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Accident Ends In Death Of Pioneer

(Jackson Correspondence)
Last Thursday evening the friends of Samuel Bell placed in an automobile under the care of Dr. Ryburn, starting to reach a Butte hospital, and with hearts filled with anxiety and hope that his vitality and strength would continue until surgical assistance might save his life, were soon overwhelmed with grief as the listened to the exhaust of the returning car. Samuel Bell, for thirty years a resident of Beaverhead county, died Thursday night at 11:30 in an automobile driven by C. E. Miller and accompanied by Dr. Ryburn and C. F. Lloyd. He conversed intelligently until within a moment before the end, when the messenger of death overtook the fleeing car near the S U ranch.

only outside relatives present. To the sorrowing wife and family we can but say that our hearts are filled with sympathy and that we grieve with them.

Electric Lights for S 6

F. S. Lotz, agent for Fairbanks, Morris & Co., of Chicago, dealers in electric lighting plants, is in the basin and has appointed C. H. Strowbridge local agent for the company. Arrangements have been made to install an electric lighting system at the Upper S6 ranch and one may be placed in at Ralston's. The gasoline power which is used also provides a water as well as a lighting system.

Fourth Class Postmasters

Washington, May 10 - Fourth class postmasters must be able to read, to count accurately the money they receive, to measure the oil-cloth on the floors of their offices and to write at least a decipherable letter once in a while, in order to be taken under the wing of the civil service. In effect, they must have a reasonable understanding of "readin', 'rithin' and 'rithmetick," according to instructions issued today by the postoffice department.

Persons to take examination must be citizens of the United States, over 21 years old, and must reside in the community they aspire to serve. No one must be crazy, intemperate, dishonest or have been dishonorably discharged from the army or navy.

Public School Notes

PRIMARY GRADES
Mrs. B. R. STEVENSON, Teacher.

The record for last month shows that Anna Jorgenson, Lelia and Gladys France and John Miller, were neither tardy nor absent.

The highest monthly averages were received by Anna Jorgenson, 1st Grade A Class, average 95, James Montgomery, 2nd Grade B Class, average 97, Clarence Powell, 2nd Grade A Class, average 93, Frances Montgomery, 4th Grade B Class, average 94.

The picnic planned for Arbor Day had to be postponed on account of the snowstorm.

Clarence France came in Monday and took his three children home, as he needed their help on the ranch.

The Chinese.
Conservative historians among the Chinese claim for their race an antiquity of at least 100,000 years, while those whose estimates are a little "wild" assert that the Chinese were the original inhabitants of the earth and that Chinese history goes back at least 500,000 years. The government records of China place the foundation of the empire at 2500 B. C. and claim that it was established by Tobi, who, they assert, is the Noah mentioned in the book of Genesis, B. C. 2240.

THE CHANGING WORLD.

We see naturally and justly sad when we think of this world as a place of unceasing change, but there is a point of view from which it appears to be a matter of thankfulness and rejoicing that it is so. This world is a place of trial and probation, in which the condition of no one of us is final, but a boundless possibility of change for the better is open to every one.—Hugh Macmillan.

As stated in the last issue of the BREEZES, Mr. Bell, while lifting a heavy box of castings, which arrived on the freight team, slipped his hold and the crate fell, hitting him just above the ankle, causing a compound fracture and badly lacerating the limb, the bones protruding through the flesh. Dr. Ryburn reduced the fracture and left the patient doing as well as could be expected. One week later the doctor was again summoned and at a glance knew that gangrene had set in and that chances for saving his life were few.

Samuel L. Bell was born in Springfield, Ill., on July 23, 1858. His father, John W. Bell, was born in Virginia in 1828 and now resides at Redrock, in this county, at the age of 85. "Sam" Bell, as he was more familiarly known, came to Colorado with his parents in 1870, where he lived until 1882, when he came to this county, where he has continued to reside until his death. In 1885 he married Miss Alice Randall, of Virginia City, Mont., and five children were born to them, all of whom are living, three being married, namely, Frank W. Bell and Mrs. Myrtle Hayes of Salmon City, Ida.; Mrs. Edna Osburn of Dillon. Two little boys, Samuel E., aged 14, and Earl W., aged 7, are at home with a sorrowing mother.

Sam Bell lived at Redrock for some time, but during the past 15 years we have known him as the hospitable host of the Bell road house and it made no difference of the day or night the weary Big Hole traveler might arrive, he would always find attention, care for his team and a welcome to the fireside by Sam and his wife. Just about a year ago he purchased the Saltmer hotel in Jackson, which they continued to run in the same inviting manner to the public. Sam was one of those hard-working men who never knew when to quit; always ready to give a helping hand to the needy and distressed, turn a favor to his neighbor and felt a pleasure in every deed performed. The writer, who has been his personal friend for 25 years, has, like hundreds of others, the first utterance to hear against him.

The funeral services were held Sunday morning in the parlor of the hotel by the Rev. E. V. Osterlander, and interment was made on the evening of the same day in the Bannack cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his sister, Ella Bell, who died in the prime of womanhood, 18 years ago. The sod that his spade had many times turned in the upbuilding of this county, marks with a mound where he peacefully rests.

What Would the Suffragettes Do If They Met the King Like This?



Photo by American Press Association.

If the militant suffragettes had a chance to catch King George of England and his daughter, Princess Mary, out riding like this it is very probable there would be a big story on the papers. But it is not likely that they will get anywhere near the king, for he is closely guarded wherever he goes, even when out riding for exercise, as shown in the picture. He has been particularly well guarded since the recent renewal of the suffragette outbreaks. Princess Mary is especially fond of riding and often accompanies her royal father on such centers.

Parcels Post And Our Merchants

One of our state editors, in whom we have the utmost confidence, has made a very thorough investigation of the effect of the parcel post on our home merchants. In answer to the question, "Will this new law hurt the home merchant?" he says:

"While the plan was under consideration in Congress it had to meet the solid opposition of retailers' organizations. Their anxiety was based on the theory that the parcel post would prove an immense advantage to the big mail order houses. Now that the new delivery system is a fact, the wise country merchant is preparing to make the best of it. In investigating his opportunity under the new law the country merchant finds that the best gives promise of being not half bad.

"Whatever the big mail order house may have hoped for in the way of advantage under the flat rate, the zone system finally adopted gives a distinct advantage to the local retailer. Instead of having him to be taken under the wing of service to him. The bargain rate of the whole system is the rate between the rural delivery center and all points on the outlying routes. The rural routes get the local rate. That is to say, a package will be taken to any point on a rural route for the same rate paid for the delivery of packages within the town limits. This local rate is five cents for the first pound, and one cent a pound for the other ten. An eleven pound package at the local rate would be delivered for 15 cents. When you locate the delivery of the package at the far end of a country route it offers the best package delivery bargain offered in this country. While the country town merchant is getting this local bargain rate the big mail order house is paying a high rate that increases in proportion to the distance of the house from its patron. The country merchant not only has an advantage in the rate, but his natural advantages in time are materially augmented. The rural telephone is now the concomitant of the rural route. Where both are available all that is required is a little forethought in early ordering, and goods may be delivered from town on the same day the order is phoned in.

"Apparently all that is needed on the part of the country merchant is a little enterprise in utilizing the facilities afforded him. In this direction advertising in the local papers would seem to be his long suit. Up-to-snuff merchants in a small town can get up just as attractive an advertisement—prices and all—as any of the catalogue houses. Many of them have been doing it regularly in this territory, and even without delivery advantages, and have found little difficulty in holding business in competition with the far away mail order house. Advertising, of course, will not count for much unless the merchant keeps in stock the kind of goods his patrons call for. With goods suited to the needs of his community, the newspaper advertisement to attract attention to his wares and prices, the rural mail delivery to take his advertisement to his customers, the telephone to transmit the order and the parcels post to deliver it, who can say the country merchant hasn't a combination that must be hard to beat? With that combination on his side the country merchant that lets the bulk of the orders from his territory go far away, catalogue houses, will not be justified in blaming Congress for his inability to transact a profitable business.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodworth entertained a number of friends at their C-D ranch last Sunday, in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Loyal and Mrs. J. P. Loyal. The following partook of the most delicious dinner prepared by the hostess and Miss Bessie Douglas. Messrs and Mesdames J. P. Loyal and W. A. Armitage, Mesdames Taylor and Armstrong, O. J. Woodworth.

A Library Needed

We believe every town should and will support a public library, and as a starter in this direction we suggest to our people the feasibility of such an undertaking. Well read minds sustain wholesome laws. True intelligence elevates the morals of a community. Good books easy of access rid the streets of many looters. With plenty of interesting books at hand long winter evenings may be profitably spent and a good public library combined with good schools, well sustained, will do much towards eradicating many prominent evils and correcting many crooked and perverse ways.

Excelsior Club

The Excelsior Club held one of its most interesting meetings last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Loyal, the vice president of the club.

The feature of the session was a paper on "Modern Education" by Mrs. C. W. Francis, participated in by Miss Harriet Cornelia and Mesdames B. R. Stevenson and Frank Husted. Mrs. Francis gave a short history of education up to the present time, then followed Miss Cornelia on "The Kindergarten and Montessori System," after which Mrs. Francis resumed her paper, dealing with the public schools of today where they succeed and where they fail to fit the majority for life. A humorous reading, "Mama Home from Boarding School," was acceptably rendered by Mrs. Stevenson, after which Mrs. Francis again resumed. An article on "The Trials of a Rural Teacher," by Mrs. Frank Husted, dealing with the difficulties experienced by teachers in obtaining adequate supplies from some school boards, concluded the program.

The club will be entertained on Saturday, May 24, by Mrs. W. A. Armitage at Sunny Slope.

The Oldest Almanac

The oldest almanac in existence is probably the "Almanach National de la France," which first appeared in 1564 and has been issued fairly regularly ever since. It began with a modest forty-eight pages, but the current issue boasts over 1,600. Next in point of age ranks the "Almanach de Gotha," with a record of 150 years' continuous publication.

THE GENERAL GOOD.

We are to relieve the distressed, we are to put the wanderer into his way, and we are to divide our bread with the hungry, which is but the way of doing good as well to ourselves, for we are only several members of one great body.—Socrates.

JOLTS FROM JACKSON

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Chris Christensen returned from Bannack yesterday.

Denton Oliver, buyer for J. E. Morse, has been with us during the past week looking after the business interests of the latter.

Harry Melvin and George Turcott are fencing their homesteads on the foothills near Jackson.

Wanted—Someone looking for the office of clerk of the school board. No examination or qualifications will be required.

The sunny days are bringing out our baseball fans and they are limbering up the unused sinew that has not been developed by the hay fork.

The congenial smile of our friend and exemplary stockman, J. E. Morse, together with the glad shake of the hand, has been appreciated by our good citizens during the first of the week.

What is the matter with the road viewers appointed to inspect the intended change in the road south of Jackson? This road is of vital importance to all, as it will greatly improve and shorten the main county road. Get a hustle on you!

Wait until Frank Dunbar's "new frog front" returns from Butte, where it went to be reinforced with ten more yards of speckled cloth, the deficiency being caused by the tailor having only a ten foot tape at the time of measurement. I think he will probably (with his front) pay a visit to Wisdom. We hope he won't leave his front behind.—Editor.

Chas. Miller, of the Big Hole Commercial Co., in answer to a call from Dr. Ryburn, ran his car up to Jackson Thursday night for the purpose of touring Sam Bell to a Butte hospital. Upon return, the hour being late, and the car slightly damaged, Mr. Miller waited until the following morning, repaired the car and left.

After entering a report that we are all trying to respect and follow the Puritan law that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and that not one subject could be found for the pest house, or other violations against his tribunal other than our bad well water, Dr. Ryburn, our county health officer, returned to Bannack.

Wm. Pendergast has won the honor of being the most successful house mover in this section of the country, having moved his dwelling from the ranch to Jackson, over almost impassable roads, a distance of 4 miles, and landed it right side up in town, without breaking a window or marring the paint. Mr. Pendergast left for Dillon yesterday to purchase cement and other supplies for the moved structure.

Our old and esteemed friend and rancher, Joe Kramer, has been cracking jokes with us several times during the week and while he frankly admits that the editor of THE BREEZES stands first on the list of his many bosom friends, yet he mourns that the editor is not a democrat, and that, like Charley Lloyd, "if he gets to heaven with the good and great, he is sure to be let in at the smallest gate." There's more truth than poetry in that, Joe.—Editor.