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Remember that our goods will stand the inspection of all. We are not afraid of close scrutiny by the public. We are the leaders in first-class clothing.

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COMPANY.**

LOCAL NOTES.

- It's off. Are you on? A home or investment. 41-1f
- Harry B. Drum was in from Lavinia yesterday.
- E. M. Hunt has charge of the Hess photo gallery. 78-9
- Wanted, a girl to do housework. Apply at this office. 78-1f
- John Rapelle of Glendive is in the city today on railroad business.
- The best perfumes, soaps and toilet articles at Williams & Baxter's.
- The Fraternal Union of America installed officers a few evenings ago.
- Dressmaking done by the day. Inquire at residence of Mrs. Sperry. 78-2
- Saturday was payday for the Northern Pacific employees in this city.
- Your laundry is all same like a mirror if the Billings Steam Laundry does it. 75-6
- D. F. Slayton of Poleson, Mont., is in the city attending to business matters.
- For a hair cut or shave, done in a workmanlike manner, go to Brown & Decker. 75-1f
- Order you house numbers. Austin North, the real estate dealer, will furnish them. 70-1f
- W. W. Bonley of Big Timber was a Billings visitor Sunday. His libel suit trial comes off next month.

- Williams & Baxter have a fine line of stationery.
- W. B. Hill of Crow Agency was a Sunday visitor in Billings.
- Have your prescriptions filled at Williams & Baxter's drug store.
- Dr. J. H. Rinehart was a professional visitor at Forsyth yesterday.
- A. A. Campbell, the circulation master of the Helena Independent, is in the city.
- Save wear and tear on your laundry by sending it to the Billings Steam Laundry. 75-6
- Peters, the tailor, is still loading. See his suits to measure at \$15, pants at \$6, and up.
- Yegen Bros. are handling Sheridan, Gebro and Bear Creek coal. Let them fill your orders.
- J. F. Roche has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Billings Water Power company.
- Austin North for town lots. Low prices. Reasonable terms. Easy monthly payments.
- F. M. Malone was up from Miles City yesterday in the interest of his road, the Milwaukee.
- Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock cockles for sale. Apply to Mrs. Fielding White, Billings. 77-4f
- It is reported in Gebro that Henry Burrell is to take charge of the coal property at Payson, Ill.
- Sheridan and Bear Creek coal for sale by Yegen Bros. There is no better on the market.
- Bridger coal is now selling for \$3.50 per ton, cash. B. W. Toole will fill your order to satisfaction.
- You take no chances when you get work done at Brown & Decker's barber shop. Only good artists employed.
- Mrs. Hathorn of Livingston arrived in the city Sunday morning for a visit to her son, F. H. Hathorn and wife.
- J. M. Rhodes of Miles City, grand master of the A. O. U. W. of Montana, was a business visitor in Billings yesterday.
- W. H. Simons, a prominent wool-grower of Lewistown and formerly county assessor of Fergus county, has been spending several days in the city.
- The inmates of St. Vincent's hospital trust that if the city council decides on putting in extra street lights, they will not forget the front of the hospital.
- Smith Bros., the famous Shields river and Musselshell sheepmen, have been offered 33 cents for this year's clip, which will amount to over 200,000 pounds.
- Park County Republican: Chaplain G. C. Stull would no doubt be greeted with a good sized audience should he conclude to deliver his lecture on the Philippines in Livingston.
- Experienced dressmaker wants sewing either at home or out by the day. Best reference in city. Address Mrs. E. F. Hart, or call at Mrs. Hagerman's, corner Thirty-first and Second avenue north. 79-3
- Mrs. S. A. Young, organizer of Indian auxiliaries to the lodge of Royal Highlanders, left for Livingston this morning after an extended visit in Billings to her son, Frank Young, of The Fashion.
- Dr. Prickett, the osteopath, has removed his office to Will McCormick's new residence. The doctor's family arrived in the city from Helena Sunday morning and are domiciled in the McCormick residence.
- A. M. Peters returned last night from Red Lodge where he assisted several state officers in instituting a lodge of the A. O. U. W. The new lodge starts out with a membership of eighty, and bids fair to be a grand success.
- There is considerable petty thieving going on about Billings and so far the perpetrators have evaded detection. Their attention seems to be turned to the robbing of barns, taking harness, lap robes and even, in some instances, buggies.
- The revival meetings, which have been going on at the M. E. church for two weeks, are being continued this week. Reverend Stull is conducting them alone and is doing some good work. A number have been converted and a deep interest is being taken in all the meetings.

- Williams & Baxter's drug store solicits your patronage.
- E. M. Hunt guarantees satisfaction in photos, near the Cottage Inn. 78-9
- E. Freiman and B. Moore of Red Lodge were taking in the sights of a busy city last night.
- B. W. Toole is selling Bridger coal for \$3.50 a ton, cash. It burns best and gives perfect satisfaction.
- Con A. St. Clair of Butte, of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, is a Billings visitor today.
- There is talk of a gymnasium association being organized and a room secured for developing athletic sports.
- C. H. Gregory, postmaster and J. J. Holland, merchant, were down from the busy coal camp of Gebro last night.
- Dr. Carl Schulz, the oculist and aurist of Helena will be here at the Grand on Wednesday and Thursday.
- An elegant room for rent on ground floor, with bath and electric light. One or two gentlemen preferred. Apply at this office. 79-4
- Judge Lord will convene district court again tomorrow. The session will likely continue through two or three weeks.
- John Kohout of Butte is in the city looking after affairs in connection with the Billings brewery, in which he is interested.
- The McCormick Mercantile company will soon resume work on a new brick or stone ware house, which was started last fall.
- A great many houses, both business and private, have already complied with the city ordinance requiring them to place numbers on the same.
- Mrs. L. U. Barstow of this city, who is an earnest worker in woman's circles, has been appointed state superintendent of mothers' meetings for Montana.
- Frank Buckley, the genial manager of the dry goods department of Yegen Bros. store, went to Helena Sunday morning for a few days' visit to old friends.
- W. B. Pethybridge and John Hughes are making arrangements for leaving for the Cape Nome country in the early spring, where they expect to strike it rich.
- The railroads have established a rule that hereafter trunks weighing over 250 pounds will not be checked as baggage, but must be shipped by express or freight.
- Bigger & Morris, stock brokers, commenced business today in the upstairs of the Belknap block. They have pleasant quarters and are sure of doing a good business.
- Carl Lehrkind of Bozeman is here looking after the branch house of the Bozeman brewery during the absence of W. H. Schrieber, who has gone east on an extended visit.
- Street Commissioner Bond is getting ready to send out notices to property owners calling upon them to number their houses, and specifying the number to be placed on them.
- Sheriff John Dunn of Carbon county was a Sunday visitor in Billings, being on route home to Red Lodge from Warm Springs, to which place he took an asylum patient, Rose Burns.
- All Montana has been enjoying some exceptional winter weather for several weeks past, but the weather signal hoisted over the fire hall this morning denotes a cold wave with snow.
- Word reached Billings yesterday of the death of Will Crummins of Forsyth, a son of Jerry Crummins, formerly a well known resident of Junction. The deceased was a popular and promising young business man of Forsyth.
- Dr. Townsend wishes The Gazette to announce that he had nothing to do with the purchasing of the clothing for the smallpox patients dismissed, other than to specify the sizes and color. As to the price he did not state that in his order at all.
- The Cochran stone building on Minnesota avenue is being repaired and improved for the purpose, it is rumored, of establishing a bank. Yegen Bros. are having the work done, but they will not make anything known regarding the rumor. When approached by The Gazette reporter, O. Yegen stated that "we would have to wait about four weeks."

- Williams & Baxter carry Allergreth's and Mack's candies.
- J. W. Richardson, one of the prominent sheepmen of Laramie, is in the city for a few days.
- J. B. Furlay of Dillon, representing the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, is a Billings visitor.
- When you pay your money you expect the best in the market for it. The groceries sold by Ben W. Toole are the best. 68-1f
- W. E. Russell, formerly cashier of the Carbonado mine, but now located at Diamondville, Wyo., was a Billings visitor Monday.
- You need have no fears about your shirts, collars or cuffs being fit for the party if they are done up by the Billings Steam Laundry. 75-6
- A number of gentlemen friends of O. F. Goddard surprised him Saturday evening at his home in honor of that gentleman's birthday.
- It gives the best satisfaction and has no equal, so say the consumers of Bridger coal, sold by Ben W. Toole for only \$3.50 per ton cash. 68-1f
- E. Gillette and Ben Holsten of Sheridan, members of the Burlington surveying corps, were in the city last night on their way to Wyoming.
- Mrs. Hagerman has two nicely furnished rooms for rent at moderate prices, pleasant location. Corner Thirty-first and Second avenue north.
- The Sheridan, Gebro and Bear Creek coal are the leaders, give the best satisfaction and cost no more than others. Try them. Yegen Bros. *
- A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, Saturday. Mother and baby are doing well, and Walker Browning is the happiest grandpa in town.
- T. A. Williams, clerk of the district court, is looking after business affairs in Livingston today. Deputy VanHorne is attending to the office duties.
- Extra Agent Gleason has come to Billings to relieve H. C. Felsman, cashier at the B. & M. freight depot, who has gone to his home in Beemer, Neb., for a visit.
- J. M. Holt of Miles City was elected first vice-president of the third annual convention of the National Live Stock association, which met in Fort Worth, Texas, last week. The association will meet next year in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- A marriage license was issued this morning to Geo. Franklin Sargent of this city and Marie A. Morton of Lincoln, Neb. The bride arrived from her Nebraska home last night. The couple were married today by Police Magistrate Maun.
- Chaplain G. C. Stull of the First Montana volunteers has placed on exhibition in one of John D. Loeckamp's store windows, an attractive display of war and other relics, which are part of the collection he brought home from the Philippines.
- A marriage license was issued yesterday to Silas E. Gates and Lydia Marshall, both of whom give their residence as Big Timber. The couple wanted to be married in the western end of this county and it was necessary to send here for their license.
- Conductor T. P. Cullen of the Northern Pacific, who has been looking after mining interests near Pasadena, Cal., arrived at his home in Glendive Thursday. Senator Cullen has been summoned to Washington as a witness in the Clark senatorial contest.
- Mrs. W. F. Cunningham arrived from Livingston yesterday to join her husband, who now holds the position of yardmaster for the Northern Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have taken the Stevenson house on North Thirty-first street, recently vacated by Mr. Warren.
- Rose Burns, a "morphine fiend," belonging to Carbon county, but who was sent here a number of times and each time sent back to Red Lodge by the Billings police, was last week adjudged insane by the Carbon county officials and sent to the asylum at Warm Springs.
- Conductor S. F. Scott left Sunday morning for Helena to take a passenger run on the Elkhorn branch of the Northern Pacific. Mrs. Scott, who has been visiting in Iowa, is expected home this week. It is more than likely that Mr. and Mrs. Scott will remove to Helena.
- "Morphine Kid," who was arrested the first of last week for burglarizing Williams & Baxter's drug store and was arraigned before Justice Kelly Friday afternoon, was turned loose at the request of the county attorney, who deemed the evidence insufficient to convict him.
- The police drag net caught seven men Saturday night for being drunk and disturbing the peace. Five were arraigned yesterday before the police magistrate, but only one confessed to the charge. The whole push was turned loose on the promise that they would do better.
- W. G. Ronald of Seattle, organizer of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, will visit Billings Friday of this week and in the evening will address the lodge. Officers and members are earnestly invited to turn out and hear Mr. Ronald, who is also a Supreme Representative.
- The Burlington road is preparing to put on a solid vestibuled train from St. Louis to Seattle, acting in combination with the Northern Pacific. The coaches will be the finest made, electric lighted and steam heated, with the full vestibules. The train will be put on as soon as spring opens.

A Double Greeting

The Chapple Drug Company takes this occasion to wish its many patrons and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year and thank them for their generous trade, not only of the year just past, but for the past seven years. Seven years ago this month this firm started in business in Billings and the patronage which we have received during that time leads us to believe that our efforts to please are appreciated. It shall be our effort during the year upon which we have just entered, to further merit your patronage, and again thanking our friends, one and all, we remain Respectfully,

CHAPPLE DRUG CO.

- It has been decided to put the new double service on the Northern Pacific to the coast into operation on March 1. The change in time is doubtless due to the expectation of very heavy travel towards Alaska early in the spring. The equipment to be used on the new trains will be of the finest.
- Miss Anna P. Tarbell, milliner at The Fashion, departed yesterday for Chicago to spend several weeks in the wholesale houses, learning all the new fads in women's headgear. Miss Tarbell has spent two years in Billings and has made many warm friends among our people. She will not return here in the spring, but will take up her work elsewhere.
- Nate Cooper returned Sunday from a trip to The Dalles, Oregon, where he went a couple of weeks ago to purchase sheep. Wool buyers had been in that section buying options on this season's clips at 18 and 20 cents a pound and sheepmen were holding their lambs at \$4 per head. It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Cooper did not invest in sheep at such prices.
- The Wilcox, Arizona, News notes the presence of Jepp Ryan in that town last week and that he and his foreman, J. M. Cox, went to the ranch in that valley. Mr. Cox stated that the Ryan outfit would move all their young steers from Arizona to the maturing range in Montana. They shipped two or three train loads last spring and will largely increase the number this year.
- The city council has been petitioned to have a sidewalk constructed on the south side of Fourth avenue north, from Twenty-seventh to Twenty-eighth streets. The Methodist people have already built a walk half way between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets and W. H. Donovan has made arrangements for completing the other half. The walk, when completed, will be a source of much convenience to many of our people.
- "Boxy" Farrell and Jack Seaman have already begun to pack their portmanteaus preparatory to taking a trip across the briny deep for various points of interest in Europe, and especially the city of Paris where they will see the exposition sights. Every spare moment that the young men can find is put in the study of French words and their meanings, which they expect to have mastered by the time they are ready to start, and on their return they hope to be able to "walk Spanish."
- Justice Fraser and a jury of six heard the case of A. M. Crawford vs. H. J. and J. W. Hall and A. D. Williams in the court room Saturday. The defendants were charged with having stolen a house from the plaintiff. It seems the former had erected the house for Mr. Crawford, but the latter had never paid for it, and so early one morning they carted it away. The jury, after being out about half an hour, brought in a verdict to the effect that they thought the act justifiable.
- Carbon County Sentinel: Sub Agent Campbell was over from the Pryor Creek agency this week looking up a piece of allotment land which had been claimed to have been relinquished, but of which he had no record. While in town Mr. Campbell was asked if there was likely to be anything done toward opening up the east end of the Crow reservation for settlement. He said that while he had no authoritative information on the subject, yet he thought a move would probably be made in that direction in about six weeks.
- Captain Frederick J. Mills, a brother of Rev. Jacob Mills, formerly of this city, who was charged and tried last week for the murder of John C. O'Melveny, of Salt Lake, was acquitted, the jury bringing in a verdict after being out only fifteen minutes. The evidence showed that while the defendant was absent serving as an officer in the volunteer army of the United States, his wife and O'Melveny became criminally intimate. The defendant pleaded the Utah statute which justifies the act of a husband who kills his wife's seducer and also set up a plea of insanity.
- Cody Enterprise: A number of Red Lodge men, it is said have secured positions on a survey for a railroad to be run to the Sunlight mining district by Henry Villard and the company of New Yorkers who recently purchased the Silver Tip mines. * * * Billings is to have additional railroad facilities. Good. The Cody & Talocosa R. R. is also coming to the front. N. B.—The front in this case means the Big Horn basin. * * * For the past three weeks Mr. Wm. Abshire, of Laurel, Mont., has been doing a developing work at the Perkins mining camp, on the south fork of the Shoshone river. The prospects are very promising for a good yield of copper.

—The Gazette is requested to announce that the ladies of the hospital soliciting committee will call on all parties who are in arrears on subscriptions on Friday and Saturday of this week.

—The street and sidewalk committee of the city council has made arrangements for having three stone crossings constructed for the purpose of testing, with a view to constructing all crossings of stone. The stone to be used is the Alkali creek granite, of blocks, about 1 foot in length and 4 inches thick.

—Agent H. N. Kennedy of the Northern Pacific left this morning for Anaconda, having been subpoenaed as a witness in a murder case. It will not take Mr. Kennedy very long to tell the jury all he knows regarding the accused, Ellis Persinger, who passed through Billings, riding on a Northern Pacific pass.

—Austin North still has a supply of house numbers on hand, knows the number which every house in the city should bear and is the most competent man in town to number the houses correctly. He guarantees to do the work right and, as the city will compel all property owners to have their houses numbered, they can do no better than to entrust the work to Mr. North.

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It isn't easy to win over careful, painstaking people; but they are our valued friends. A store does not grow by what it sells to careless folks, who think that anything will do. We plan for careful people, who will appreciate these better than home-made garments at less than home-made cost.



GOWNS.	
75 Cents—January sale..	\$.49
1.00 Gowns—January sale..	.69
1.25 Gowns—January sale..	.89
1.75 Gowns—January sale..	1.25
2.00 Gowns—January sale..	1.50
3.00 Gowns—January sale..	1.95

SKIRTS.	
75 Cents—January sale..	\$.49
1.00 Skirts—January sale..	.75
1.25 Skirts—January sale..	.89
1.75 Skirts—January sale..	1.25
2.00 Skirts—January sale..	1.50
3.00 Skirts—January sale..	1.95

CORSET COVERS.	
20 Corset Covers—January sale..	10c
25 Corset Covers—January sale..	15c
35 Corset Covers—January sale..	25c
50 Corset Covers—January sale..	35c
75 Corset Covers—January sale..	50c
1.00 Corset Covers—January sale..	75c

DRAWERS.	
35 Drawers—January sale..	\$.25
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