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State News

Helena, May 22.—John T. Murphy, banker, mining man and rancher, whose business career in Montana extends over half a century, died at his residence here tonight at the age of 72 years. He was connected with banks in Helena, Great Falls and Billings besides having other business interests about the state. His two daughters are in Tokio, Japan, on a foreign tour and a son resides in Portland. Mr. Murphy died of typhoid pneumonia. He returned to this city May 12, from his winter home in Florida. While in Chicago he complained of a cold but did not consider his condition serious and on arriving here took up his business as usual, but last Sunday he was forced to take to his bed, death resulting tonight.

Billings, May 24.—Ten steel and concrete bridges are to be built in Yellowstone county immediately, at a cost of \$15,731.20, to replace wooden structures which no longer can safely bear the added traffic caused by the great number of new settlers who have found homes in the county during the past winter. Contract has been let by the commissioners and work will begin at once.

Butte, May 23.—The new organization of women opposed to equal suffrage will meet at the Carpenters union hall on May 29. The interest of the new organization centers in the return visit to Butte of Miss C. E. Markeson, field secretary of the national organization opposed to suffrage, and Miss Minnie Bronson, the field secretary of the national society, and a gifted public speaker. They will be in Butte 10 days or two weeks and their arrival will be the signal for a permanent organization. New names are being added daily to the rolls of the organization.

Deer Lodge, May 25.—M. P. Stoppel, owner of the Garrison hotel, and one of the well known business men of Powell county, died at St. Joseph's hospital of this city Saturday afternoon from injuries sustained when his automobile turned turtle and went down the side of a mill-foot embankment near Gold creek about a month ago.

An order for the Great Northern to establish an agency at Loma, Choteau county, not later than August 1, was made by the railroad commission.

Substantial reductions in rates on livestock from Montana to coast markets will shortly be put into effect by the railroads, according to information given D. W. Raymond, secretary of the state board of stock commissioners by railroad officials at the rate hearing at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, or the application of the carriers for an increase in rates of stuff shipped east.

Helena, May 23.—Four counties have so far filed petitions for the submission of the state institutions bill, with a sufficient number of signatures. These are Madison, Granite, Sweet Grass and Chouteau. Ten more have yet to file.

Butte, May 26 —A female "Jack the peeper," who has nightly terrorized women and children on south Montana street for weeks was arrested by Detective Bowell and O'Donnell. When taken to police headquarters the woman was found to be entirely dressed in black, fitting the description of the "Mysterious woman in Black" who is wanted for firing the home of J. Sullivan at 521 West Silver street. An investigation developed that the jailed woman was not the fire bug.

When tried in police court today on vagrancy charges the woman gave the name of Mrs. Minnie Graham.

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