

MAKES POLICE MARKED MEN

PEACE CONSERVATORS ORDERED TO DON UNIFORMS.

WILL ACCEPT EITHER ONE

Water Company Submits Four Propositions as Basis of Transfer to City.

From Wednesday's Daily Gazette.

Within a short time the members of the police force of Billings will be uniformed and equipped in regulation manner and distinguishable from the other men who apparently are sauntering about the streets merely for the purpose of killing time. Last night the police commissioners submitted their report to the city council and their recommendations were adopted.

As officially prescribed the uniform will consist of a sack coat, vest and trousers, all of dark blue cloth, a helmet in summer and cap in winter. The coat will have brass buttons with the letter "P" raised in the center. The expense of the uniforms will have to be borne by the members, while the city will provide the equipments, which will consist of a belt, club, revolver, holster, flash light and whistle. Recommendation was made that the city shall buy six caps at \$2.50, each; six black helmets at \$2.50, each; one gold plated wreath for the chief's cap, 60 cents; five like wreaths for patrolmen, \$3; one gross adjustable, gold plated buttons, coat size with letter "P," \$12; one shield for the chief; one dozen stars, to be numbered from 1 to 12; 12 enameled leather belts with club socket, \$27; 12 day clubs, rosewood, \$8.40; 12 whistles, \$6; six Colt's revolvers, 38-calibre, \$34; six holsters, \$3.60; six flash lights, \$21. The total cost of the equipments will be \$215.85.

Water Company's Proposal.

The fire, water and light committee, instructed at the last session of the council to confer with representatives of the Billings Water Power company, submitted its report. The committee as an introduction quoted section 6 of the ordinance granting the company the franchise under which it is operating and which is as follows:

"Section 6—The said company further agrees to give to the said city of Billings the option of purchasing the pumps, mains and all other machinery and apparatus used in the construction and operation of said water works at any time after the expiration of 20 years from the date of the completion of the same, at a price to be fixed by three commissioners, one to be appointed by the said city of Billings, one by said company, and the third to be chosen by these two."

Continuing the report says:

"At the time of the passage of this ordinance only a water pumping plant was contemplated, and the above section fully covered all that was demanded by the conditions as they existed at that time. Subsequently the company installed its electric lighting plant, making use of the same power and the same ground and building as that previously used exclusively for pumping water. Since that time additional buildings, power and machinery have been added from time to time, based upon the demands of a combined plant, which condition makes it wholly impracticable to determine with justice to the city or the company just what proportion of the combined plant should be classified with either plant in the event that the city should elect to exercise the prerogative carried by said section 6, and purchase the water power plant at the expiration of the present franchise, thereby necessitating the segregation of the two plants."

"In view of the foregoing and to prevent loss in such an event, the company asks that section 6 of said ordinance No. 17 be so amended as to allow the city to elect, at the expiration of the present franchise, which of the four propositions below named it desires to avail itself of, subject to all the conditions of the present section as to the methods to be employed in determining the value of the whole or any part of the plant to be purchased:

"First, that the city may purchase the pipe lines, without the plant, contracting with the company for power."

"Second, the purchase of the pipe lines, pumps, boilers, engines and appurtenances necessary to a pumping plant, the city to purchase a new site and construct its own buildings."

"Third, the purchase of the water plant only, the company to segregate the two plants, constructing a new building and equipping it with adequate power and facilities."

"Fourth, the purchase of the com-

bined plant as it now exists or may exist at the time of such purchase, allowing at least one year in which to make the necessary changes, provided the combined plant should not be desired.

"The committee invites attention to the fact that there is nothing in the present franchise calculated to limit the present company to the use of either steam power, water power or both, so long as a system of water works of sufficient capacity is maintained. The committee so interprets the ordinance, and understands that the company may construct a separate steam pumping plant, and that such separate steam pumping plant, with its connecting pipe lines would be all the city has an option on under the present franchise, so long as it comes up to the standard of capacity and is honestly constructed and operated as an independent plant within the life of the present franchise."

"Without going into the matter further, it is the opinion of the committee that an amendment in effect as proposed would reserve to the company, in the event of the desire of the city to acquire the water plant only, the water power now developed with which to operate its electric light plant."

"The committee does not understand that it was expected to make any recommendations, but simply to obtain from the water power company the propositions they were willing to place before it and communicate the same to your honorable body; it, however, does suggest that should the measure seem to meet with favorable consideration the city attorney be instructed to confer with the attorney of the company, and that final action be deferred pending his report thereon."

On motion the report was received and filed.

Miscellaneous Matters.

The special committee appointed to select a site for the proposed city scales asked and received further time in which to make its report.

A bill for an ordinance providing for the establishment of a city scale and for the creation of the office of city weighmaster was introduced and read for the first time.

On recommendation of the street and sidewalk committee a warrant for \$250 was ordered issued in favor of Ben Hager as part payment of the amount due him on his contract. Fifty dollars was ordered retained until final settlement.

Wesch & Cederholm, the contractors constructing the new sewer extension, petitioned the council to change the form of the warrants given them, claiming that the ones issued could be sold for only 80 cents on the dollar, thereby causing a loss to them on their contract. Referred to finance committee.

T. F. Holly and H. S. Coleman submitted proposals for supplying the city with coal. The first named offered screened lump at \$3.75 a ton, and Bridger screened lump at \$4.25. Coleman's bid was for Rocky Fork coal, railroad weight, at \$3.25; the same, if the city paid for the hauling, at \$2.90. Forked coal delivered, \$3.35. All these prices were for car load lots. By the single ton or load he agreed to furnish the best screened lump at \$3.60 a ton.

A contract was ordered entered into with the last bidder at \$3.25 for car load lots and \$3.60 for single tons or loads.

On motion of White the treasurer was instructed to take up the interest coupons on the funding and city hall bonds.

By motion the treasurer was also instructed to take up for cancellation the \$1,000 warrant issued to Wesch & Cederholm, drawn on district No. 6, and issue in lieu thereof five warrants for \$200 each. It was further ordered that in future all warrants drawn on that fund shall be of denominations not exceeding \$200.

The fire, water and light committee reported favorably on the petition of St. Vincent's hospital for the erection of an arc lamp in front of its building.

The respective city officers submitted their reports, which were adopted.

Permission was granted Lide Bideley to connect lots 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 50, with the main sewer in district No. 6.

The street and sidewalk committee recommended that the sidewalk on the south side of lot 1, block 56, be condemned and a new one ordered. Adopted.

Boy's Life Saved from Membranous Croup.

C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Holmes & Rixon.

See shoemaker under Yegen Bros. Savings bank. Good work; prices right.

Money to loan on city and farm property. T. J. Bouton.

SAYS TRUTH WAS MANCLED

"BILLY" HOFER TELLS OF GAME IN PARK.

IS FAR FROM EXTINCTION

Well Known Guide and Hunter Expresses Himself on the Fullerton Charges.

From Wednesday's Daily Gazette.

Among the visitors who spent the night in the city was E. Hofer, better known as "Billy" Hofer, scout, guide and hunter, who was on his way back to Gardiner to "hoie up" for the remainder of the winter. Mr. Hofer had been to Red Lodge on an investigating tour having for its object the gaining of information regarding the personality of James Fullerton, whose sensational charges relative to alleged mismanagement of affairs in connection with the Yellowstone National park have lately caused a great deal to be written in the newspapers of the east and west.

Recently Fullerton was in the east and among other places he visited was Washington. Upon his return he was interviewed at Minneapolis and other towns and said that he had had a personal interview with the president to whom he claimed to have said a thing or two about the way game was slaughtered in the park, and a few other matters he thought Mr. Roosevelt should know. Subsequently it developed that Mr. Fullerton had not seen Roosevelt, the latter having been sick at the time, but had been asked to reduce his charges to writing and submit them and they would receive consideration. This he did and his communication was made public. The allegations they contained were of a sensational nature and attracted considerable attention, being widely published. Among other things he charged was that large game of all kinds was rapidly disappearing through the depredations of poachers and that the soldiers guarding the park were in collusion with the head and hide hunters and for considerations conveniently absented themselves at certain times or were suddenly and unaccountably rendered deaf, dumb and blind. Indirectly Fullerton held the order of Elks responsible for the threatened extinction of the animal from which the society derives its name because of the demand for "tusches" as emblems to be worn by the members. He also made serious charges against Major Pitcher, the acting superintendent of the park, accusing him of unfairness, arbitrary exercise of authority and general incompetency.

As "Billy" Hofer is and has been for many years a licensed guide of the park, he concluded to make a little inquiry on his own account as to the standing and reliability of Mr. Fullerton and therefore went to that gentleman's home, Red Lodge. To The Gazette he said this morning that what he had learned had convinced him of the correctness of the estimate he had previously placed on the man and that while he was not really bad and dishonest there were many other men in the coal camp who enjoyed the confidence of the community to a greater degree. Getting back to the matter of the alleged wholesale and wanton killing of game in the park Mr. Hofer declared the reports circulated to that effect were wholly false; that instead of being threatened with extinction the truth was that large animals of all kinds, excepting buffalo, were multiplying with exceptional rapidity, in fact, he declared that some of the game was getting to be too plentiful for the feed afforded in the limited area to which the animals had learned to confine themselves. He said that one could go there now, since the snow had become deep in the timbered portions of the mountains, and see numerous small bands of antelope, aggregating many hundreds, feeding between Gardiner and the Mammoth Hot springs, while mountain sheep in flocks of 40 or 50 were within sight of the springs at all times. A drive over the road between Fort Yellowstone and Yancy's would disclose several thousands of elk, while mule ear and white tail deer were almost as plentiful.

Mr. Hofer said that the reported driving of game from the park to the outside was a fiction. The animals, he said, had learned long ago in what direction their safety lay and attempts to drive them beyond this reservation only resulted in running them further into the interior. If the game were harassed and hunted in the manner charged by Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Hofer said antelope, deer, elk and mountain sheep would not be as tame as they

now are and would not continue to graze within a few feet of the roads, as they now do, without even looking up when teams and horsemen pass.

Concluding, Mr. Hofer said that if the government cared to investigate it would speedily be shown that Fullerton and others who have been making alarmist reports had greatly exaggerated matters, if they had not been guilty of downright misrepresentation.

Mr. Hofer is probably one of the best known guides and hunters in the northwest. He has been making his home in and about the Yellowstone park since 1878 and during that time has frequently piloted some of the most distinguished men of the country through "Wonderland" and in the adjoining regions where large game most abounds. During the Columbian exposition he was in charge of the cabin built on "Wooded island" by the Boone and Crockett Hunting club, of which Theodore Roosevelt was then president. He enjoys a personal acquaintance with the president and many other noted and famous men.

Although he has spent a good portion of an ordinary life time in the locality where he now makes his home, he is preparing to leave the country and go where nature still retains its pristine primitiveness and where "improvements" have not yet obtruded themselves to mar the work of the Creator. With others he has become interested in a scheme for the propagation of blue foxes on an island in Alaska and is preparing to remove thither in the spring to remain permanently. The skins of the animals, of which a good many hundred have already been placed on the island, are extremely valuable and a fortune is awaiting the promoters of the "fox ranch" if their efforts meet with the success now anticipated.

CHANGE OF SERVICE.

Star Route to Take Place of Railway.

The postoffice department has decided upon a change in the mail service between Billings and Coburn. At present the mail is carried by the Burlington, but after February 3, next, a star route service will be established. The government is now inviting bids to carry the mail between the two offices three times a week. Proposals will be received until January 3 and the contract will not expire until June 30, 1906.

The successful bidder will be required to leave Billings every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12:30 a. m., and arrive at Coburn at 3:30 a. m. Returning days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the departing hour to be governed by the arrival of the train from the east. Three hours is the limit for making the return trip.

SORENSEN IN JAIL.

Sorrowing Wife and Child Call to See Him.

From Tuesday's Daily Gazette.

Sheriff Hubbard returned last night from Helena with Carl Sorenson, who was arrested there last Saturday on a warrant issued at the instance of the First National bank of this city and in which he stands charged with having disposed of mortgaged property. Sorenson was placed in jail, pending arraignment.

This morning the prisoner's wife, carrying an infant in her arms, appeared at the sheriff's office and asked permission to see her husband. The grief of the poor woman was touching in the extreme. Despite her efforts to control herself she broke down utterly and it was with the greatest effort that she made known the object of her call. Jailer Robbins was in the office and after vainly trying to console her with words of hope and cheer escorted her to the jail. Another touching scene occurred when the husband and wife met. Cooing and laughing in childish pleasure at the sight of its father whom it had not seen for a number of days, the babe was the only one in the little group that did not feel and realize the sorrow and shame that attached to the meeting of its parents.

Those who claim to be familiar with the circumstances of the case express unlimited pity for Mrs. Sorenson, whose appearance certainly bears out the reputation given her, that of being an honest, hard working, trustful woman. Little sympathy is extended to the man, who, if guilty, is not entitled to pity or sympathy, on the contrary he is to be condemned all the more for having brought suffering and disgrace to innocent ones dependent upon him.

Sorenson will not be arraigned until tomorrow, when he will be taken into Judge Fraser's court. As the case is now understood the accused man if found guilty can receive punishment no severer than a fine and term of imprisonment in the county jail, as at the most his offense is said to be only a misdemeanor, lacking in some elements necessary to constitute a felony.

CAUGHT IN A SNOW SHED

TRAIN OVERTOOK HORSEMEN RIDING THROUGH.

THEIR HORSES WERE KILLED

One Rider Made Race for Exit But Was Overtaken and Badly Injured.

Kalspell, Dec. 15.—Mr. H. Schroder of this city met with a very serious and dangerous accident while at Browning, Mont., this week purchasing cattle. With a friend he started upon horseback to examine the cattle and coming upon a long snow shed of the Great Northern they decided they would go through same and avoid a long ride around.

When part way through the same, a train appeared and they were unable to get out and Schroder, losing his presence of mind attempted to beat the train through, but was unsuccessful in his efforts and his horse was instantly killed and he had both legs broken, one arm broken and his head was badly cut and bruised and he was otherwise badly bruised and scratched about his body. That he was not instantly killed is remarkable and how he escaped will never be known. His friend, seeing his danger, immediately got off his horse, whipped up and stood close to the side of the shed and escaped injury. Schroder was brought to Kalspell and is now resting in the hospital here and the physicians hope for his recovery but at the present time he is in a very dangerous condition.

STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY.

Well Known Locomotive Engineer Dies Suddenly at Livingston.

From Tuesday's Daily Gazette.

News was received here this morning of the sudden death at Livingston yesterday afternoon of Miles Ray, a well known locomotive engineer. Mr. Ray was one of the old employees of the Northern Pacific, having entered the company's service over 15 years ago. At the time of his death he was one of the freight engineers running between this city and Livingston, a run that he had been filling for a number of years. He was well known here and exceedingly popular.

Death was caused by apoplexy and came without a moment's warning. Mr. Ray was walking along the street on his way home, when he was seen to suddenly fall. A number of persons hastened to his assistance and carried him into a nearby store. His family and several physicians were summoned, but he was dead before any of them could reach him.

The deceased leaves a wife and several children.

CITY'S FINANCES.

Strong Box Well Filled With Coin of Realm.

According to the report of City Treasurer Owen submitted to the council last night the municipality of Billings for the present at least is enjoying a promenade on the sunny side of easy street. Last evening there was on hand in the different funds a total of \$50,748.48, apportioned as follows:

Street fund	\$ 1,917 02
Fire fund	10,134 51
Spec. Imp. Dist. No. 1	103 33
Spec. Imp. Dist. No. 2	4,739 13
Spec. Imp. Dist. No. 3	6,887 05
Spec. Imp. Dist. No. 4	551 94
Spec. Imp. Dist. No. 5	819 73
Sewer fund	2,663 01
Bond interest fund	1,231 11
Street grading fund	447 05
City hall fund	8,636 53
Library fund	1,790 11
Sprinkling fund	1,637 04
General fund	6,686 09
Total	\$50,748 48

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder, trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1,000 worth of good." Sold by Holmes & Rixon.

Wanted.

To buy bounty claims. At office front room over W. B. Ten Eyck's Montana avenue.

38tf DR. CLIFF LINDSEY.

CROAKE NOW IN TRAINING.

Will Fight Ike Hayes at Havre on Christmas Eve.

Havre, Dec. 15.—Eddie Croake has gone into training for his fight with Ike Hayes of Helena, which will take place here on Christmas eve. Croake is now in good condition. He is a favorite among the local sports and they have money to back him against Hayes, whose recent bluff has been called by Croake's friends here.

Jud Murray, the Butte lad, is matched to fight Howard Ople on New Year's day at the Montana concert hall. Murray stock is above par.

DR. SELBREDE



Parlor 303 Chapole Drug Co. Billings, Mont

It Improves with Age

The work of F. S. Mills, the pioneer brick and stone contractor. A business career of a dozen years in Billings

Speaks for Itself

Get My Estimates.

F. S. MILLS

Sheep Lost

500 sheep lost between Glasgow and McCormick Springs. Some are branded J some L some Q and some U, all with black paint.

I will pay 25 cents per head for information leading to recovery of any of said sheep.

J. B. LONG.

Great Falls, Mont.

LEAVE YOUR STOCK

AT

Cothron & Todd's Stables

Rear of Grand Hotel

Best of Care

Prices Always Reasonable



Pays 5 per cent on savings deposits. Interest compounded quarterly. Pays 6 per cent on time certificates of deposit, not subject to check. Issues savings certificates on building and loan plan with definite time of maturity and definite payments. Loans money on real estate to be repaid on monthly installments running from one to ten years, to suit borrower.

Trustees.

Lee Mantle, president; Chas. Schatzlein, vice-president; Frank W. Haskins, treasurer; A. B. Clements, secretary; Charles R. Leonard, F. Aug. Heinze, Henry Mueller, James H. Monteath.

FRED H. FOSTER, Local Agent.