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A First Class stock of goods of all kinds constantly kept on hand. Courteous treatment to all our patrons.

When our new store at the new town-site is fully completed, we will quote you prices that will surprise you.

The Art Studio

Another shipment of Framed Studies just received. Our price as usual is lower than the lowest From 55c and up.

Mrs. E. N. HAUGEN, Choteau, Montana.

LOCAL NEWS

About 2 dozen framed studies special price 75c at the Art Studio.

A new line of ladies belts just in at the Choteau Mercantile Co.

O. E. Pugsley was a business visitor in Great Falls the first of the week.

Visit our furniture department. We can save you money at the Choteau Merc. Co.

Remember the Choteau Merc. Co. is showing the largest assortment of Chinaware and cut glass in Choteau.

Do not overlook the babies at Christmas time, we have everything for the little ones at the City Drugs Store.

Frank Pence came to town last Tuesday after finishing a new house for Harry Thompson, the coal baron on the bench.

Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Cook and Miss Lillian Raglin, who visited with Mrs. Wamsley last week, returned to their homes at the Sweet Grass Hills last Monday.

In the United States court at Helena last week the jury failed to agree on a verdict in the case against J. H. Boucher, who is charged with being a trespasser on the forest reserve.

W. N. Russell and Ed McGurk were on their ranches, at Freezeout this week, making improvements, etc. Shortly was also feeding hay to his bison and elk during the cold snap.

Last Saturday evening Miss Helen Burke entertained a number of her young lady friends at the home of her sister Mrs. G. A. Gorham. The evening was spent in games and music. A dainty lunch was spread to which all did justice. At a late hour the "merry maidens" departed thanking Miss Burke for the pleasant evening.

Marguerite, Jordon, a half breed Chippewa Indian, died at her home here in Choteau at 9 o'clock Saturday evening and was buried in the Choteau cemetery at 2 p.m. Monday. She had been best known for many years in and around Choteau by the name of "Mrs. Chicken," a nickname given her because her husband, Wm. Jordon, was known among the Indians as "The Chicken." Mrs. Jordon was a recent beneficiary of the Canadian law awarding "scrip" to halfbreeds in lieu of lands, and it is presumed that the prosperity that had come to her was largely instrumental in bringing about her death.

J. M. Harris, superintendent of the Cracker mine at Atlyn, on the Black-foot caded strip, was in town Wednesday enroute from Helena to the mine. Mr. Harris recently fell the entire distance of the main shaft, seventy-eight feet, while being lowered in a bucket. The brake on the coil refused to work and when the bucket with the superintendent struck the bottom Mr. Harris was wedged in so tight with his feet and head sticking out that it required three men five minutes to pull him out. Aside from severe bruises Mr. Harris had no bones broken and will resume his duties at the Cracker mine at once.—Havre Plaindealer.

County Surveyor Mathews returned from the Dearborn on Dec. 6, having been instructed by the State Arid Land Grant Commission to inspect the work performed in District No. 4, with a view to ascertaining what percentage of the work, laid out in 1901, had been completed, capacity of canals, etc. He stated that a revolution is taking place in the Dearborn country. The ranges (of old) are fairly bristling with wire fences and that where once the buffalo was monarch of all he surveyed, now looms houses, barns and haystacks, evidence of progress that have been wrested by human hands from a wilderness. The Dearborn canal will soon be completed, settlers are coming in to take up the land as fast as the work of construction will permit. The taking of the water of the Dearborn, over into the Dry creek, Spring creek and Sims creek country, has required efficient engineers, competent management, determination and capitol, to all of which the Dearborn canal bears evidence. The lands segregated under the Carey Act in District No. 4, are sandy loam in character and will produce abundant crops of those kinds which are adapted to our climate when placed under cultivation. A strange and wholly unaccountable fact, that irrigation and the settling of lands has produced, is that the people of the eastern states seem to understand the possibilities of irrigation better than the Montana ranchman and can and have gone ahead and made a success of farming by irrigation, when our best representative ranchman had predicted failure.

Don't overlook the gold watches, and remember that we give an absolute guarantee at the City Drug Store.

Call and see the new waist patterns; no two alike at the Choteau Mercantile Co.

For Sale—One livery barn One house and four lots. For further particulars inquire at this office.

Drop into the Family Liquor Store and get a "Solicitor" cigar, a drink of good old Ramona whiskey and go on your way rejoicing.

County Assessor Thos. O. Larson left here Monday morning for his old home in Minnesota, and Dame Rumor is positive this time that upon his return to Choteau Mrs. Larson will accompany him.

Louis Berthelote, a prominent Gold Butte sheepman and rancher, was in town this week hunting for some horses he lost last July. His advertisement will be found in another column of this issue.

The contract for the care and maintenance of the paupers of Teton county, and for the burial of deceased paupers, for the year commencing January, 1, 1903, was awarded to Mrs. Aunio Austed by the board of county commissioners last Tuesday afternoon: The contract calls for the payment of \$675 per week for each pauper cared for and \$34 for each burial.

Judge Tattan, by an order filed in the district court, has fixed the terms of court in Choteau county for the year 1903, to commence on the following dates: Thursday, January 22; Thursday, April 9; Thursday, July 2; Thursday, November 5. In Valley county the terms of court will commence: Tuesday, February 24; Tuesday, May 26; Tuesday, September 1; Tuesday, Dec. 8.—River Press.

Milton E. Stillman Dead.

A telephone message was received here last Sunday containing the sad news of the accidental killing at Basin of Milton E. Stillman, a former resident of Choteau. Mr. Stillman was a son in law of H. W. Yenger of this place, and Mr. Yenger has gone to Butte to attend the funeral. The following account of the unfortunate accident was copied from the Butte Miner.

News was received in Butte yesterday of the accidental death of Milton E. Stillman, formerly of this city, who was killed about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, while at his work in the Huntington mill of the Basin & Bay State company of Basin. His wife and five children reside in this city and were informed of the sad affair last night.

Little is known of the accident or how it occurred. Stillman was working on the upper floor of the building, and as far as known no one was near him at the time. It is supposed, however, that in some manner he became tangled up in the shifting and death resulted instantly.

The top skull was torn off and one ankle broken, besides other bruises about the body. He was found by a fellow workman and the authorities were at once notified of the accident and steps were taken to have the body removed to this city. This will probably not be done, however, until after the inquest at Basin, to be held by coroner of Jefferson county.

Stillman was about forty years of age and was a skilled workman, being a carpenter by trade, and had been employed at the Boston & Montana works in this city before going to Basin.

NOTICE.

Persons are hereby warned not to shoot or trespass on our premises. SANDS CATTLE & LAND CO.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Choteau, Montana, for week ending Dec. 8, 1902.

Engle, Roscoe
Fundingland, Mrs O N
Graham, John 3
McCauley, Geo
McKinnon, John

Persons calling for the above letters will say "advertised."

C. H. DRAKE, P.M.

Brown and Parker are getting out fire wood and fence posts at the Willow creek grade and are prepared to fill orders, large or small, for material of this description.

Eighth Grade Examination.

County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Fannie E. Chenoweth has received the following communication from the state superintendent:

Dear Madam:

You will hereby take notice that the regular eighth grade examination will be held on the 18th and 19th of December.

The questions for this examination have been prepared by teachers doing actual eighth grade work, so the objections which have heretofore been urged against taking this examination will be of no force.

Please give this matter the widest publicity possible, that all may have an opportunity to take the examination on these dates.

Very truly yours,
W. W. WELCH.

SUITABLE SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

The greatest chance of the year to select from our magnificent stock of Christmas Novelties. Every department is being filled to its fullest capacity. Also an unsurpassed line of all-the-year-round goods. If you find it difficult to decide upon an appropriate gift, step in and let us offer you some suggestions as to how you can make your presents a lasting and a pleasurable remembrance.

Little Folks' Toys.

Rocking Horses.....	\$2.50 and up
Shoelies.....	1.65 and up
Doll Buggies.....	50c and up
Doll Go-carts.....	80c and up
Undressed Dolls, leather body.....	1.25 and up
Fancy Dressed Dolls.....	75c and up
Rubber Dolls.....	20c and up
Rubber Rattles.....	25c and up
Rubber Balls.....	25c and up
Jack-in-the-Box.....	25c and up
Wooden Furniture, parlor set.....	75c and up
Iron Savings Banks.....	50c and up
Fancy Horns.....	50c and up
China Dishes in fancy sets.....	50c and up
Drums.....	50c and up
Trunks.....	1.75 and up
Wooden Wheelbarrow.....	25c and up

These are just a few of the many Toys we have to show. We do not have the space to give the prices and descriptions of them all. Call and let us show you and make you prices that will surprise. We have all kinds of Games, Wooden Chairs, Desks, Tin and Iron Toys, also a fine assortment of Books, etc.

Gents and Boys Clothing.

We have the largest and most up-to-date line of Gents' and Boys' Clothing in Teton county. As we do not have the room to give prices, we invite you to call and see our stock.

Gents' Furnishings.

Fancy Sweaters.....	\$2.00 and up
Fancy Suspenders.....	75c and up
Fancy Cotton Hose.....	25c and up
Fancy Neck Ties.....	25c and up
Fancy Mullers.....	50c and up
Fancy Gloves.....	1.25 and up
Fancy Shirts.....	75c and up

Shoe Department.

Ladies' White Toe Slipper.....	\$2.00
Ladies' Black Enamel Slippers.....	1.50
Ladies' Black Beaded Slippers.....	2.50
Ladies' Dress Shoes.....	4.00
Ladies' Street Shoes.....	2.75
Misses' Black Slippers.....	1.25
Misses' Dress Shoes.....	2.25
Gents' Enamel Dress Shoes.....	4.50
Gents' Vici Dress Shoes.....	3.50
Gents' Cordovan Walking Shoes.....	5.00
Gents' Fancy Velvet Slippers.....	1.00
Boys' School Shoes.....	2.25

Silks and Dress Goods.

Crape de Chine Silk.....	\$1.25 per yard
Tafeta Silk, all colors.....	90c per yard
24-inch China Silk, all colors.....	60c per yard
38-inch Wool Henrietta, all colors.....	65c per yard
38-inch Wool Albetross, all colors.....	65c per yard
38 inch Wool Crape de Chine.....	90c per yard

We have a nice line of Wool Suitings, in heavy and light weights, also trimmings to match.

Domestics.

Apron Gingham.....	6c per yard
Blue Prints, 8c to.....	12c per yard
Silklines, all colors.....	15c per yard
Cretons, all colors.....	10c per yard
36 inch Precalles.....	15c per yard
Light Colored Outing Flannel.....	10c per yard
Fruit-of-the-Loom Muslin.....	10c per yard
Good Quality Feather Ticking.....	18c per yard
Crash Toweling.....	12c per yard
Bleached Bed Sheets, each.....	60c each
Pillow Cases, per pair.....	25c

Suitable Gifts for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Toilet Cases,	Smoking Cases,
Toilet Sets,	Neck Tie Cases,
Jewel Boxes,	Collar and Cuff Boxes,
Trinket Cases,	Nice Silk Muller,
Handkerchief Boxes,	Nice Pair of Slippers,
Glove Boxes,	Smoking Jacket,
Manicure Cases,	Pair of Gloves,
Work Boxes,	Pair of Suspenders,
Fancy Neck Scarf,	A Swell Neck Tie,
Pair of Kid Gloves,	A Gold Watch,
Pair of Pillow Shames,	A Gold Chain,
Cushion Covers,	Gold Locket,
Silk Waists,	Cup and Saucer,
Fine Gold Watch,	Reading Chair,
Gold Chain,	A Nice Book,
Scarf Pin,	Brier Pipe,
Cut Glass Water Set,	Shaving Cases,
Silver Table Set,	A Nice Cap,
Fur Collerette,	Pair Gold Cuff Buttons,
A Dress Pattern,	Silk Handkerchiefs,
A Fancy Dish,	Shaving Mug,
Box of Candy,	Box of Good Cigars

We can supply your wants in any of the gifts mentioned, and a great many more. Give us a call. We can satisfy your wants.

The above suggestions cover only a few of the many nice goods that can be seen in our store. New goods are coming in every day. Every day we can show something new in goods, quality and prices. We have the largest stock of Furniture in Teton county, and the lowest prices. We can save you at least 30 per cent on every dollar's worth of goods you buy from us. If you can not come and see for yourself, send us your mail orders. They will receive prompt attention.

FOLLOW THE CROWD TO THE

Choteau Mercantile Company.

LEADERS IN LOW PRICES.