at Gold Creek discovered the first gold in Montana are refuted in a statement to the historical library from Granville Stuart, of Butte, who says: "In May, 1858, my brother James and myself, R. Anderson and Thomas Adams found what we considered paying prospects in that region; in 1860

we built a good house on Gold creek, in which we lived while prospecting and finding gold in many places; in 1861 we had picks and shovels, sluice forks packed up to us on pack horses from Walla Walla, 425 miles distant, and also in the same year hired Sam Martineau and Hugs to whipsaw 2,000 feet of lumber for sluice boxes to mine with, for which we paid them 10 cents per foot. In 1860 Henry Thomas, whom we promptly nicknamed "Gold Tom," came up by way of the Per d'Oreille river to Gold creek, where he hewed out four sluice boxes about eight inches wide and eight inches high, put together with wooden pins, there being no nails obtainable, the country being destitute of stores of any kind. He sunk, all alone, a shaft about 30 feet deep on Gold creek and washed the gravel he took out in the four little sluice boxes, which were each took out \$1.50 to \$2 per day in rather coarse gold. I was often at his camp in 1861 and saw him do this.

"McAdow says, on page 1142, of Warner, Beers & Co.'s History of Montana, that he gold he took out in 1862 caused the first excitement in Montana gold mines. He should have said that it added to the excitement caused by letters written by my brother James and I, which caused many to start for Gold Creek in the spring of 1862, and they were already beginning to arrive when McAdow was taking out the gold that he says caused the first excitement."

CROFT GETS SOME FINE SPECIMENS

FERGUS TO BE WELL REPRESENTED IN ST. PAUL ADVERTISING CAR.

Secretary Croft, of the Commercial Club, has been busy during the past week in gathering up some samples of our grain, grasses and vegetables which will form a display for this county in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul exhibit car which is shortly car which is shortly to start from St. Paul on a tour of the country.

Rather contrary to his expectations, Secretary Croft had no difficulty in securing all of the fine specimens that he desired. In fact, he found dozens of fields in the parts of the county which he had an opportunity to visit which furnished samples of grain which will demonstrate very clearly the superiority of the Inland Empire as a grain growing region. The specimens collected are now being arranged and will surely make a most creditable display when finally arranged.

Will Be Big Grain Crop.

Mr. Croft informs the Democrat that a very erroneous impression prevails as to the grain crop in Fergus county this year. While much of the spring grain will not come up to the mark, there are hundreds of fields scattered about the county which will turn out immense yields.

Although the average yield will not be anywhere nearly as great as the record breaking yield of last year, the entire crop will aggregate almost as many bushels as the crop of last season.

Littlejohn Is Busy.

N. J. Littlejohn, to whom the board of county commissioners delegated the task of getting together a display for the state fair, is also busy and says that Fergus county will have every bit as fine if not a better display at Helena this year at last when the exhibit from this county excited universal admiration.

Charley Wentworth, who has been driving about the county collecting the samples, confirms the report of Secretary Croft of the Commercial Club as to the fine fields of grain to be found in every section of the county. Charley says that in hardly an instance where the ground was well prepared and the grain sown early is there anything even approaching a failure. He says further that the present season has been a splendid if somewhat costly object lesson to the grain growers who now appreciate that deep plowing, careful cultivation and early sowing means a first class crop in Fergus county.

Life On the N-Bar Ranch.

Mike Cleary's gang on the N "Bar" ranch was a jolly sort of a crew. They pitched and stacked and raked and mowed the whole day through. All day they tore around and worked and tossed the hay like h—l. "Till six, when they hiked for camp awaiting Jim Dailey's bell. John Lindquist moved the "go-devil" 'til grace would loudly bawl, and "jerk it" were the words he yelled, then down the hay would fall. The teamsters blessed their gentle bronks, the hayracks rolled away, 'Twas one continuous round of joy or 4th of July play. Bold Bowman stood upon the stack 'til his feet were covered with blisters. He yanked the hay where it ought to go and the wind blew through his whiskers. Oh, a stacker's job is a way-up one and it calls for lots of sand. But Stanley fell from his lofty perch and roams with a wooly band. Then after supper we lit our pipes and every man who spoke

Told how he blew his last stake in and how he then went broke, Or Banks, the showman, spread himself and the talk was then of snakes. Of rattlesnakes and centipedes and serpents which were fakes. For he told of a dreadful reptile that was called the sclopperslong, Which sometimes bit a hobo and the hobo died ere long. His partner once was eating lunch when all at once he said, "I'm bit old pard by a sclopperslong" then fell over dead. Then forth would come a pack of cards, an ancient pack and old, And gambling would then begin, but alas, 'twas not for gold. For the gamblers were short of change and the player who won a time, Got quite puffed up and swelled his chest and called it a hot old time. Then all was still in the haying camp except for a hollow roar, Which issued forth from a darkened tent and we all heard Foster snore. The stars came out and the dog went home and the coyotes howled and sang. But we all slept on 'till at 5 a. m. Jim Daly came out and rang. CHARLES GORDON.

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