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OLD-TIME BUTCHER ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

JOSEPH SEHRINGER TAKES LAST DARUM IN BONNER BLOCK.

FINANCIAL WORRY THE CAUSE

Well-known and once wealthy butcher of Butte, who had been living from hand to mouth latterly, decides to end it all.

After repeated threats to take his own life during the past two years, Joseph Sehringer, formerly a well-known butcher of Butte, accomplished his purpose last night by ordering a bottle of laudanum, ill health and financial troubles are given as the cause of his act.

Sehringer took the poison some time yesterday afternoon in room 17 of the Bonner block, 128 South Main street. He was found unconscious by his partner, George Althoff, about 7 o'clock last night. Althoff tried to awaken him, but Sehringer could not be awakened.

Patrolman Quinn, police station and Chief Quinn went down to the Bonner block and brought Sehringer to the emergency hospital. The ride in the cold air seemed to revive him and at the hospital he was somewhat conscious.

Dr. A. D. Anderson endeavored to pump out the poison. When the work was first started Sehringer's pulse was beating strongly. Shortly after, however, he ceased to breathe and within a few minutes he was dead.

Shortly before he was discovered, was unable to speak intelligibly. According to Dr. Anderson, laudanum was the drug used.

George Althoff, who hired the room in the Bonner block with Sehringer yesterday morning, said that on that afternoon Sehringer had purchased a bottle of laudanum, away from Sehringer when the latter threatened to take his life. Althoff said he left Sehringer in bed yesterday and did not return to the room until last evening at 7 o'clock. It was then he found Sehringer unconscious and tried to arouse him.

Several members of the butchers' union called at the emergency hospital last night when they learned of Sehringer's death and identified him.

Joseph Sehringer was a butcher of Butte for almost 20 years. He had worked for many of the leading butchering establishments. He was an intimate friend of Gustave Nichol, a butcher, and Charles Schmidt, who runs a saloon at 22 South Main street.

Sehringer was about 42 years of age, and as far as can be learned, leaves no relatives. An effort was made last night by Coroner Reeves to locate any relatives. Sehringer was a native of Switzerland.

In the early days he was prosperous and owned a fine home in Butte, but the poverty of the last few years is responsible for his action. For some time he had been working as a swamper about saloons and living in the direst poverty. Coroner Reeves ordered the body removed to White & Krebs' undertaking parlors. An inquest will be held on Monday.

MINING CORPORATIONS MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS

The following annual statements by mining companies were filed in the office of the county clerk and recorder yesterday:

Butte & Superior Copper company, limited—Capital, $2,500,000; debts, $675,-392; assets, $1,000,000.

Pittsburg & New York Copper Mining company—Capital paid in, $18,500; liabilities, nil.

British-Butte Mining company—Capital, $1,912,500; liabilities, $13,102.50.

Butte Copper King Mining company—Capital, $1,000,000; liabilities, nil.

Bluebird Development company—Capital, $25,000; liabilities, nil.

Butte-Argenta Copper company—Capital, $1,500,000; liabilities, $25,456.

Empire Exploration company—Capital, $1,000,000; liabilities, nil.

Butte-McKeesport Copper company—Capital, $1,000,000; liabilities, $13,100.

Butte & Garnet Gold Mining company—Capital, $25,000; liabilities, nil.

Walker Placer Mining company—Capital, $100,000; liabilities, $800.

Comet Placer Company—Capital, $125,000; liabilities, $11,691.17.

Cable Lease Mining company—Capital, $200,000; liabilities, nil.

Cable Mining & Milling company—Capital, $1,500,000; liabilities, $156,000.

Butte & Anaconda Copper Mining company—Capital, $1,500,000; liabilities, $1,560.

OWNER OF FIRST TAXI IN BUTTE LEAVES FOR SOUTH

C. L. Mitchell, the man who introduced the taxicab in Butte several months ago, leaves tonight with his wife for San Diego, Cal., where they will spend the winter. He will probably start a taxi line in San Diego and intends to act as agent for an aeroplane company.

Several months ago Mitchell conceived the idea that a taxicab in Butte would make a hit. He fathered out his idea and purchased a machine. Since then a number of machines in the city has increased at a rapid rate, and now Butte is supporting more than two dozen of the fast little cars.

Mr. Mitchell may return to Butte if things do not go right in California, but he expects to stay at least three months.

DRUNK ONE WHOLE YEAR.

Inga Delaney started out yesterday afternoon in the district court for a divorce from her husband, George Delaney. The couple were married in Superior, Wis., and have lived in Butte for the past 11 years. The plaintiff alleges that her husband has been drunk for the past year.

ANOTHER CASE AGAINST HALL.

Another suit was started against the Hall Bros. Land company in the district court by Alfred Karsted, as administrator of the estate of Anna Karsted. The plaintiff alleges that on March 14, 1910, Anna Karsted loaned the defendant company $1,00.75 on a promissory note secured by mortgage on the Hall block on Hamilton street. Since that time no part of the amount has been paid. The plaintiff asks that the money with interest at 10 per cent.

JAILER WILSON IS BACK FROM HIS COAST TRIP

Tom Wilson, night jailer at the police station, arrived home yesterday afternoon from Seattle, where he went recently to take back a deserter from the United States navy. Mr. Wilson says he didn't enjoy his trip to any great extent.

"I had to buy an umbrella and a pair of rubbers on the minute I got to Seattle," said Mr. Wilson. "It rained all the time I was there. The officers on the Philadelphia, the ship to which I took my man, treated me very courteously. I had dinner with the captain and he showed me all over the different ships stationed at the Bremerton navy yard. I went on board the Colorado, one of the biggest battleships our country has. It was very interesting to examine the big guns."

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY FACE JUDGE

Only two cases came up for trial in the police court yesterday. Earl Simpson and a young boy giving his name as John Doe were charged with vagrancy. Simpson is a middle-aged man. He told the judge that he recently came here from Billings. The boy against him was dismissed as he is a boy whose parents live in the city and who has been in trouble before. His case was continued until Monday morning. In the meantime if the parents apply to Judge McGowan for leniency, it is probable the boy will be allowed to go home on parole.

John Brown, the alleged secretary, will be given a trial on Monday. He was arrested two weeks ago and has been out on bonds ever since.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY IS HERE TO RECEIVE EVIDENCE

Edward F. Boyle, secretary of the legislative committee on mines, which is expected to commence sessions in the Butte mines recently, was in Butte yesterday, bent on persuading the Butte Miners' union to appoint a miner from each of the Butte mines to give evidence before the committee in Helena.

As yet the miners' union has refused to make any appointments. Three informal meetings have been held by the miners, but as yet no action has been taken. Mr. Boyle, in an endeavor to co-operation of the union in securing witnesses, will himself get a man from each of the mines to go before the committee and give evidence.

DATE SET FOR HEARING.

A hearing of the petition for the dissolution of the First Church of Christ in Butte was set by Judge McClernan yesterday for Monday, Jan. 30. An objection to the dissolution has been filed and the case promises to be interesting.

TRYING TO EXPLAIN KEATING EXPLOSION

WALSH THINKS IT WAS DUE TO A SHORT CIRCUIT.

ROOTE EXPLAINS CONDITION

Keating mine disaster, which killed six, still unexplained—Engineer thinks hammer dropped on powder on two hundred level.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

Helena, Jan. 21.—William Walsh, state mine inspector, has returned from Badersburg, where he conducted an examination in the cause of the explosion in the Keating mine Thursday that resulted in the death of six miners. Mr. Walsh said today that from the evidence at the inquest and his own investigation he was led to believe the explosion was due to a short circuiting or sparking of the electric wires used in thawing out the powder.

"The main shaft of the mine is on an incline," said Mr. Walsh. "The cores are let down by means of a rope cable and this rope as well as the timbers were struck by small rollers. A sparking that is said to have occurred shortly before both the cores and the car jumped, the rails and the disengaged truck played havoc with the timber and the rollers. It was to repair this damage that the foreman and two other men were in the shaft when the explosion occurred.

"The explosion was so great because of their proximity to the 200-foot level that they were rendered unconscious and the smoke and fumes from the burning powder soon asphyxiated them. The other three victims were at work several hundred feet further down the shaft, and hearing the report, they naturally sought safety at the 300-foot level. It is similar fashion that they ascended the shaft, and after a few moments until the gases had gone to the surface, through the shaft or the other air channels, they would have been none the worse for the accident."

Mr. Walsh said the evidence disclosed that none of the men was within 20 feet of the powder magazine at the time of the explosion.

ROOTE SAYS ELECTRIC FIXTURES WERE SAFE

Isaac B. Roote, the principal stockholder in the Keating Gold Mining company, got back to Butte yesterday from Badersburg, where he started at once upon hearing of the disaster there. Shortly after his arrival in Butte, he made a statement to the Standard in regard to the matter, in which he gave the possible and probable cause, so far as could be ascertained.

In his statement Mr. Roote says:

"The deplorable accident in the Keating mine occurred Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. Julius H. Barnes, the secretary of the company, with M. D. Graves, the superintendent, was on his way from Butte to the mine. They arrived at the mine about an hour after the accident. Mr. Barnes telephoned to me immediately about the occurrence, and I left on the next train for Badersburg and arrived early the next morning.

"The coroner's inquest was held in the company's mine office on Thursday, Jan. 19, 1911. State Inspector of Mines William Walsh arrived early Thursday morning and, in company with Superintendent Graves, made a thorough examination of the shaft and the 200 and 300 foot levels. None of the witnesses at the inquest could throw any light on what caused the explosion. The state mine inspector, who was a witness at the inquest was unable to say what caused the explosion, and the theory advanced by Superintendent Graves was generally accepted to be the most reasonable. It was this:

"Owing to the severe cold, the dynamite in the magazine on the 200-foot level had become so frozen as to make it thaw out. To thaw it from dynamite it is placed where the temperature is above 42 degrees, and in time the powder becomes soft, or as the miners term it, 'thawed.'

"At the Keating mine it has always been the custom to take powder needed for immediate use down into the mine and keep it there, where the temperature is about 50 degrees, while other operations are being carried on in the 300-foot level. This level is not traversed by any of the miners, nor has it been used for a long time, except to thaw the powder. About 700 or 800 pounds of dynamite are used each day. There is an experienced employe on each shift, the powder man, whose sole duty it is to take the powder down into the 200-foot level and there thaw it out and carry it from the station of the powder to the miners in the levels below. The caps and fuses are not kept where the powder is kept. The powder taken down each day is placed for a few hours in the 200-foot level at a point about 100 feet south of the shaft. The caps and fuses are kept on the 300-foot level about 150 feet north of the shaft, about 300 feet from the powder.

Yet Dear by Heat.

"Each day about 1 o'clock the powder man on duty takes down to the 200-foot level about 1,200 or 1,400 pounds of powder, and when the next shift comes on only a couple of boxes have been used. There is an excavation in the solid rock in the side of the 200-foot level where enough powder for one blasting is placed on benches two feet high. Four or five 16 candle power electric lights are kept burning to make the place a little warmer. Powder, when uncombined, does not explode by heat until the temperature is 400 degrees. The temperature in the 200-foot level is rather uncomfortable, so, from a theoretical standpoint, it would seem impossible for the powder to have been exploded by heat.

"A few minutes before the time to blast on each shift the powder man carries the powder from the place of storage to the station of the 200 level, and it should be borne in mind that no one except the powder man ever goes into the 200 level. The powder man rings for the skip or cage and places the powder in the skip, then goes to the levels below and distributes it there.

Night Is Hammer Felt.

"Mr. Graves, the superintendent, advances the theory that the powder man had carried the powder to the 200 station, preparatory to lowering the same. As the skip was not then available, he went down the chute to the level below.

"At that time five men were making some minor repairs on the shaft above the 200 level, and on the 300 level. The cage had been lowered to this place with the five men, one of whom was Ed Ryan, the shift boss on duty. Mr. Ryan and two of the men got out of the skip and were in the manway working on the minor repairs mentioned. The other two men remained on the skip. Two of the men had sledge hammers in the theory of Mr. Graves that one of the latter accidentally struck a sledge hammer, which struck upon the side of the shaft and rebounded, falling on the powder. The explosion of the dynamite at the shaft caused the balance of the powder back in the drift 200 feet away also to explode.

"The timbering in the shaft was completely wrecked for a distance of 20 or 25 feet above the 200 level, while it was only wrecked for about 20 or 25 feet below this level. Had there been no explosion at the shaft, Mr. Graves thinks that the timbering would not have been wrecked so badly.

"The electric wiring in the mine was only recently installed, and by an experienced electrical engineer, who testified at the inquest that he used the utmost care in installing the electrical apparatus.

Only Experienced Men.

"Ed Ryan, the shift boss who was on duty, was a miner of many years' experience in the mines of Butte. He had been a shift boss at the Keating mine for two and a half years. He was regarded as one of the best and most careful shift bosses in the mine. Wilford Boulware, the other shift boss, was equally experienced and careful. The superintendent of the mines, M. D. Graves, is a mining engineer of 20 years' experience. He has been superintendent in numerous mines. Twenty years ago he graduated from the Michigan School of Mines. He handles high explosives with extreme caution and care, and at no one time has he had a special supply of the subject. The two men who were in the skip or cage were badly injured, but not killed. The other three men in the shaft were killed, perhaps instantly. The other three deaths were caused by suffocation. The powder smoke or fumes filled the shaft and the 300-foot level for some distance back, and the men were overcome before protective the 200 level for north. Had the three remained where they were working they would not have been injured. The other man who died on the 200-foot level was probably near the shaft.

"The company's machinery is modern and up to date in every respect. There are two well constructed and equipped shafts about 900 feet apart. The miners were immediately lowered to the 300 level in the other shaft, to the south. They hurried through the 300 level until they came upon the scene of the three men suffocated on that level.

All Possible Done.

"The officers of the company are deeply affected by this sad catastrophe. Everything possible was done that could have been done to revive the men and to give aid to the injured.

"The unfortunate men who lost their lives were highly esteemed in Badersburg and were regarded by the company's superintendent as among the most careful employes of the company.

"L. S. Rogers of the firm of Rogers & McIntyre, mining engineers of Butte, was requested Friday by telephone to come at once to the mine to make a careful examination of the shaft. Mr. Rogers arrived early this morning. Mr. Graves, by long-distance telephone, says that Mr. Rogers concurs with Mr. Graves in the latter's theory.

No Suspension of Work.

"The accident has not caused suspension of the work in the mine. The perpendicular shaft is being used for mining. Shipments of ore will continue. None of the levels in the mine were injured by the explosion, nor was the shaft injured, excepting that the timbering was wrecked.

"Mining, wherever carried on, under the most favorable circumstances, and where the utmost care is used, is a hazardous occupation."

Dan Ryan, the brother, Dan Ryan, will be brought to Butte Monday for burial. The body of one of the other men has been shipped to his former home in another state. The others will be buried in Broadwater county.

"The damaged timbering in the incline shaft is now being rapidly repaired and the shaft will be ready for use within two weeks. In the meantime, the ore is being hoisted through the perpendicular shaft and access to the mine is made through the latter shaft.

"The accident will not reduce the output of the mine, as mining will be carried on in the stopes, and all ore not shipped will be stored during the next two weeks in the chutes."

RYAN BROTHERS WILL BE BURIED ON MONDAY

The bodies of Dan and Edward Ryan, the two brothers who were killed in the recent mine explosion in the Keating property near Badersburg, will be brought to Butte for burial. The bodies are to arrive in Butte this evening, accompanied by the wife and daughter of Dan Ryan, who was hurried to Badersburg as soon as they were notified of the tragedy.

The funerals will be held together at Walsh's undertaking rooms at 2 o'clock, Monday morning. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's church at 9:30 o'clock. The Ryan brothers were well known, and popular miners in Butte, for several years and their tragic death has horrified their many friends here.

ARREST INDIAN LAWYER FOR HANDLING LIQUOR

Special Telegram to the Standard.

Great Falls, Jan. 21.—Perry Kenarby, a half-breed Indian, who resides at Browning on the Blackfoot reservation and who is said to be an attorney at law at that place, was arrested today by Deputy United States Marshal Keigler, charged with taking intoxicating liquor on the reservation. He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Dwyer, where he was locked up in the city jail. He will be taken to Helena tomorrow morning, where he will be compelled to stand trial in the federal court.

Third and Last Week
ALTERATION SALE

In forcing a reduction sale of a $100,000 stock into six days, you can imagine what the last few days will be. Shop tomorrow, for the climax of this sale is Saturday. Contractors, electricians and decorators will then take charge of the Mayer store and Mayer's not going to have his stock ruined if he can possibly avoid it. Mayer has simply got to get rid of as many goods during the next six days as the ordinary unaggressive store cleans out in a couple of months.

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Cut Glass Half Price
Cut glass, worth $2, sale price..... $1.00
Cut glass, worth $5, sale price..... $2.50
Cut glass, worth $10, sale price..... $5.00
Every piece of cut glass in the store..... ½

Handbags Half Price
Leather handbags, $1.50 value..... 75c
Leather handbags, $3 value, for..... $1.50
Leather handbags, $10 value..... $5.00
Leather handbags, $18 value, for..... $9.00

Silver - Plated Ware Half Price
Every piece of silver-plated ware in the store half the marked price.
$5.00 For Tea Sets Worth $10.00
$7.50 For Tea Sets Worth $15.00
$10.00 For Tea Sets Worth $20.00
$12.50 For Tea Sets Worth $25.00

Art China Half Price
Plates worth $1, sale price..... 50c
Plates worth $1.50, sale price..... 75c
Plates worth $2.50, sale price..... $1.25
Art china of every description, sale price..... ½

Fancy Gold Clocks Half Price
Gold clocks, worth $2, sale price..... $1.00
Gold clocks, worth $6, sale price..... $3.00
Gold clocks, worth $10, sale price..... $5.00
Gold clocks, worth $45, sale price..... $22.50

½ During This Alteration Sale
Nothing in the store is reserved or put aside. Every article, whether it is a diamond worth $500 or a pair of gold-filled cuff buttons worth $1, is on sale, and don't forget this: The alteration sale comes to an end at 6 o'clock sharp Saturday night.

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Sample Shoe Sale
10,000 Pairs
This sample shoe sale continues with its immense offerings. The shoes offered are of good quality and style. They are out of the pale of the nondescript. The prices are remarkably low. Monday we anticipate buying that will greatly reduce the stock. Buy while sizes are here.

For Boys at 95c
Little boys' dress or school shoes. Dull mat or vici kid, lace or button styles, all the newest toe shapes, fine values. Shoes worth to $3 now for..95c

For Children at 95c
Shoes for misses and children in styles and leathers fit for either school or dress wear. Different kinds of leathers and styles. Shoes worth $2.25, now for.....90c

For Boys at 95c
One lot of fine dress Oxfords for boys. At the price offered you should buy several pairs. Up-to-date styles, fine leathers. Oxfords worth to $3. Now for.....95c

$4 Boys' Shoes $1.95
Splendid values in high-cut shoes for small boys. Fine range of sizes and styles. We have them in both tan and black leathers. Shoes worth to $4, now for..... $1.95

$5 Boys' Shoes $2.65
One lot of high-cut shoes for boys in tan and black leathers. Good heavy soles, good toe lasts; styles to suit all feet. Worth up to $5, now for..... $2.65

$5 Sample Shoes at $1.85
410 pairs women's fine sample shoes in patent leather, vici kid and dull leathers. Button or lace styles, hand-turned and welted soles. Regular $5 shoes, now for only..... $1.85

Children's Russia Calf Shoes
High cut, Blucher style. Sizes from 11½ to 2, now for $1.95. Sizes from 8½ to 11, now for $1.75. Sizes from 5 to 8, now for..... $1.65

$7 High-Cut Boots at $3.85
High cut mountain boots for men, heavy grained leather tops, vamp-lined soles. Straps and buckles and bellows tongue. Regular price $7. Special price..... $3.85

$2.50 Shoes and Slippers 65c
One lot of mixed styles, sizes and leathers in shoes and slippers for women and misses. All leather, all sizes and styles. Values up to $2.50, now for only

65c

$5 Women's Shoes $2.65
Thirty-two pairs women's shoes, made of fine imported Russia calf, Blucher cut, heavy extension soles, Cuban heels, diamond tip toes. Regular $5 shoes for

$2.65

Comfort Shoes for $1.35
Comfort shoes and slippers for house wear. Made of soft vici kid; very comfortable last. Several different styles in this lot. Special sale price..... $1.35

$6 Pumps and Slippers $1.65
Ladies' fine dress pumps and slippers, made of the finest kid and core leathers. Fancy colors and shapes. French heels. Worth to $6, now for..... $1.65

Felt Slippers at $1.15
Felt slippers in several different colors, trimmed with fur. Light soles, low heels, very warm and comfortable. Special sale price is.. $1.15

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