

Announcement Extraordinary

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That this is an event of the greatest importance to lovers of the highest art in millinery needs no heralding. It is one of the steps we have taken to strengthen our position as the unquestioned leaders in our line.

Friday, March 31st

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Saturday, April 1st



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The most magnificent showing ever seen in Billings. Lovers of beautiful waists will revel in the exquisite designs. \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 give an idea of the low prices a fortunate purchase enables us to place on these superb waists. We earnestly invite an inspection of these lovely chef-d'oeuvres of the milliner's art. Words fail to describe them adequately.

SUITS

When we say that this showing was personally selected by MR. COLL, we have said all that is necessary to vouch for its excellence. Each individual garment is a real work of art. Fortunate indeed is the establishment which can give its patrons the services of such an expert. While style and quality were the essentials in the purchase, yet the desideratum of moderate price was not overlooked, and we can offer these suits from \$45.00 down to as low as \$15.00. The harmonizing of the design of the suit with the figure of the wearer is something in which we have been singularly successful.

We have a few suits, left over from our early buying, which we will close out at half price and less. These are rare bargains—the material is beautiful, and they will be well worth your attention.

Kron Millinery and Suit House

FIRST REAL WORK BEGUN

Y. M. C. A. TRAVELING SECRETARY IS NOW HERE.

TAKING HOLD IN EARNEST

Several Young Men Make Liberal Subscriptions—Canvassing Committee Appointed.

From Monday's Daily.

Since the arrival of W. M. Parsons, traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the northwest, those who have interested themselves in the organization of a society here and the erection of a building feel very much encouraged. Promise of assistance from quarters wholly unexpected and in amount that can only be designated as generous has been received without solicitation, while many of the young men about town, those earning salaries, have come forward with liberal subscriptions.

Mr. Parsons spoke at the Congregational church yesterday morning, again yesterday afternoon at a men's meeting in the Methodist church and last evening in the Baptist church. At each place he explained the object of his presence and the desires of those who were instrumental in bringing him here. He also explained the benefits that would accrue to the city by the establishment of a branch here and the erection of a building of the kind under contemplation. It was pointed out that the practical good that it would do would be no less than the moral and mental good bound to follow.

Taking Hold in Earnest.

The interest taken by the young men of the city is manifest in the action of the meeting held yesterday afternoon. It was voted to raise \$5,000 among the clerics, railroad men and wage earners generally. One young man present subscribed \$120 and two others pledged \$100, each.

A committee of five was appointed to canvass the city, with particular reference to the young men. W. W. Clarke was made chairman and the other members are Samuel Reid, C. S. Bell, Professor S. E. Dove and Mr. Madson. Tonight the committee will meet and arrange for entering upon

its work at once. Pledges will be taken on the basis of a certain sum to be paid each month for a period of a year.

In addition to this canvass steps will also be taken for the purpose of enlisting the co-operation of the business men. As explained by Mr. Parsons, this is usually done through the organization of a citizens' committee of seven or more members, prominent business and professional men. A meeting will be called soon, when the details of the Y. M. C. A. work, its value to the city and facts as to work and buildings in other places will be presented.

Good Business Proposition.

In speaking of the matter this morning to The Gazette Mr. Parsons said:

"The fact is, it's a business proposition of so practical a character that men of ordinary sagacity, when fully acquainted with the real merits of the project, cannot fail to believe in it and support it. Other cities with less wealth and enterprise are putting up fine Y. M. C. A. buildings costing all the way from \$25,000 to \$50,000."

When asked as to the manner usually employed in securing the necessary money for the erection of buildings Mr. Parsons said that in all cases it was pledged as a straight donation. "In most cities," he continued, "large leading subscriptions are secured from one or two men. At Calgary recently Patrick Burns, a cattle man, headed the business men's subscription list with \$5,000. In Grand Forks, N. D., R. B. Griffiths, a merchant, gave \$5,000; Sidney Clark, bank cashier, \$2,500, and nine other men gave \$1,000 each. In Walla Walla a short time ago a man gave \$20,000, conditional upon the citizens raising \$25,000 more.

"To make a \$30,000 enterprise go in Billings a leading subscription of \$5,000 is almost necessary. Those who have taken the matter in hand feel almost certain that it will be secured."

It dulls the scythe of Father Time, drives away wrinkles of approaching old age—the elixir of life, that puts hope in the human heart—Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Holmes & Rixon.

The Northern Pacific

is operating Standard Sleepers between Billings and Helena; leave Billings on No. 3, at 2:45 a. m.; returning, leave Helena on No. 12; arrive at Billings on No. 6. These sleepers are open at 9 p. m. dtf

Latest styles in job printing at The Gazette office

The Simplon Pass.

The Simplon pass always has been the great highway of travel from Switzerland into Italy. It was used by Caesar and his legions as far back as 50 B. C., and, although Napoleon happened to use the St. Bernard pass, he recognized the superior importance of the Simplon and ordered a military road to be built over it to serve in future campaigns. It was begun in 1800, but before it was completed, in 1806, the fortunes of the battlefield led the emperor elsewhere, so he never saw it. While thus constructed for war, no army ever crossed it. Instead of furnishing a route for cannons, it became a peaceful medium for international commerce.—St. Louis Republic.

The Original Lover's Leap.

Sappho's Leap was the name given to a white cliff or promontory anciently called Leucadia, now Cape Ducauto, at the southern extremity of Santa Maura, one of the Ionian islands. It was so called because Sappho, the poetess, is reported to have thrown herself from this height into the sea. A criminal, with birds attached to him to break his fall, was thrown from the cliff at the annual festival of Apollo, and if he reached the water unhurt he was picked up by boats placed there for that purpose. This is the rock from which, according to the story, lovers throw themselves in order to be free from the pangs of love.

Three Things Desired.

As a result of observation and reflection during a long life touching public men and measures in wide variety I would desire for my country three things above all others to supplement American civilization: From Great Britain, her administration of criminal justice; from Germany, her theater, and from any or every European country save Russia, Spain and Turkey, its government of cities.—Andrew D. White in Century.

The Man and the Place.

"This John Doe must be a terrible bad feller," mused Maw Hoptoad. "He's allus in trouble. I see he's been indicted again. I wonder where he lives when he's to home?" "I expect he lives in Effigy," chuckled Paw Hoptoad, "the place where so many are hung."—Houston Chronicle.

Collided.

"Yer honor," protested the seedy prisoner, "dis is jist a case o' perlice persecution. Dey'se tryin' ter keep me down, yer honor. You ain't goin' ter let 'em keep me down, are yer?" "Certainly not," replied the magistrate. "I'm going to send you up for ninety days."—Philadelphia Press.

Sure of One Thing.

"The life of 'an insurance agent," sighed Premiums, "is full of wormwood and gall." "I hadn't noticed the wormwood," growled the victim.—Cleveland Leader.

Read The Gazette and keep posted in local happenings.

THE VALUE OF EXAMPLE.

To have your child truthful, be truthful.

To have him temperate, be temperate in all things.

To have him kind to others, be yourself kind to others.

Prescribe healthful amusements and so far as you can take part in them.

Prove to him by your life that a good name is to be chosen to great riches.

Teach him that riches are not to be despised, but should never be got by doing harm to others; that when acquired should be treated as a trust, not as a loan.

To have him honest, present to him in your own life an example of honesty. The chief part of a child's knowledge comes from observation. Acts mean more than a speech.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Demonstration.

Tommy and his little brother had been playing together most peacefully for some time when suddenly the baby gave a howl, followed by a series of shrieks. The mother rushed in and, while soothing the crying child, sought to find out what had hurt him. Tommy resisted her cross examination for a time, but finally admitted that he was guilty.

"What did you do to him?" she asked.

"I stuck him with a safety pin."

"What in the world did you do that for?"

"Nurse said you couldn't hurt yourself with a safety pin, and I wanted to see if it was so."

Lincoln's Retort to Douglas.

Douglas, meeting Lincoln on one occasion during the exciting campaign of 1860, made a characteristically unpleasant remark, saying:

"Why, Abe, I remember you when you were nothing but a young clerk in a little western town, peddling out goods at retail and selling liquor over the counter."

"Yes," answered Lincoln, "the only difference between you and me was that I was on one side of the counter and you were on the other."

The Era of Noise.

What an age of noise this is! Do you know any single human being who is capable of being silent for an hour at a stretch? I know two, and I value them according to their rarity. Not only does everybody talk, but almost everybody talks loud. I went into a shop the other day, and the clatter of conversation sounded as though the place were full of people. Yet all the noise was produced by three individuals. Why should they shout?—London Truth.

A Sure Remedy.

Mother—Have you told Olga that if she insists on marrying that lieutenant who is so deep in debt you won't give her a penny? Father—No; I guess I will tell the lieutenant instead. That will be more effective.—Flegende Blatter.

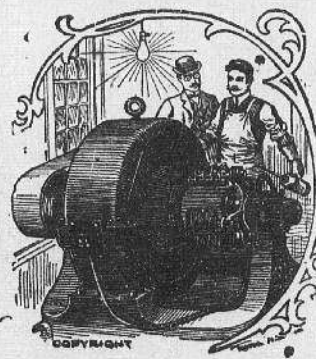
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