

## FROM MONTANA

### Interesting Statement of Facts Concerning That Great Western State.

The Decatur Democrat, Decatur, Indiana.

Editor Democrat:-

Hearing that you were desirous of having a little piece of news from Montana, will do my best at furnishing you with a few facts which may be of some little interest to your readers. Of course you all know of the crisis in which this state was plunged during the recent closing of smelters and mines. However, they have been reopened and business is better now than it has been anytime since October last when the shut down occurred. Without making mention of the fact, Montana up to recent years has devoted almost all of her time and attention to mining and smelting of ores as well as sheep, horse and cattle raising, however agriculture is attracting more and more attention each year and upon driving through the country in season one can see the waving grain at the same time being reminded of good old Indiana. Prices in every thing of course are high here but wages are according. It seems to me from what little I have had occasion to have done, it cost about five dollars to look at a newspaper man. We are having just fine weather now but the rainy season will soon be on but it is of only short duration. The winters are mild, and although the thermometer sometimes runs as low as 38 degrees below, we do not notice it or suffer more from the cold than you would in Indiana at from 10 to 12 degrees below. The pleasant part of this extremely cold weather is that only last 2 or 3 days and then we have what we term a "chinook," the same being a warm wind from the Japan current across the Pacific. Sometimes during the holidays it is mild, just like spring days and in passing along the street one can see the doors of the stores wide open. There are several places of interest here one being the place where Lewis & Clark passed through on their famous expedition, the same place being very near to the Great Falls of the Missouri, said to be next in size to Niagara in the United States. When the water is high the Falls are very beautiful indeed. Another interesting feature is the "Grant Springs" which are the largest of their kind in the world. Another fall I forgot to mention is the rainbow. At a certain time of the falling water at just a certain angle we can see a beautiful large rainbow, this fact make a great many think they exceed the Great Falls in beauty. I fear I have already written at too great length and so will close thanking you greatly for so kindly remembering me with your daily, it is indeed very interesting and proves a great comfort to me. Again thanking you, sign myself,

Sophia Mangold.

### Birthday Surprise.

A big birthday surprise party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bohnke, sr., who lives just three miles east from our city, with Mr. Bohnke being the victim, and for once in his long career as a citizen of our county he was forced to acknowledge the fact. The affair had been quietly arranged by his wife and children and all during last week their home took on an air of mystery which Mr. Bohnke was unable to solve. But when 218 of his relatives neighbors and numerous friends burst in upon him he began to realize that the mystery was clearing and his mind began to review past events and he at last figured out that he had reached the seventieth mile stone of his life, then all was clear. Never before in that neighborhood was a surprise party so well attended, and never before was such a fine time had. The morning and afternoon were pleasantly spent by playing numerous games and by repeating ancient history and recent events and during these conversations Mr. Bohnke discovered another event that had long escaped his mind and attention and something else to long remember the occasion by and that was that he and his brothers just fifty years ago to the day arrived in this county and became American

citizens. At promptly twelve o'clock all guests were invited in to their spacious dining room to partake of the sumptuous dinner that Mrs. Bohnke had prepared and after all were seated another surprise was in store for Mr. Bohnke. Upon turning his plate over found a beautiful solid gold watch chain Mrs. Bohnke in the meantime un-suspicious turned her plate over and it was her time to be amazed for under her plate she found a beautiful solid gold ring. After the excitement had subsided all heartily partook of the repast. Another feature of the day seems that was especially noticeable was the difference in ages among the guests present there being 126 old people, forty two middle aged and young people, thirty eight small children and twenty two babies. And all in all it was a happy gathering. After partaking of supper the guests all departed for their respective homes, wishing Mr. Bohnke many more such happy occasions.

### Sensational Divorce Case.

A sensational divorce case was filed in court late Saturday by Attorney J.C. Moran, entitled Emma Gage vs. Laban H. Gage. The complaint recites that the couple were married June 5, 1899 and lived together until July 3, 1902.

The defendant is charged with having treated his wife in a cruel and inhuman manner, struck and cursed her but the serious charge is as follows:

On a day in June 1902 Gage and his wife and baby went to Berne, and on their way home had to cross the G. R. & I. railway. They were riding in a buggy and while approaching the track Mrs. Gage observed a train approaching at a great rate of speed. She spoke to her husband who said it was not a train but a track light and urged his horse on, though his wife begged him to stop. When near the track and with the train close upon them Gage jumped from the rig and ran in an opposite direction. Mrs. Gage and her baby were forced to remain in the rig, which barely missed being struck by the train.

Mrs. Gage was badly frightened and alleges in her complaint that she believes that her husband thus attempted to take her life. The affair made her so fear her husband that she has since lived with her father. The custody of her only son, Jacob Gage, alimony and support are asked for.

### Legal Advertising

#### APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Iva Roebuck, late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is worth solvent.

GEORGE W. BROWN, Administrator.

April 15, 1904.

D. D. Heller & Son, Attys.

Notice of Final Settlement of Estate.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Conrad Reinking, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 30th day of May, 1904, and show cause, if any, why the final settlement accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to file a claim of heirship, and receive their distributive share.

HERMAN F. REINKING, Executor.

Decatur, Ind., May 4, 1904.

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Merryman & Sutton, Atty's.

#### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Sarah King, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 30th day of June, 1904, and show cause, if any, why the final settlement accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to file a claim of heirship, and receive their distributive share.

E. BURT LENHART, Administrator.

Decatur, Indiana, April 29, 1904.

Paul G. Hooper, Attorney.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that John Ferguson, executor of the last will of George W. Archbold, deceased, will offer at private sale, at the law office of Clark J. Lutz, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, to the highest bidder, on

Friday, May 6, 1904,

the following described real estate, to-wit:

Pursuant to an order of the Adams circuit court, heretofore entered of record, lot number one hundred and seventeen (117), in the original plat of the town (now city) of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana. Said sale to be continued from day to day until said real estate is sold. No bid will be received for less than the appraised value of said lands.

Terms of sale are as follows, to-wit:

One-third cash in hand on day of sale, one-third in one year and one-third in two years thereafter, to be paid in cash, and deferred payments by good freehold and mortgage security to the satisfaction of the executor.

JOHN FERGUSON, Executor.

Clark J. Lutz, Attorney.

Notice of Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate.

The undersigned, commissioner, by virtue of an order of the Adams circuit court, made and entered in a cause then pending, entitled Cordelia L. Townsend and Dick Townsend vs. Lucy J. Gregory and Augustus C. Gregory, numbered 6031 upon the books of the law office of D. D. Heller & Son, in the city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, on

Friday, May 20, 1904,

between the hours of 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock a. m., of said day, and from day to day there-

after until sold, he will offer for sale at private vendue and at not less than the full appraised value thereof the following real estate situated in Adams county, Indiana, and the same as follows, to-wit:

The east halves of lots numbered one hundred and fifty-seven (157), one hundred and fifty-eight (158), and one hundred and fifty-nine (159) as said lots are designated on the original plat of the town (now city) of Decatur, Indiana.

#### TERMS OF SALE:

One-third (1/3) cash in hand on day of sale, one-third (1/3) in one year, and one-third (1/3) in eighteen months. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest per annum, and to be secured by mortgage and freehold security.

HENRY B. HELLER, Commissioner.

D. Heller & Son, Attorneys.

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#### APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of the Third Ward, of the city of Decatur, Adams county in the state of Indiana, that I, William Hartings, a male inhabitant and resident of said ward, a person over the age of twenty-one years, a person not in the habit of becoming intoxicated and a fit person to be entrusted with the keeping and selling of intoxicating liquors, will make application to the board of commissioners of the county of Adams, at their May session for the year 1904, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous, malt and other intoxicating liquors in less quantities than a quart at a time, with the privilege of all the same to be transacted in private where sold. The place where I desire to sell said intoxicating liquors is in a one-story building fronting on Second street in said city, situated on the following described premises, to-wit:

Commencing at the southwest corner of lot number one hundred and sixty-nine (169) in the city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, running thence east one hundred and thirty-two (32) feet; thence north twenty-two (22) feet; thence west one hundred and thirty-two (32) feet; thence south twenty-two (22) feet to the place of beginning. The room where I desire to sell the aforesaid intoxicating liquors is in a room on the outside is twenty-two (22) feet wide and fifty (50) feet long; and it at the same time ask permission from said board of commissioners to keep and maintain a lunch counter in aforesaid room for the purpose of selling eatables.

WILLIAM HARTINGS, Applicant.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LETTING.

Notice is hereby given that the board of commissioners of Adams County, State of Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the construction of the macadam road in Monroe township, in said county, known as the extension No. 2 of the Pleasant Valley and Oak Grove macadam road up and until 10 o'clock a. m. on

Saturday, May 28, 1904,

at a special session of the said board of commissioners, held in the city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana. sealed bids will be received for the construction of said road in accordance with the plans and specifications and report of the viewers and engineer, which are now on file in the auditor's office of said county, said road to be built of crushed stone alone.

A bond must accompany each bid in twice the amount of the bid, conditioned for the faithful performance of the said work, and that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into contract therefor and complete the same in accordance with the bid filed.

All bids shall be made so as to give the amount at which said road will be constructed for in cash, payable on estimates to be made by the engineer in charge, not to exceed eighty per cent of any one estimate, out of the funds to be hereafter raised by sale of bonds as required by law.

Each bidder will be required to file affidavit as required by law.

The said board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

9-3 ABE BOCH, Auditor Adams Co.

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