PAY UP

THOSE who find themselves in arrears for subscription to the Semi-Weekly Gazette will oblige us by liquidating the obligation at once. Notices have been sent to all subscribers who owe for the paper and we trust that the reminder of their indebtedness will be sufficient to bring about a speedy settlement. The Gazette does not care to carry long-time credit subscriptions. We are giving the people the worth of the subscription price of the paper and figure that they should willingly pay for the paper promptly when reminded that their subscriptions are due.

LOCAL NOTES.

From Saturday's Daily Gazette.

—Stock Inspector John W. Collins has gone to Casper, Wyo., on business.

—The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kain is seriously ill with laryngitis.

—E. S. Becker, a prominent business man of Forsyth, was a Billings visitor yesterday.

—Nate Cooper and bride will arrive home today from a month's visit to the Pacific coast.

—Miss Kirtley Hill of Miles City arrived in the city yesterday for a visit to her friend, Miss Fay Logan.

—Edward Keeler, principal of the public schools at Glendive, is in the city on a visit to his nephew, S. G. Reynolds.

—Morris Solomon, the tailor, who has been located in this city for about three years past, will leave next week for New York to reside.

—J. M. Wolf of Meeteetse, Wyo., is in the city. He was present in Meeteetse when Deputy Sheriff Sayles captured the horse thieves.

—The Woodmen of the World lodge has decided to give a dance on the night of January 10, 1901, and invitations to the same will be issued during the next few days.

—E. H. Wick left yesterday for the home of his parents in Lake Park, Minn., accompanied by his sister, Miss Matilda Wick. Mr. Wick is a brother of Street Commissioner Wick and has been sick in Billings for some time.

—The Northern Pacific now has its crossing gates on Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth streets in operation. The tower on Twenty-seventh street has been changed to a position between the tracks. When the gates drop a warning is given to passersby by the ringing of a bell.

—Joseph Massengale and Miss Ethel Coy were united in marriage Christmas day at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Noden, 323 North Twenty-third street, Justice James Kelly officiating. None but the immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony the party sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner

From Sunday's Daily Gazette.

—E. Bulter, druggist of Gebo, was a visitor in Billings yesterday.

—Judge A. Fraser, who has been quite ill for sometime past, is reported as being better.

—The report that there is a case of smallpox within the city limits is entirely without foundation.

—Rev. Father Holtman went to Red Lodge yesterday and will reamin in that place until Wednesday.

—Miss Montana Hathhorn of Livingston is in the city for a couple of weeks' visit to her brother, F. H. Hathhorn, and wife.

—O. F. Goddard returned home yesterday from Red Lodge, where he had been in attendance upon district court for several days.

—S. W. Gebo and family of Red Lodge were in the city yesterday en route to Alberta, Canada, where the former is developing a promising coal mine.

—Bert Shorey is in the city from Merrill. He expects his new dwelling in Billings on North Thirty-second to be completed and ready for occupancy about March 1.

—Conductor C. W. Ling of the Burlington is confined to his home in the city with sickness. A. W. Rodgers of Sheridan is on the passenger run in his place.

—Miss Helen Carney of Concordia, Kan., and Miss Clara Pierce of St. Peters, Minn., have arrived in the city to begin their duties as teachers in the public school.

—Geo. L. Havens, who has been connected with the Burlington at Sheridan, has resigned his position, and is stopping in Billings for the present together with his friends.

—The present style of weather denotes that winter is prevailing and from the direction the wind is blowing that fact will be more deeply impressed upon the people of Billings before many more hours.

—The Gazette was in error yesterday in its report of the law suit of Olans Nelson vs. Wm. Davis, colored, before Justce Kelly. The court's verdict was in favor of the defendant instead of the plaintiff as printed.

—The complaints of C. D. Wilson against John Maurer and Peter Door for permitting gambling to be run in their establishment and against J. J. Potts for gambling were filed in Justice Kelly's court yesterday afternoon.

—Supt. H. M. Brayton and Principal R. H. Daniels returned to Billings yesterday from Butte, where they attended the Montana State Teachers' Association. They report a large attendance and a very interesting and profitable meeting.

—A very enjoyable entertainment was held at the Odd Fellows hall last night in honor of the children of the members, being given under the auspices of the Rebekah's. There were recitations and songs by the children and others, followed by a dainty lunch.

—Ex-Senator T. C. Power of Helena was in Billings yesterday on matters of a business nature. Mr. Power believes there is a bright future in store for the metropolis of eastern Montana and this accounts for the large investments he is making here, both in mercantile and live stock.

—It is reported that J. G. Morony of Anaconda, at present state examiner, will remove to Billings for the practice of law shortly after the termination of his official duties. Mr. Morony was in Billings a few days ago and after looking around decided upon coming here to locate permanently.

—The condition of M. B. Rademaker, who is very low with pneumonia, was slightly improved last night and the attending physician believes there is now a chance for his recovery. Miss Grace Rademaker, who is attending school in Chicago, has been telegraphed as to her fathers' condition and is now on the way home.

From Tuesday's Daily Gazette.

—This is the day of resolutions.

—The banks and public offices will take another holiday today.

—The merchants are making preparations to begin their annual inventory.

—Walter Lehrkind and wife of Silesia were visitors in Billings Sunday.

—Dr. James Chapple was called to Junction Sunday on porfessional business.

—H. C. Smith, a prominent real estate dealer of Falls City, Neb., is in Billings.

—Mrs. A. J. Gilsdorf returned yesterday from a visit to her father in Minnesota.

—The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker has been very low for several days.

—Carwile & Bouton write liberal fire insurance policies at the best obtainable rates. *

—The public schools will resume their sessions tomorrow morning after seven days vacation.

—J. C. McCarthy, the Chestnut coal operator, was looking after business affairs in Billings yesterday.

—Money to loan in any sum on farm lands and improved Billings property. Carwile & Bouton. *

—J. W. Chapman, the wealthy Wyoming stockman, was in the city over Sunday accompanied by his wife.

—Jos. Sims is spending a few days in the city while en route to his home at Lavina from a trip to St. Paul.

—Phil Grein, manager of the Billings Brewing company, was attending to business matters in Butte over Sunday.

—Miss Clara Boal of Sheridan arrived in Billings Sunday night on a visit and is the guest of Miss Esther Bouton.

—Miss Catherine Webster of Falls City, Neb., arrived in the city this morning for an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. B. Segur.

—A number of Billings young people were entertained at a progressive whist given by Miss Alice Lyle at the Cottage Inn last evening.

—The Calithumpian parade of the Maverick Hose company is to take place this morning followed by their ball at the court house tonight.

—Paul McCormick, Jr., has issued invitations to a dance to be given in the Daniel Boone cabin at his home on Thursday evening of this week.

—As this is New Year's day the city council will not meet tonight, but instead will hold its first session of the twentieth century tomorrow night.

—Governor Robert B. Smith has published a neat booklet containing messages and public documents delivered and executed by him while in office.

—Dr. S. P. Gainforth went to Livingston yesterday to spend New Year's day with his friend, Rev. Clark, pastor of the Congregational church at that place.

—J. J. Holland of Gebo came to Billings Saturday night to meet his wife's mother, Mrs. C. Burger of Kansas City, who has come to Montana for a visit.

—Mrs. George R. Milburn and children of Miles City are guests of the family of J. R. Goss in this city while en route to Helena, which place is to be their future home.

—Hon. G. R. Milburn of Miles City, associate justice-elect, is in Billings greeting his numerous friends. He is en route to Helena to assume his duties after January 7, at the state house.

—Miss Grace Rademaker, who has been attending a conservatory of music in Chicago, arrived home yesterday, being called here by the serious illness of her father whose condition is now improving daily.

—Because he stole a lobster valued at 75 cents from in front of a south side market while drunk, J. A. Smith will serve a 10 days' sentence in the county jail. Smith told Judge Kelly he would certainly never steal another lobster.

—Wm. Davis, colored, has commenced an action in Justice Kelly's court against Josephine Nelson for $21 for work. Mrs. Nelson is the wife of Olans Nelson, who sued Mr. Davis last week for $176.50, claiming that amount due him on a settlement.

—A marriage license, the last of the nineteenth century to be issued by the clerk of the court of Yellowstone county, was granted yesterday to James Blair of Glendive and Isabel Ellis of Billings Mr. Blair is in the employ of the Northern Pacific on the Yellowstone division.

—If a person acting in good faith makes a homestead entry on a quarter section of land according to law, and through the fault of the government survey it is found that he has made improvement on another quarter-section, he may amend his entry. This is the substance of a decision by the general land office.

—State Superintendent-elect W. W. Welch has appointed J. M. Lewis of Walkerville as his deputy. Mr. Lewis was the nominee of the populist state convention for the position of superintendent of public instruction, but in the interest of fusion he withdrew, and Mr. Welch was nominated. Mr. Lewis is an old-time teacher, but retired from school life two years ago to practice law.

—The war department is preparing a volume on the Custer massacre in accordance with the resolutions which passed congress two years ago and, as singular as it may appear, interesting facts concerning that terrible chapter in the Indian wars of the plains are now developing, a quarter of a century after the battle and when most of the principles in the sanguinary contest have passed beyond.

—Hon. H. L. Frank, who is at the head of the company having the contract to build the new capitol building at Helena, will be out of pocket something like $60,000 to $70,000 in consequence of the fact that his company was successful in securing the contract for the erection of the building. Mr. Frank claims that this is due owing to the cheapness with which he took the contract. The building only costs the state $289,000, while the contractors say it can not be built for less than $400,000. The capitol will be completed next summer.

HUNTLEY MAKES PROTEST.

Objects to Being Dumping Ground for Smallpox Suspects.

Huntley, Mont., Dec. 30, 1900—Editor The Gazette: The citizens of this place are very much alarmed over an item printed in your paper of this date regarding the action taken by the board of health of Yellowstone county in regard to preventing smallpox spreading in Billings.

The citizens of this place want it understood that should the Burlington road endeavor to dump those men here in any number they will organize a shotgun quarantine and will meet every Burlington train and will not allow one of them to get off the train here.

At a meeting held this afternoon it was decided that if the board of health of Yellowstone county did try such methods, in the future all trade from Huntley should go to Forsyth, which business amounts to a great deal more than you may have any idea of, and the business men of Billings would be losers by a considerable sum at the end of the year.

I think the board of health has little feeling when they would expose the people of a place like this, where there is not even a doctor to look after their sick, should smallpox spread in a place like this where there are some 75 people.

Yours truly,

Citizen.

WHAT WILL HE DO?

Jim Hill Will Be Heard at N. P. Railroad Meeting This Week.

The annual election of the officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad company will take place this week, and it is being looked forward to with intense interest by all railroad men on account of the reported ill-feeling between James J. Hill of the Great Northern and President Mellen of the Northern Pacific. At that meeting the strength of Mr. Hill's hand will probably be shown. The New York Commercial Advertiser, in a recent issue, says:

Interesting developments in Northern Pacific affairs are expected this week. Conferences were held last Friday and Saturday between Mr. Hill, Mr. Morgan and other Northern Pacific capitalists. The report that the $75,000,000 of preferred stock is to be retired very soon in the interest of the common stock is persisted in, although persons very close to Mr. Morgan have taken pains to discredit it. Under the terms of the Northern Pacific reorganization plan the directors of that company now have the right to call in and retire the preferred shares. Owners of the common shares claim that such a step would be advantageous to the property as well as to the common stock.

Mr. Hill's display of interest in Northern Pacific affairs has still another significance. It is well known that complete harmony has not heretofore existed between the present executive head of the Northern Pacific and Mr. Hill. In fact, there has been no concealment on the part of President Mellen of the indifference to the wishes of the president of the Great Northern in matters pertaining to the Northern Pacific.

U. S. SUPREME COURT RULES.

Changes Made in Code of Practice Before Highest Tribunal of Land.

A matter of interest to lawyers of the state who may have cases before the federal courts is a copy of some changes recently ordered by the United States supreme court in the rules of practice to be observed before the different federal courts. The rules have been received by George Sproule, clerk of the United States court, and the most important of the changes is an amendment requiring that the full Christian names of plaintiffs in actions shall be incorporated in the complaint. The new rules were promulgated December 17. Rule 12 of the rules of practice in equity has been amended to read as follows:

"Whenever a bill is filed the clerk shall issue the process of subpoena thereon, as, of course, upon the application of the plaintiff, which shall contain the Christian names as well as the surnames of the parties, and shall be returnable into the clerk's office the next rule day but one, at the election of the plaintiff, occurring after twenty days from the time of the issuing thereof."

THEY GIVE BAIL.

Maurer, Dorr and Potts Will Have Preliminary Hearing Wednesday.

John Maurer and Peter Dorr, charged with permitting gambling in their saloon, and J. J. Potts, charged with gambling, were arraigned in Justice Kelly's court yesterday afternoon. The preliminary hearing of the former was set for Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. They gave bail in the sum of $100 with A. J. Gilsdorf and L. H. Fenske as sureties. Potts' hearing was set for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and he gave bail in the sum of $100 with T. W. Humphrey and A. J. Gilsdorf as sureties.

LIBRARY DECORATIONS.

W. A. Kemp Completes Some Fine Interior Work on Library.

Nothing so attracts in a room or building as beautiful decorations or surroundings. When the library committee some two months ago decided to decorate the interior of the second floor it was commented upon as a very wise decision, and those who have seen the room since it was completed under the artistic hand of W. A. Kemp are loud in their praise of the work. The room would have been incomplete without it. Entering the lobby first the decorations are of the Romanesque order with the characteristic lion heads, as though they were guarding the temple of knowledge. The colors used are greens and tans. On stepping into the main room one is struck with wonder and the eye pleased with the splendid blending of the many colors, which are on every hand. Here the decorations are of the Italian renaissance with green and tan ceiling. The walls are friezed with Greek wreaths and crosses. In the center of each wreath is a medallion with the names of famous authors, there being something like 40 of these. The librarian's room is simply yet neatly decorated. Harmony prevails in all the coloring.

The work reflects great credit upon the young artist and goes to show that Billings has within its confines one who is capable of doing work that will compare very favorably with that in almost any city.

METHODIST SERVICE.

Held in Observance of the Closing of the Ninteenth Century.

The last day of the nineteenth century was very fittingly observed at the Methodist Episcopal church by the members and friends of the church. A service was held in the forenoon from 10:30 until 12, and in the afternoon from 3 to 4. Then at 9 o'clock last night the service was resumed and continued until the dawn of the new year and the twentieth century.

The evening service opened with a season of song continuing for 20 minutes, followed by the reading of letters from pastors, who have served the local church since its beginning, some 18 years ago. This proved very interesting and especially so to the new members of the church. A social session then ensued and for an hour those present had a pleasant time in conversation, interspersed with refreshments At 11:30 a consecration service was begun continuing until the nineteenth century had died and the twentieth born.

CORPSE BUT NO CLUE.

Body of Woman Found in Yellowstone River Near Glendive.

Last Thursday the partially decayed body of a woman was discovered lying on a sand bar in the Yellowstone river by Joseph Rock, near his ranch about ten miles up the river, says the Dawson County Review. The corpse was perfectly nude, not a stitch of clothing being in evidence anywhere, and presented the appearance of having been in the water from six months to a year. The flesh had entirely disappeared from the skull and other portions but in that which still clung to the neck were two marks resembling bullet wounds.

The personality of the dead woman is beyond even conjecture, for there was nothing whereby to identify the body and there have been no mysterious disappearances in this locality to suggest a clew.

IN SOCIETY

The second banquet of the S O K M Birthday club was held Thursday night to commemorate the advent of Leo Carper into this world some 29 years ago, and from all reports the event was a grand success.

These birthday parties are now anxiously looked forward to by every member of the club, for it betokens a pleasant social occasion together with splendid refreshments, both solid and liquid. This second "blowout" did not differ from the first one very materially, with the exception that one of the members, Cevera Boulanger, was prevented from taking part in the festivities owing to illness. Lee Mains officiated as toast master and made one of his characteristic happy addresses, which was responded to by Leo Carper, who refrained from giving his short experience as a sheepman. Wm. Purvis, who has the honor of having had the first birthday party and is beginning to feel like a man, made an attempt at telling the club what he knew about girls, past, present and future. He certainly knows more about them now than he ever did before, and unless rumor is wrong he will learn lots more in the future. C. J. Davis went hunting a few weeks ago, and he was called upon to tell what he did when confronted by a grizzly bear. Sam Connelly, who has budded out as quite an after-dinner speaker, told of the distinctive properties of S O K M. "Birthdays I have celebrated," was the theme of "Boxy" Farrell's little talk. And by the way, the beautiful floral decorations and exquisite American Beauty roses, which graced the club rooms, were the handiwork of Mr. Farrell. If there is any one thing that W. B. Calhoun can talk about it is romance, and in this he was interesting to the S O K M's. Having had the experience and desiring a further taste of it, I. L. Whitney volunteered to make a speech about "To Have and to Hold." There is probably one bachelor in all Billings who thinks he is in paradise and that is Tom Graham, and this afforded a theme for his toast. He was followed by R. E. Fontaine, who told why he is not married. Possibly a certain young lady not a thousand miles away could give further insight into the reason. The toasts ended with observations of "Pal" Carper by Chauncey Bever. The next party will be on January 25, 1901, in honor of Willie Calhoun, the heavy end of the S O K M quartette. The quartette sang several of their favorite selections during the evening.

The last social dance of the nineteenth century by the Billings club held in the club's comfortable and pleasant quarters last Friday night, was one of the most enjoyable entertaiments ever given by the club. It was well attended by members and friends. Music was furnished by Mrs. M. H. Tompkins' orchestra and the S O K M quartette favored the gathering with several fine selections. Light refreshments were served by Steward Tschudy.

Paul McCormick, Jr., acted as host to a merry gathering of young people from the city at the Tinkler ranch, several miles west of Billings Thursday night. The trip to and from the ranch was made in two large hay wagons, partly filled with hay, and the ride was heartily enjoyed by all. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, after which refreshments of salads, sandwiches, coffee and cake were served. At 2:30 a. m., the guests started for Billings, arriving home at about 4:30. Those attending were: Misses Hayden, Lyle, Sleeper, Nickey, Gruwell, Alice and Mamie McCormick, Towne, Colvin, Nord, Reed, Martin, Toole Mae Edwards and Clara Spear, Messrs. Buchanan, Curry, Jack and Ed. Fraser, Percy Smith, Evans, Toole, Hoyt, Matheson, Morris, Paul, Ed, Robert and Wilbur McCormick.

PROSPECT OF RANGE WAR.

Killing of Sheep in Custer County Said to Have Been Done by Stockmen.

Regarding the killing of 2,000 head of sheep in Custer county last Friday, by masked raiders, an account of which is published in the Gazette, a Miles City dispatch says:

There are conflicting reports as to the methods employed by the raiders. One statement is to the effect that the sheep were driven into a cut and piled up in a struggling mass, those not being killed by the fall being dispatched by clubs. Another story says they were milled to death—that is, driven in circles, piling up until those beneath were smothered.

The raiders wore gunnysacks over their heads and shoulders that effectually concealed their identity. The news of the raid created a great sensation in Miles City, which is the residence place and trading point of nearly all the large sheep men and cattle owners in Custer county.

Mr. Selway, the principal owner of the band, lived near here until recently, and is now a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming. He has been notified of the destruction of his property by telegraph. He is one of the largest wool growers in the state, ranging over 70,000 sheep on the public domain in Montana and Wyoming. He has a dozen partners, who operate with him on shares, and has incurred the enmity of both big and small cattle owners by herding his sheep over the range which they look upon as their own by right of long and undisputed possession. Range boundaries in this county, so far as the government land is concerned, are defined by courtesy, and the old settlers resent the intrusion of the wandering sheep men, who range their bands over their pastures.

The feeling in the Otter creek and Powder river country has been quite bitter against these new outfits and yesterday's raid is the result of this feeling. It is believed that the ranchers of Powder river and all the small settlers near the Wyoming line have united to desperately oppose the encroachments of the sheep men and they intend to precipitate a range war.

Rumors of protective associations recently organized have been circulated and while the avowed object of these agencies is the suppression of lawlessness it is hinted that the real intention is to hamper and harass the flock masters. Stockmen here hope that the outbreak will not become serious and have no wish to engage in any difficulty over the right to the range community by the action of the Tooney creek raiders.

THE DAILY MARKETS

Report of the Commercial Fluctuations of Interest to Montanans.

Wool.

London, Dec. 29—In the wool trade it is estimated that 4,000 bales have been sold since the last series of auction sales. Merinos are quoted ½ and 1d dearer. Arrivals for the next series of sales number 182,872 bales, of which 31,000 were forwarded direct. Imports for the week are as follows: New South Wales 2,995; Melbourne 148; South Australia 112; Brisbane 1,778: West Australia 1,041; Cape of Good Hope and Natal 1,651; Bremen 1,302 and elsewhere 1,157 bales.

Boston, Dec. 28—The Boston Commercial Bulletin in its annual review of the wool trade of the United States will say: The aggregate receipts in Boston since January 1, 1900, have been 381,440 bales domestic and 146,818 bales foreign, against 705,592 bales domestic and 101,242 bales foreign for the year 1899. This is a decrease of 324,152 bales domestic and an increase of 45,576 bales foreign. The total sales of wool in Boston for 1900 were 156,868,100 pounds, against 340,568,500 pounds in 1899. The stock of domestic wool carried over to next year in Boston is 65,276,000 pounds. The stock of foreign carried over in Boston is 11,733,500 pounds. These figures are almost the same as last years.

The entire stock of domestic wool carried over in the United States is 204,345,500 pounds and 29,433,500 pounds of foreign, a total increase over last year's total stock of 85,15,500 pounds and a decrease from that of two years ago of 57,339,600 pounds.

The total takings of wool by American mills in 1900 were 359,000,000 pounds.

The sales for the week were 2,212,000 pounds domestic and 64,000 pounds foreign, a total of 2,856,000 pounds for this week, against a total of 3,988,100 pounds last week and 2,723,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year. The receipts to date show a decrease of 324,152 bales domestic and an increase of 45,576 bales foreign against last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 157,918,600 pounds domestic and 34,781,800 pounds foreign.

Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 31—Cattle: Receipts 12,500. Ten to 15 cents higher. Good to prime steers $5.40 to $6.10; poor to medium $3.75 to $5.30; stockers and feeders $2.75 to $4.35; cows and heifers $2.50 to $4.60; Texas steers $3.55 to $4.90.

Sheep: Receips 9,000. Ten cents higher. Sheep $3 50 to $4.60; lambs $4.25 to $6.60.

New York Money.

New York, Dec. 31—Money on call firm at 4 to 6 per cent. Last loan 4½ per cent. Ruling 5½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 4¾ to 5½ per cent.

Silver certificates 64½ to 65.

Bar silver 63⅞ cents.

Mexican dollars 50 cents.