

LOCALS

Trade with the Helena Packing and Provision Co.

Rev. Jones of Butte was over last week he seeks to organize baptist church in this city.

Mr. W. Wheeler of St. Joe, Mo., a nephew of Mr. H. Saulsbury is a new arrival in out city and will reside here in the future.

Mrs. E. L. Clark was equal to the occasion and on last Wednesday evening when a crowd broke in on her, was prepared to furnish watermelon, and all of the delicacies of the season a pleasant evening at cards dancing, etc. was had and all who went enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Geo. M. Lee is now employed at the A. M. Holter Hardware Co.

Charley Matthews and L. Foreman made a trip to the dam and caught all the fish.

The Manhattan Club management have consented to let out one night in a week for dancing the first dance will be given early next month.

H. J. Baker after enjoying a vacation of more than two weeks has returned to his station at the Grandon while he was off the Plaindealer man enjoyed root beer with him at his splendid home on Breckenridge Street.

The ladies who visited Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Mason can surely say that the week which they spent in Helena was a strenuous one as the people vied with each other to make it pleasant for them. Carriage rides, mountain parties predominated although the various At Homes and receptions kept them going, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Macon excelled in their capacity as hosts.

Wm. Curtis is a new arrival in our city from Grand Junction, Colo.

The Luzon saloon has changed hands Wm. Iron having retired leaving Dave Gordon sole owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weston are new arrivals in our city.

Mrs. Marlowe returned from Butte this week where she visited her husband.

Chas. Cole left last Saturday for Great Falls, Mont.

L. V. Graye has departed from Seattle to Portland.

Arthur Palmer who has been visiting for 2 weeks in Seattle will return Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Johnson of 212 S. Ewing is on the sick list this week.

Gus Mason (Raking You) says that he is no so sure of staying that he might make it at any minute.

Miss Aressa York and Alma Bass will leave early next month for Western University at Quindaro, Kans.

CUT UP BECAUSE HE WENT TO CHURCH

Geo. Leach who is employed as a porter at a Main St. Barber Shop was carved up by his paramour Ella Parker, because he went to church, and between moans George said going to church was bad luck to him and he would not go again, this happened last Thursday eve, the doctor took 5 stitches on George's wounds and he will get well, Ella was in jail.

Mr. Eldon Simmons of Mound City, Kans., arrived in Helena last Monday to reside with his sister Mrs. J. B. Bass.

WAS PURELY A LOAN

In our last issue we mentioned the fact of Mrs. F. A. Mitchell securing judgment against W. M. Holland for more than One Thousand dollars. We did not say what the suit was for. It was on a note held by Mrs. Mitchell for money which she had loaned Holland with accrued interest. Hence this settles the theory of some of the wise-acres that she gave Holland money. It was a loan pure and simple and we publish this at this time for the purpose of letting the facts be known to all.

Mrs. Mitchell loaned him money in good faith on what she thought was good security but has awakened to find that she was dead beat out of her money.

BILLINGS NOTES

The dedication of the church on the 3rd by Bishop Grant and the sermon at the M. E. Church in the evening attracted a large crowd.

On the Fourth a reception was given Bishop Grant and Rev. J. C. Owens at the residence of L. Somerville. After which the visitors were taken on a tour of the city.

Bishop Grant was entertained at dinner while here by Mrs. B. Adams. Rev. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Somerville were also present.

Look out for the A. M. E. Church report this quarter.

Yes Brother Somerville we got the money.

Mrs. W. Browning and daughter, Mrs. Chas. Browning have returned from a trip to Baltimore New York and Washington, D. C. They report having had a delightful trip.

Mrs. Dave Knott and daughter of Great Falls visister Mrs. B. B. Adams during July.

Mrs. S. Montgomery and Miss B. Morison one of the teachers of St. Joe have also visited Mrs. Adams.

Rev. T. L. Cotes returned from conference and left for Salt Lake where he will accept a charge.

Thn Miss Palmers and J. L. Ellis are goig to put on a denefit performanc for Rev. Green: rea cept week,

LABOR ISSUE Con. from Page 1 should have given double credit. arranged the same and that we Changing Issues.

Political issues have decidedly changed within the past few years. All classes of citizens seem to realize it except the Negro. He still votes under the influence of 1863 and the abolition of slavery. Our people are apparently standing with their mack to the future, gazing in rapture at the fast-declining rays of a setting sun.

The principles and isms of our early freedom have long since become history. New questions of public policy occupy the stage and we must face about and understand them. Over at Washington just now the spectacle of the House and Senate endeavoring to "revise the tariff downward" so as to take the wind out of Democratic sails, and yet keep it high enough to satisfy "the interests" and protect American Labor. And this is the kernel of the nut. In this "protection to American Labor" the Negro has no lot or interest. The colored orators sent out by the party bosses still tell the dolorous story of emancipation and Democratic hypocrisy. If it were possible to eliminate a few discredited fireeaters from the Democratic party, the best-trained Negro with a microscope could not find the line of difference between the two old parties on the race question. The race question only crops out, like the convergent ghost of the Witch of Endor, when called forth. The trust, the tariff and American labor is the absorbing topic at present and it behooves the Afro-American orators to get busy along these lines.

The great struggle of tomorrow will be between labor, organized and unorganized, on the one hand, and combined capital on the other. A few years ago the world roared with laughter when Ignatius Donnelly in his "Caesar's Column" drew the dismal picture of the coming struggle. But those who have followed the trend of events can see the shadow of coming trouble. Where will the Negro be in the struggle?

Organized Labor and the Negro.

The struggle between labor and capital has been of long standing. Organized labor is centuries old. In its inception it knew no race; no creed; no nothing, but the betterment of the laboring class. In this day organized labor is for the uplift of the working-man, and has done much to make his arduous conditions more bearable. But it is no longer the all-inclusive organization of yore. It is for the laboring man—but more especially the white man. It is notorious that almost every labor union bars the Negro, and meagre are his chances for a place as an

apprentice. The union secures better hours, better wages, and strives to raise the standard of workmanship. To all these benefits the Negro is excluded. We know much of labor unions in the West. Out here almost every form of labor is organized and then federated. And from these unions, except hod-carriers, the Negro is barred. The Negro is a strong, sturdy laborer, possessing exceptional mental capacity and physical energy and endurance. Without the careful training of an apprenticeship, when given a chance, he soon acquires remarkable technical knowledge of any trade. The

great mass of the Negroes are laborers. They are a very potential factor in the labor market. Where will they be in the coming struggle? Excluded from the unions, and hounded by the petty, spiteful hatred of ignorant labor elaquers, will they stand shoulder to shoulder with those "who toil in the heat of the day," or will they be forced to those "who toil not, neither do they spin"?

Ignorant Prejudice.

Elsewhere on this page we reproduce an editorial comment from the *Miners' Magazine* relating to the very recent decision of the Georgia Board of Arbitration in the case of railroads employing Negro firemen. It is a splendid rebuke to the carping prejudice of the labor union and a strong appeal to the manhood of the nation. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of Georgia protested against the employment of the Negro, and the railroad companies checked the question up to the State Board of Arbitration, and the board decided in favor of the Negro. And the howl goes on.

If the labor unions of the nation were honest in their expressed desire to help the struggling laborer, they would demand and insist on the Negro firemen being paid the scale. Over in Wyoming a short time ago a Japanese construction company secured the contract for building the water-works system. The vision of several thousand Japs flinging dirt and taking in the equivalent roused the ire of the "laboring classes" and a strong protest against the winners of the contract was made. Canada has removed some of the restrictions on Chinese immigration and the conditions confronting the clans of organized labor become daily more complex. And, where will the Negro be in the coming struggle? He's rising! Intelligent Understanding.

An intelligent understanding of current questions is what our people need. They must turn from the contemplation of the sad-faced martyr and grapple with the present. The Negro must

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Mr. Frank H. Yewis who conducts a place for railroad men at 51st street and Armour Ave, has been very sick.

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