

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1903

“Local News”

M. Gurnett cast his shadow on the streets of the capital city Saturday. Mrs. J.J. Hindson, who had been in town during Christmas visiting her daughter, Mrs. J.P. Marks, returned to her home in Helena Saturday.

S.P. Brooking and wife who are residing at Hassel came down and visited their son, W.H. Brooking, over New Years.

The scarcity of coal that has prevailed in our local market so far this winter promises to be temporarily relieved. The Townsend Mer. Co. have unloaded two cars in the last week and will have two more next week for their customers.

There were nineteen students who passed the 8th grade at the recent examination. Ten of them hail from Townsend and nine from outside districts. Should these students apply for admittance to the county high school they will have to be admitted, which would necessitate employing another teacher in the school. It so happens that the levy will permit the board to secure the services of another teacher in which event our school will take on a little new dignity and life.

D. Belcher put in a session fumigating the Winston school house the fore part of this week.

A party of young folks spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Padden and incidentally beheld the fading glories of the old year as they passed forever beyond recall, except in memory's sweet dream and watched the more brilliant hue of the New Year as it swung into view just past midnight on Jan. 1st. Those who participated in this pleasant watch meeting were the Misses Henton, Bucher, Kimber and Zimmerman. Besides the Allen girls, and Messrs. Zimmerman, Smith Seibold, F.E. Allen and D. Anderson.

The Deep Creek school house was fumigated Wednesday preparatory to continuance of school next week.

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“Here and There in the Valley”

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horne are moving this week from the Round Grove ranch, where they have lived for two years, to their home place.

All of the schools of the valley closed for Christmas vacation last Friday with appropriate and well rendered programs and most of the teachers are spending their vacations here as school will open again on Monday, January 3rd.

Miss Mae Mahony of Helena spent Christmas with her mother and brother near Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bruce and family.

Miss Elva Fuhs of Toston is spending her vacation with her parents.

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“Social”

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tomcheck were hosts Tuesday evening to the employees of the Townsend Chevrolet and their wives and husbands at a Christmas party.

Movie films were shown during the evening after which a buffet dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. John Bucy, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Garnet, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Deadmond and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly.

Gifts were presented to the employees by Mr. Tomcheck.

“News About Town”

Miss Eleanor Schwisow of Helena spent the holiday in Townsend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Schwisow and family.

Helen Daniels came from Billings to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H.M. Daniels.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nash and two daughters of Bozeman were Christmas day guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Nash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hopkins came out from Helena for Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrison Rains and four children.

Among the pre-nuptial parties for Mr. and Mrs. John Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Prescott were host and hostess on Friday evening at a dinner party at the River Inn. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gillespie, Dr. Patrick Ragen, Miss Sheila McCarthy, Dick Doggett, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Williams, Miss Lois Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gabisch, Don Rees, Miss Roxy Ward, Pat Hooks, Sharley Williams and John Ragen and Mrs. Walter Ragen and Mrs. John Williams.

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“Masons to Hold Open Installation Monday Night”

Valley Lodge No. 21 AF&AM will have a group of grand officers from Helena assist in installing officers at the Masonic Temple Monday evening, Jan. 5, starting at 8 o'clock. This will be an open meeting and friends are invited to attend. Following

installation ceremonies, ladies of the Eastern Star will serve refreshments in the dining room.

Elected officials to be installed for the ensuing year will be: DeVon Domer, worshipful master; Ray Nydegger, senior warden; Lawrence Poe, junior warden; Bill Guffey, treasurer and Charles Plymale, secretary.

Mr. Domer has named the following appointive officers to be installed: Frank Holloway, chaplain; Bud Richtmyer, marshal; Randy Anderson, senior deacon; Lowell Johnson, junior deacon; Norman Bruce, senior steward; Merle Sears, junior steward and Donald Williams, tyler.

“Local News”

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Del Wallace for dinner Sunday were their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Johnson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Plummer. The occasion was in celebration of Mrs. Plummer’s birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watterson and family were in Bozeman to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson.

Mrs. Signa Anders returned last Saturday from San Jose, Calif., where she had been visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anders and family. She was accompanied home by Harry Jr., who will attend the University of Montana in Missoula.

Spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Paulie Ragen, and Brian and Mary, are Jim Ragen, student at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Mike Ragen, attending the University of Missoula, and Tim Ragen from Western Montana College, Dillon.