TURN FROM RICHES

REDS IN INDIAN TERRITORY REFUSE ALLOTMENTS SOONER THAN LEAVE OLD HOME.

LANDS HAVE BEEN SURVEYED

Men Who Represent the Choctaws Form Company to Ask Government to Assist Copper Colored Folk.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 30.—Former State Senator Melville E. Shaw of Wapakoneta, O., stopped off here to put his aged father-in-law, Mr. Bautsch, also of Wapakoneta, under treatment for acute rheumatism.

Mr. Shaw went on to the Indian territory to carry out a colossal land deal, which will no doubt net him and his partner, Colonel Owens, of the territory, a barrel of coin.

Mr. Shaw and Colonel Owens have organized themselves into a company to represent the Mississippi Choctaw Indians in their allotment of lands in the Indian Territory.

Colonel Owens has spent more than a lifetime among the civilized tribes, and was superintendent of the schools for the "five civilized tribes" a number of years.

The Legal Counsel.

He has been the legal counsel for the Choctaws in the territory for many years, and disbursed the government appropriation to them, giving bond in the sum of $1,000,000.

"There are 1,000,000 acres of fertile lands in the cotton and coal belt, embraced in an area of 200 miles long by 120 wide," said Mr. Shaw.

"There are 3,000 Choctaws residing in the state of Mississippi. The great body of the tribes was transferred by the government from Mississippi, their original home, to the Indian territory long before the civil war, and the 3,000 now in that state are the descendants of those who remained in that state, the larger number of whom are now about Meridian, though they are scattered in various other localities.

"They are all entitled to the same allotment as those who are descendants of those originally taken into the Indian territory.

Each Gets a Farm.

"Of the 3,000 in Mississippi we represent 2,000, every man, woman and child of whom is entitled to 320 acres of the lands in the Indian territory as rich as ever the crow flew over. That will give those we represent 640,000 acres.

"We will look after their allotments and sales and be their legal advisers and representatives in all business transactions.

"All their lands have been carefully surveyed by the government in 40-acre lots and mapped out as perfectly as anything in the United States.

"These lands have been assessed by the government, none of them at more than $6 per acre, and yet just across the Red river in Texas identically the same kind of lands are selling at from $40 to $60 per acre. They are choice cotton lands, and produce almost everything.

"Under the provisions of the act of congress allotting these lands in the Indian territory to the Mississippi Choctaws they are required to remove to the lands for occupation within six months, but some of them refuse to go, it being against their tradition to leave the ancient stamping grounds of their tribe.

Files Suit.

"Colonel Owens and myself have filed a suit before the United States court at Washington to permit those who decline to leave permission to stay in their happy Mississippi homes and to lease, sell or otherwise dispose of their possessions in the territory.

"It is a fine point of constitutional law, it being held on the one hand that the government has no more right to remove them to other lands than it has to compel a white heir to go to lands inherited from his ancestor, while on the other hand it is contended that there have been decisions to the effect that inasmuch as the government has the control and maintenance of the Indians in its charge it has a right to place them wherever congress declares.

"We have only a short time to get the suit through. The land of milk and honey portrayed to them or awaiting them in the territory appears to have no temptation to quite a number of those in Mississippi, and they would rather lose their allotment than leave the lands they have inherited from the centuries."

H. H. ROGERS IS RECOVERING

New Yorker Who Submitted to Operation Continues to Improve.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 30.—Henry H. Rogers, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis recently, is making excellent progress toward a complete recovery.

Every day since the operation he has shown a steady improvement and never has his condition ceased to be better than on the preceding day.

Mr. Rogers is blessed with a rugged constitution and a fine physique, and this contributes not a little to the excellent progress he is making.

His physicians announce that he will be able to sit up before the end of the week.

Need More Money.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Missoula, April 30.—A special election to determine whether the district shall be bonded for an additional $10,000 has been called by the trustees of the Missoula school district. The enlargement of the Whittler school calls for the additional outlay of money.

Sues for Mining Claim.

Homer Rumans and others have sued Phoebe McGafferty et al. to recover a portion of the Ella lode claim. The defendants reside on the property.

Bomb Is Exploded.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Salonica, European Turkey, April 30.—A bomb was exploded at the railway junction near here, but no one was injured.

Union Railroad Men Strike.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Los Angeles, April 30.—All the union men employed on the Los Angeles railway system were called out at 8 o'clock tonight.

Paul Du Challu Stricken.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—Paul du Challu, American explorer and author, has been stricken with partial paralysis.

STUART ROBSON DEAD

VETERAN COMEDIAN EXPIRES IN HOTEL SAVOY, NEW YORK, OF HEART DISEASE.

WAS TAKEN ILL IN MARCH

Actor Was Sixty-Seven Years of Age and Has Been on Stage More Than Half a Century.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 30.—Stuart Robson, veteran comedian, died last night of heart disease at the Hotel Savoy. He was 67 years old and had been on the stage 51 years.

Mr. Robson was taken ill early in March and was obliged to rest completely for two weeks.

He resumed his engagement on March

THE LATE STUART ROBSON, In Character in which he was last seen in Butte.

19, and after playing in New York and Brooklyn appeared in various towns in the upper part of the state.

A few days ago he was taken ill at Auburn and was then brought to this city.

The interment will take place at Cohasset, Mass., Friday.

A dispatch from New York announces the death of Stuart Robson. The aged comedian, undoubtedly one of the greatest actors America has produced, passed away at the Savoy hotel, aged 67 years, after a career of more than half a century upon the stage.

In him the public has lost one of its best entertainers. While not so popular or well-known as many of less ability, his work was always of the highest sort.

He is one of those few actors of this country of whom it may be said that he produced nothing unworthy of himself, nothing that woman and child might not witness, and nothing that his audiences were not the better for having seen.

Repertoire Not Large.

His repertoire was not large. In the course of his 51 years upon the boards he probably assumed less than one-half that number of roles. Of late years, since attaining prominence, he has confined himself to comparatively few plays.

"The Comedy of Errors," "The Henrietta," "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Jucklins" and "The Gaddly" are his only notable productions. Other plays from the classics, "The Taming of the Shrew" among them, fell deadborn from the hands of the stage manager.

Robson found sadly, as have all the great actors of his time, that the present public does not wish to witness the classics. It was with great financial loss and to the lessening of his popularity and prestige, that he adhered to the class of dramas he produced.

The stories of his wealth have been greatly exaggerated. It is probable that his estate will reach no great figure, nor was he ever at any time to be classed among the rich professionals. Several recent ventures, in which he was himself involved, were disastrous.

Loses Much Money.

"The Gaddly" and "The Jucklins" both lost heavily, and in the East, despite the press reports sent out here, he was never a "heavy card." It is the old story of an artist in the age of sensationalism.

Had he lived 25 years earlier his success would have equalled that of Booth. In an era when "King Dodo" and "McFadden's Flats" are typical of the reigning rages, it is not to be wondered at that, as often as not, he played to empty benches.

Robson was born in Baltimore. He did not come of a theatrical family, yet in his youth embraced the opportunity of meeting many prominent people in the profession. After serving, in his youth, some years as a page in congress, he went on the stage.

Here his success was not phenomenal for many years, although he had the good fortune to be cast in companies embracing some of the best actors and actresses of the time.

Star Begins to Shine.

But in 1876, when his partnership with W. H. Crane was formed, his star began to shine, and from thence on, while he did not stand in the foremost rank of popular approval, his work was favorably known to a few at least, who could appreciate his aims and style.

His last appearance in Butte, where he was an old favorite, was in November, when he produced "The Comedy of Errors" and "The Henrietta" to good business.

Mr. Robson was taken ill in March. He was obliged to cancel his engagements until the early part of last month. The strain, at his age, proved too great for him.

A few days ago he was again obliged to retire, this time at Auburn, N. Y. From there he was taken to the metropolis, where he passed away last night.

UNION DRIVER FOR PRESIDENT

Roosevelt Is to Be Taken Through Kansas City by True Labor Man.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Kansas City, April 30.—President Roosevelt will ride through the city in a union carriage, driven by a member of the Hackdrivers' union.

The reception committee had planned to have the president occupy a private carriage belonging to a wealthy woman of this city, whose coachman is non-union.

Officers of the union notified the reception committee that no union driver would appear in a procession following a non-union driver and the committee changed its plans.

Vacations for Two.

County commissioners have granted Chairman W. D. Clark of the board and Assessor Dan Brown vacations from their official duties of 60 days each. It is said Mr. Clark will make use of his furlough to go to Arizona, while Mr. Brown will visit Boston.

TO FINE GAMBLERS

CITY WILL COMPEL GREEN CLOTH KNIGHTS TO DONATE TO THE MUNICIPAL TREASURY.

EXPECT LOWERING OF TAXES

Friends of Mayor-Elect Mullins Say He Will Introduce a Number of Innovations.

Gamblers and women of the town will begin next month to pay fines in Police Magistrate Boyle's courtroom. The new arrangement will go into effect when the new administration comes into power.

One step in Mayor Mullins' police policy was announced by him just after he was nominated. This was—gamblers shall pay regular fines each month, so much for each table, if they be allowed to operate.

To Pay Regular Fines.

Another change in policy is the payment of fines in court by the women. These will be enumerated by the police department, but they must come in person to make their monthly contributions to the city treasury.

Those in close touch with the mayor-elect state that his administration will reduce taxes by levying tribute on the gambling fraternity. By this move, they say, the mayor will be able to get enough money in the treasury to materially change the amount which must be raised from other sources.

Meantime complications threaten.

Under the present law a citizen may tell a policeman to close a gambling house. If a citizen informs a policeman that gambling is going on and if the officer fails to accompany him to the place and make necessary arrests the law says that the policeman is liable for a felony.

Gamblers Are Alarmed.

The proprietors of Butte's gambling houses are looking askance at this law. They are figuring on the liability of a closed town in spite of promises of a wide open policy.

"This law," said a well-known gambler, "gives a chance to two classes of men who are always making trouble for open gambling. One of these is the moral wave element. The other is men out for a graft.

"As a rule, means can be found to quiet both, but it is hard to get the right influence to bear on the former. And it always means trouble."

A COMPLAINT MADE

MRS. M. SMITH ONCE MORE DEMANDS $437.50 FROM THE CITY OF BUTTE.

A reminder of the smallpox scare and epidemic in Butte in 1899, in the nature of a legal paper, was placed on the records of the district court this morning.

It was an amended complaint in the suit for damages brought against the city of Butte by Mrs. M. Smith. The city of Butte placed Mrs. Smith's lodging house, the Manle block, under quarantine in 1899, and the suit grew out of that.

According to the amended complaint, the city owes Mrs. Smith the sum of $437.50 in damages. The complaint says Mrs. Smith was the keeper of the lodging house between November 2 and December 6, 1899, and that the city took the house in its charge between those dates and quarantined it. It closed the doors of the place and would not let Mrs. Smith do business in her customary way.

It also destroyed some of her property in the nature of bedding. The bedding was valued at $37.50. The rest of the claim is composed of rent that Mrs. Smith says she lost.

She says the city acted on the theory that her house was infected, while in reality it was not. There were cases of smallpox in the city at the time.

A schedule of the rent alleged to have been received usually from all the rooms in the house is part of the complaint, and according to the figures in it, the house customarily brought the landlady the round sum of $801 a month.

She says that all she collected during the month of quarantine and yellow cards was $401, and she was of the opinion that the balance of $400 was due her from the city.

The complaint says she presented the claim to the board of city councilmen, February 7, 1900, but that the council rejected it. Therefore she asks a judgment of $437.50 and costs.

HAYS-COWAN SUIT IS OPENED AT HAMILTON

Deposition From Ruth La Bonta Furnishes Portion of Evidence—Hays Sues for $60,000.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Hamilton, April 30.—A jury was secured to try the Hays-Cowan damage suit early yesterday and the submission of evidence begun.

The opening statement for the plaintiff was sensational in the extreme, showing that the effort was to be made to prove that Mrs. Hays' relations with Cowan were indelicate in the extreme.

Hays claims damages on two counts—first, for alienating the affections of his wife and enticing her from home, $30,000; and second, for debauching her, $30,000.

The statement for the plaintiff avers that Cowan and Mrs. Hays went to a religious convention in Cincinnati in 1889; that when they returned she no longer seemed to care for her husband; that while the latter was absent on a mining trip to Alaska she received frequent visits from Cowan, and that shortly after she instituted a suit for divorce.

Mrs. Hays' residence in Butte, where she formed the acquaintance of Mrs. Ruth La Bonta, noted for her connection with the Cayley case, was touched on.

A deposition from Mrs. La Bonta, bearing on Cowan's visits to Mrs. Hays in Butte, was read in court yesterday.

To Foreclose a Mortgage.

William Tyack has begun suit in the district court against Belle Condell and Charles Southwayd to foreclose a mortgage for $600 on a portion of the surface ground of the Redgley mining claim.

Tuxedo Club Steward Dead.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, April 30.—Charles H. Lohman, for three years steward of the Tuxedo club, is dead at the home of his sister in Brooklyn. Mr. Lohman had been ill since last December.

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Royal Axminster Rugs, size 9x12 feet in handsome colors and designs. Sold usually at $35; now **$25.00**

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Lace Curtain and Drapery Dept.

This season we exceed ourselves, not only in the excellence of our stock of Lace Curtains and Draperies and the superiority of the styles, but also as to the attractive low prices we are offering this sale. Consult your own interest and don't miss making us a call.

25 pairs Lace Curtains, 36 inches wide, 3 yards long, worth $1.00; for this sale..... **65c**

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40 pairs Lace Curtains, 45 inches wide, 3½ yards long, worth $2; for this sale..... **$1.15**

40 pairs Lace Curtains, 50 inches wide, 3½ yards long, worth $2; for this sale..... **$1.25**

85 pairs Lace Curtains, 50 inches wide, 3½ yards long, worth $2.25; for this sale **$1.35**

A splendid inexpensive sideboard, made of selected oak in excellent finish. From the floor to the top of sideboard the distance is more than six feet. The base is 20x42 inches. The upper drawers are slightly carved, one being lined for silver. The oval mirror is 14x24 inches. Price..... **$16.00**

This Combination Bookcase and Writing desk in quarter-sawed golden oak is a real beauty. It stands six feet high by 40 inches wide. Just above the desk is a unique design French mirror; beneath the desk is a swell front drawer and roomy cabinet. Bookcase has four adjustable shelves and glass door. Priced for this sale..... **$22.00**

Lander Furniture & Carpet Co.

44 and 48 East Broadway, Butte.

MERKLE-IGO WEDDING

Two Well-Known Young People of Butte Are Married.

Thomas P. Merkle and Miss Mary Igo, a well-known young couple of Butte, were quietly married at the church of the Sacred Heart last evening by Rev. Father Callahan. The wedding was private, only the relatives and closest friends of the happy pair being present.

The wedding took place at 8 o'clock. Eugene Boyle acted as best man and Miss Tina Merkle, a sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid.

After the wedding ceremony the newly-married pair received their friends at a family gathering at the home of the bridegroom's father, Thomas Merkle, 312 West Quartz street. During the evening they were the recipients of many warm congratulations and the sincerest wishes for their future happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Merkle were born and raised in Nevada, and they are well known to the Nevada colony in Butte. Mr. Merkle is a former resident of Virginia City, Nev., where he lived during his youth, and his bride was at one time a resident of Austin, Nev., and afterwards lived at Virginia.

Both are estimable young people and highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Merkle is an employe at the Pennsylvania mine, and his bride was until recently one of the head fitters at Symons' drygoods store. The young couple will live at 519 Dakota street.

Laid to Rest.

Claude Young, son of J. P. Young, died Monday and was buried yesterday. Services were held during the afternoon from the Christian church. Many beautiful floral remembrances were sent by friends.

To Be Built at Mare Island.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Vallejo, Cal., April 30.—Rear Admiral Miller has received official information from Mare Island that one of the $450,000 training ships authorized by the last congress will be built at this navy yard.

ABOUT THE TREASURE STATE

Louis Leon Acquitted.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Billings, April 30.—Louis Leon, charged with an alleged assault on August Bray, was acquitted here yesterday. It is said he shot at Bray last October in a quarrel over a sheep range in the Lake Basin country.

Institute at an End.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Bozeman, April 30.—The Gallatin County Teachers' institute closed yesterday. The sessions were interesting and a number of noted state educators were among the speakers.

In Union Label Case.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Helena, April 30.—In the union label suit, the case of Charles H. Snell vs. W. W. Welch et al., the defendant has filed a demurrer to the complaint in the district court. The hearing to show cause has been postponed until May 18.

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