

# OF LOCAL INTEREST

Austin Middleton was a Miles City visitor Friday.

Miss Cheever of Miles City, was here on Wednesday.

Miles City has a well-established case of smallpox.

Elmer Holt was in Milestown the forepart of the week.

A daughter arrived Sunday to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quinlan.

A. C. Stern, traveling auditor for the Northern Pacific Express company, was here yesterday.

Ben Darnall, deputy county clerk of Custer county, was greeting Forsyth friend the forepart of the week.

Friday January 24th is the 143d anniversary of the birth of Bobby Burns. As yet no arrangements have been made for the observance of that event in Forsyth.

Try the new comb honey and saeur kraut at Gay Huff's.

Chas. Beck had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness the forepart of the week to be out, but will not be able to resume his duties in H. Huff's barber shop for several days.

B. S. Crawshaw has about completed the large addition to his livery barn. It is of L shape, 16 feet wide by 140 feet in length, and will soon be in readiness for the accomodation of several head of stock.

A ticket to Hunter's Hot springs and return, including board and baths at the hotel for one week, for only \$22. Apply at N. P. ticket office.

Philippe Fontaine the Lightning artist, in the M. E. church Sat. Jan. 18.

Mrs. A. T. Campbell and Mrs. C. S. Whitney returned to their homes at Miles City Sunday after spending a few days here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Wright.

Hill's Players completed a three-nights' engagement here last evening. While not up to the average from a Col. Gordonean point of view, all their performances were fairly well attended.

County Attorney Gibson returned last week from Helena, where he spent several days with the Carter contingent applying oil to the troubled waters of the republican party. Mr. Gibson was accompanied from Bozeman by Mrs. Gibson and child.

The trustees of the Carnegie library at Miles City have received word from Mr. Carnegie that when he has received a copy of the ordinance establishing the city's share in the matter, and information as to the site, he will make arrangements for the payments to cover the \$10,000 donated.

We respectfully refer our readers to Bailey & Terrett's new ad. in this week's News. The reliability and business-like methods by which this firm is gaining a wide prestige makes it imperative that you should consult them before purchasing elsewhere anything in their line.

Special rate of \$22 to Hunter's Hot springs, including board, room and baths at the hotel for \$22. Apply N. P. ticket office.

Chairman T. Alexander of the board of county commissioners, Miss Longley, deputy county treasurer, and Wm. Choussier, county assessor, met the fore part of the week in County Clerk Bailey's office and completed the work of drawing a list of jurors to serve Rosebud county courts during the coming year. From the assessor's list it was ascertained that 206 persons in the county are eligible to serve as trial jurors.

According to a St. Paul dispatch of the 14th, tariff reductions on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific go into effect Feb. 1. The reductions, which vary from 5 to 15 per cent, affect mainly "ten classes" but the commodity rate on coal, lumber, flour and wheat remain unchanged. The reductions in wheat rates are postponed till later in the year and President Hill believes reductions now would not help the farmers since most of the wheat has left their hands. The new tariffs were prepared by Darius Miller, who acted in behalf of both the Burlington and Great Northern. St. Paul and northwestern roads will not make any reductions till the effect of the reductions on competitive points is noted.

H. H. Fletcher & Co. are exclusive agents for the famous W. L. Douglas shoe and the Cataract Union made overalls. These are standard goods everywhere and will out wear any other make in the market.

J. S. Truscott was up from Miles on Monday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grace, a son.

Philippe Fontaine in the M. E. church Sat. evening, Jan. 18th.

Miss Grierson and Miss Elderling were callers in town this week from Rancher.

Best creamery butter at Gay Huff's.

Justice of the Peace Wright returned Thursday night from a short business visit to Miles City.

Mrs. Tom Butler returned Sunday from Miles City, where she spent a few days with friends and relatives.

C. J. Henderson, a brother of W. E. Henderson of the Postoffice store, is spending a few days here en route from Sisseton, S. Dak. to Billings.

Mrs. J. Wettreau returned Tuesday morning from a six weeks' visit with friends and relatives at St. Paul, Minneapolis, Hanover, North Prairie and other Minnesota points.

"1,000 Miles on a Camel's Back," for 50c. Fontaine will furnish it. Sat. evening in the M. E. church.

Attorney General Donovan has rendered a decision to the effect that the improvements upon real estate exempt from taxation must be assessed as real estate and not as personal property.

County Clerk and Mrs. Bailey returned Thursday from Miles City, where Mr. Bailey took advanced degrees in Masonary with County Treasurer McKay and W. M. Taylor of Custer county.

What is said to be the largest gold nugget ever found in Montana was melted at the United States assay office at Helena last Thursday. It weighed 82.48 ounces and worth precisely \$1,404.90 and was found in Madison county.

Fresh vegetables at Gay Huff's.

Jas. G. Ramsey, at one time publisher of the Miles City News, paid Forsyth a visit Friday. Since abandoning the newspaper business "Jim" has been traveling throughout the West in the interest of an eastern manufacturing concern and reports a good business in his line.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to call at the store of Bailey & Terrett and settle their accounts at once. E. M. HUFF.

The Leighton and Miles City hotels at Miles City were taken in charge of Tuesday by the sheriff's office. This was taken by the State National bank of that place in default of the payment of the interest on a mortgage of \$5,000 by the proprietor, C. A. Mason. It is expected the places will be open in a few days, however.

The Rebekah lodge will give a Book social at the Alexander residence Friday evening, Jan. 31. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. The event promises to be as enjoyable as it is unique and the fact that the ladies of this order are the promoters of the affair is conclusive enough to warrant a good attendance.

Beginning next Thursday, Jan. 23, Rev. John Evans, of Miles City, will conduct the first of a series of regular services to be held in Forsyth. The place of meeting for the present will be in the Methodist church. There are quite a number of Episcopalians in Forsyth to whom this will be welcome news.

The following, which appeared in the Big Timber Pioneer of the 9th, inst., will be of interest to many of our readers owing to the fact that prior to a few years ago Miss Lizzie McWhirk, with her mother, was a resident of Forsyth: W. A. Clark, the well known sheep and stockman, arrived here last night accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Lizzie McWhirk. The ceremony was performed in Butte last Sunday. Mr. Clark is one of the old residents of this county and is looked upon as one of its most prosperous young men and with all acquaintances very popular and a royal good fellow. The bride is a sister of Mrs. T. McAuliff and during her short residence here made a host of friends, all of whom extend congratulations and wish the newly wedded couple a pleasant and prosperous future.

Not since the installation of the two bowling alleys in the American hotel by Butler & Holt has so much interest been manifested in the popular game as has been prevalent the past few days. When it was first announced that the Miles City team was to contest

with the local enthusiasts, it cannot be said that it tended to increase the interest, for it was reasonable to believe that in the event of a game with Forsyth the visitors would have a walk-away. It must be conceded that the Forsythians have been handicapped insofar as practice is concerned. Miles has had a bowling alley for several months, while Forsyth has had one for scarcely as many weeks. But since Glendive has again demonstrated its superiority over Miles, much additional enthusiasm has been infused into the game and the local bowlers have shed their coats and gone into the sport with the consolation that they have, at the least an even break. As yet the exact team for Sunday's game has not been chosen, but it is probable that the players will be picked from the following, many of whom roll a mean ball and have established creditable averages: Wright, Houston, Holt, Miles Bailey, Mulligan, Kline, Huff, Shaub, Terrett and La Duke. The Milesians will arrive on Sunday morning's train and the game will be called at about 2:30 in the afternoon.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

### Rancher

James Briesen left a few days ago for his new home at Portland.

John Lehof has improved the appearance of his homestead by the erection of a new mansion.

Mr. Muri received a sprained ankle recently by his horse falling with him on a slippery road.

W. King is threshing with his machine at Mouts & Koffie's. His right bower, Mr. Baggs, is chief oiler.

Henry Grierson has returned from the RL ranch, where he had been breaking horses for several months.

Roy Weathers, one of our energetic ranchers, is nursing a bruised shoulder as the result of a cinch on his saddle breaking while riding a broncho recently.

In a few days Rancher will have an order of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Patterson, D. H. C., was here recently from Forsyth in the interest of that order. He secured the names of about 22 persons who were willing to be initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft and as soon as he can hear from headquarters a lodge will be instituted.

### 1000 Miles on a Camel's Back

Philippe Fontaine, Ph.D. L.L.D. who has spent 8 years in Egypt and the Holy Land, will deliver his famous Oriental Production, "1,000 miles on a camel's back," Saturday evening Jan. 18, in the M. E. church at 8 o'clock.

Dr Fontaine carries his audience to Jerusalem via the Arabian desert, the Wilderness of Sin, Sinal country, etc., following the course pursued by the children of Israel in their journeyings to the Promised Land. Beautiful oil paintings, descriptive of the different scenes, are executed by the doctor before the audience, each painting made in 54 seconds. Rich Oriental costumes are worn at different times during the entertainment, and singing in the English and Semetic tongues, together with high class instrumental music, adds freshness and delight to the entertainment.

Admission 50 cents; children under 10 years of age, 25 cents.

Auspices of the Ladies Aid of this place.

### Gold Teeth Out of Style

It is no longer considered good form to make a display of gold teeth. "The custom has grown to such an extent," said a prominent eastern dentist the other day, "that young men and women actually had small holes drilled in teeth that were perfectly sound, in order that gold fillings might be inserted. Even sets of false teeth for older people were thus decorated. Gold caps were in great demand, and were often put on when there was no occasion, simply because people thought they looked well. I remember seeing a chorus girl who came over with an English company several years ago who had a diamond inserted in one of her front teeth. Her smile was literally dazzling. All that is changed now, though. The tendency seems to be to preserve as much as possible the natural whiteness of the teeth, and sometimes enamel is placed over a gold filling."

### Instructed as to His Duties.

A young clerk in a wholesale house has been spending a large portion of his salary for the last few days buying cigars for friends who are "on" to a joke that was perpetrated on him, says the Albany Journal. His employer engaged a new boy and as soon as the boy came to the establishment

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he was instructed in his duties by one friend, who had been promoted to the position of assistant bookkeeper and given a small office by himself. About an hour after the boy started in, the "boss" came around and seeing him working, asked: "Has the assistant bookkeeper told you what to do?" "Yes, sir," was the prompt reply; "he told me to wake him up when I saw you coming around."

Leading Cannon with Corn.  
Congressman "Joe" Cannon, of Illinois, is a man of strong likes and dislikes, and never does anything by halves. In the list of his likings, so far as culinary matters are concerned, his fondness for green corn takes first rank, and on this score he tells a good story at his own expense. After a long sojourn in Washington he returned home and started out to look after his political fences in his district. At a small village hotel, where he stopped for dinner, a scanty plate of fine roasting ears was placed before him as a side dish. Immediately he abandoned the main bill-of-fare and applied himself exclusively to the green corn. When the plate was depleted he called for more roasting ears, and continued his feast until he had made his entire meal from the staple product of the Illinois prairies. The hotel-keeper noticed the array of cobs stacked upon the plate of the tall politician, whose identity was unknown to him, and said: "Say, stranger, what in thunder do you want to board at a hotel for? The place for you to put up at is a livery stable. Don't you know green fodder is a dum sight cheaper in a barn than in a house?" During the remainder of the campaign Congressman Cannon retailed this story to his constituents—and turned it to good account among the corn growers.—Saturday Evening Post.

### IN A TRASH PILE.

Old King George Coin Found in Knoxville, Tenn.  
Walter Cheatham, an employe of the city stables, has had the good fortune to find a very old coin of the realm of Great Britain in a trash pile, says the Knoxville Journal and Tribune. The coin is of the same size as an American dollar and weighs just the same. Walter did not realize that the coin might have a big price offered for it, and while showing it to Stable Boss William Kellar, asked that official what he would give for the coin. Mr. Kellar does not know the value of old coins, and offered ten cents. Mr. Cheatham declined and Mr. Kellar proffered twenty-five cents and the bargain was struck. Mr. Kellar decided he would keep the coin as a rare novel keepsake, but now he would probably refuse an offer of \$500 for it, pending a thorough investigation of its value to numismatic collectors. On yesterday Mr. Cheatham returned to Mr. Kellar and tried to buy back the coin for a quarter of a dollar. Mr. Kellar refused, but jokingly said he would take \$5 for it. Cheatham was about to take him at his word, when Mr. Kellar said he intended to keep the coin. Its owner was then informed that according to a coin collector's manual, King George's dollar was quoted as being worth \$1,500. The coin

Where Cotton-Growing Has Increased.  
American cottonseed is responsible for a tremendous increase in the production of cotton in Russia, middle Asia, Bakhara and Khive. The year 1900 shows an increase of 44 per cent over 1899 in the Asiatic lands, and the increase in the Russian district is 23 per cent. Most of the former corn-fields are now being planted with cotton.