

**Selective Notes from the MONTANA PLAINDEALER
Helena weekly (later semi-weekly/monthly)**

- *Begins publication 16 March 1906, J.B. Bass is editor
- *Round-up of "race news" on front page, News of the World & News of Northwest on inner pages
- *Has telephone
- *Coverage of Independent's "obsession" with the Zanzibar bar & wonderful adv graphics
- *Bass travels to different Montana cities (Bozeman, Butte, etc.) to meet white city leaders, solicit advertisers & meet with Black community
- *Coverage of Helena Republican politics in which he is active
- *Coverage of AME church activities, sororal/fraternal lodges, women's groups, etc.
- *Regular "News from Chicago" front page column beginning in late 1906/1907 issues

23 March 1906

- *Porter Grove "eminent mining authority in these parts...commencing active operations on all his claims...will hum in Grovesdale. [Ray Brown working with him]

30 March

- *W.R. Dorsey, Edward Johnson, L.V. Graye & David Gordon are Republican convention delegates on Friday evening [23 March]

13 April

- *In Local News, Bass chides "our people" for their high attendance at minstrel show & taking less "interest in their race enterprises"

11 May

- *In Local: review of Maharra's Minstrels show

18 May

- *In Local: "Gus Thornton is in the city having come down from his mining in Elliston"

25 May

- *In Local: item on W.C. "Tex" Rose and Broadwater Hotel activity

1 June

- *In Local: "Charles Porter Grove was in the city this week & reports that he hard [sic] struck a pay streak of ore in his mine...", also "Montana Club boys" all smiling because of payday

8 June

- *In Local: Jno. Montgomery & Gus Thornton went out to Elliston this week to execute a contract of driving a 50 ft. tunnel [on the property of J.W. Robinson, 27 July issue]

15 June

- *In Local: Charles Porter Grove returned from Butte & prospective purchasers are now making an examination of his mining properties

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22 June

*Page 1: profile of Butte [white] politicians, Black businesspeople & community including mention on unnamed recently-formed mining company [Afro-American Mining & Milling Co. had incorporated the previous month]

29 June

*Page one box with list of questions on "why?" includes one on why young people do not stay in prosperous Helena, "...Mr. A. [prob. Andrew F.] Smith doesn't take more interest in his mining schemes & worry less about what is to become of the Plaindealer?"

*Adv for Silver City Club in Butte

6 July

*Page 1: Bozeman visit by Bass to meet politicians & leaders, Black & white, "Mrs. E. Mundy [Elizabeth, widow of LaFayette] sojourning for the summer in Bozeman. Mrs. Mundy is an enterprising woman & owns several mining claims near Helena...."

13 July

*Adv for "20 first class colored Performers" [photo] needed with Joseph H. Tucker [J.H. Tucker, Afro-American Employment Co. secretary with Bass as President, etc.], manager Dixie Concert Co. as contact

*Page 1: John Anderson, Black Bozeman resident, kills Sitting Bull's son

20 July

*Page 1: [white] Mayor Maginnis of Butte "...having given to Mr. Scott Webb, a young colored man, the position as custodian of the first floor of City Hall at a salary of over \$1,000/year...."

*also photos of Manhattan Club & Silver City club advs

27 July

*Page 1: "Dixie Concert Co. makes a decided hit", organized by Plaindealer foreman [J.H. Tucker? CHK] at Central Park pavilion

2 August

*Page 1 [which questions city leaders' toleration of open gambling]: "In dealing out misery to J.H. Tucker, the authorities need not think for a moment that they are in any measure affecting the Plaindealer, as he had no connection with this publication whatsoever, only as a workman in the employ of the proprietor. The name which appears at the head of the editorial column is responsible & will stand by everything that appears in these columns, & we shall continue to be a flea in the bonnet of those public officials who are derelict in the performance of their duty. "

*Local: "H.W. Robinson & General Thornton returned to Elliston last Friday to resume mining operations...Johon Montgomery left Tuesday for Elliston to resume work on the Robinson mining properties."

*"Prof. Booker T. Washington will lecture in Helena during the coming lecture course of the Civic League..."

*"Julia King is not a suicide... [found unharmed]" from Weds' Daily Record

*Party of 22 ascend moonlit Mount Helena

*The Dixie Concert Co. stranded...has come to grief & its dissolution occurred on last Monday...It is unfortunate that the company did not receive a paying patronage, as it was compose of really good performers. As it was, their advent in the city has played havoc. The eating house where they boarded as a result of the company's indebtedness is in the hands of the constable & as an indirect result of their downfall, the manager is in jail."

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10 August

*Page 1 with photo: "Rt. Rev .Bishop Abram Grant" who will arrive in Helena on sat, preach at St. James, address Sabbath School, preach Sunday evening at St. James, lecture Monday evening at auditorium on "Problems confronting the American People", reception for the bishop at St. James & depart for Spokane at 10 a.m. Tues

*Church notes describes St. James AME fair with articles made by the Sewing Circle "...where all kinds of needlework, from the simplest to the most difficult drawnwork & Battenburg..."

*Local: "Charles Porter Grove was in the city this week from his mining properties out near Winston...Ray Brown left Sunday to work on the new Milwaukee Road...We understand there was a lady of African extraction posing as a Mexican or Spaniard ejected from the Dance Hall at Central Park a few Sundays ago. We are investigating & as it is in the line of our business to expose those who are sailing under false colors, we hope to be able to make the names of the party public."

17 August

*Page 1 story with photograph of "Mrs. Agnes Bush, a colored woman, claims her trunk & identifies piece after piece of goods which run to an enormous value...A conservative estimate of her holdings, jewelry, cash in bank, etc. is about 455,000. She has succeeded in our axiom of 'Have Something', & is not in any way penurious... [she] has a long lease on properties at Boise City which net her about 4900 per month." Bass called upon by authorities to verify her "African extraction".

*Local: "Gordon & Irvin opened their new saloon at 116 So. Main St., Tuesday evening. They have a clean & very creditable place with all appointments up to date & no doubt will enjoy a good patronage. They have postponed their grand Opening to next Saturday night. Everyone is invited to esp. be present at that time..."

*Right Rev. Bishop Grant visits Butte/On Saturday at 10 o'clock, Mr. C.F. Jones & a number of his friends, also the guest of honor, Bishop Grant, with the hostess boarded an

observation car & took the interesting trip over the north sides of the city, making the tour of Walkerville & Centerville & out to the Gardens where the special attractions afforded much pleasure. Among the other participants were Mrs. C.F. Doris, Mrs. M.E. Doris, Mrs. C.P. Smith & Mrs. E. Johnson."

*[Grant's] lecture Friday night at the [Butte] AME Church was upon the religious & economic development s of conditions of the Afro-American in this country. It was a gem in thought & delivery & was enthusiastically applauded when mention was made of the points that must concern the race. The speaker told of the customs & habits, & manners of the natives & others who live in Africa...He strongly urges the higher development of industry among the Negro race, & above all refrain from the congested districts of the larger cities, making mention of the untold resources offered in the sparely settled districts throughout the Western states...The Bishop was escorted about the city in company with a committee which took in the principal parts of interest on the "Seeing Butte Car," while he was the guest of the entire colored population of the city..."

*Photo of The Luzon saloon adv Gordon & Irvin, props.

*Photo of adv for Delmonico boarding & Rooming House, No. 19 State St., Mrs. Dinah Brooks, Proprietress [in Lewistown by 1910 census]

*Mrs. George Willis (former Plaindealer Butte correspondent] account of life in Seattle & Tacoma: "...There is lots of prejudice in Seattle, but our people all seem very prosperous, & I believe the majority of them own their own homes....we have met several Butte people..."

1906--continued

24 August

*Continuing large box advs decrying tolerance of gambling in Helena in center of page 1

*Local: "The Independent publishes a good story as to how Charles Porter Grove was buncoed in a drilling contest; they were prob. getting even with the colored brother for the substitution he made in exchanging sacks of ore when the Hon. Thos. Cruse bought largely from the doughty Porter Grove"

*Also "George Alexander was in from his ranch Saturday....For those who are looking for a good meal the Delmonico is the place. I have just put in a gas range, so as to afford quick service, & will be glad to meet all comers./Mrs. Dinah Brooks, 17 State St."

*Ed. J.B. Bass spent the week in Havre in the interest of The Plaindealer.

*Endorsements of the Plaindealer from MT State Treasurer, Butte city clerk, president of Helena Packing & Provision Co., et al.

31 August

*Account of Bass' visit to Havre & Choteau Co. with laudatory profiles of white Republican candidates in local election

*Local: "Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Dorsey gave a party which made a trip to the Missouri River Dam last Tuesday, which is reported to have been quite an enjoyable affair. The party was made up of about 17 of their friends.

*"The editor of the Plaindealer has been wined & dined so much by hospitable friends through tout eh State of late, that we fear in the future we shall be compelled to throw up our hands, as we may become incapacitated for work.... & the good old greens & bacon that we have a standing into [sic] with our good friend Brother H.W. Jones of Butte."

*Photo'ed adv for Mamie Walton piano lessons

7 Sept.

*Local: Mrs. Harrison entertains/On Thurs, Aug 23d, Mrs. Jefferson Harrison threw open the doors of her cosy home, 518 Hollins St. [HCD, 534 Hollins], to the enjoyment & delectation of her Helena acquaintances, & it was one of the most enjoyable at Homes that has ever been given in the city. There were over 80 who responded to their invitations. The lawn was spread with rugs, & Japanese lanterns were profusely hung from the overhanging branches of the trees, making, withal, a beautiful scene. The ladies vied with each other in looking their best, & many handsome gowns were worn; diamonds & rare jewels were a common commodity. The interior was beautifully arranged; the beautiful punch bowl service was supurb [sic]. The evening was spent in a social way, conversation, music, etc. Mrs. Harrison as a hostess proved to be one of the very best & all left with a kindly feeling for her welcome & hospitality." [see also 26 April 1907, p. 1]

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14 Sept.

*Page 1: "Truly this L.V. Graye must be an extraordinary man when a City Council will change the ordinances of the city esp. to thwart him from entering business, & then he can with a single stroke change the political complexion of the ward in which he lives . He must be a hustler, & most any fair man must admire his pluck & perseverance even against those qualities which disgust."

*Local: "Chas. P. Grove was in the city this week; he brought in a shipment of ore to the East Helena smelters from his mines out near Winston...The Hi Henry Minstrels brought out, of course, a larger crowd from the colored contingent than bishop Grant's lecture. They are improving & will do better bye & bye...what seems to be the popular fad this season, of taking a day's outing at the Missouri River Dam, is still in vogue. A large party made the trip Monday.

21 Sept.

*Page 1: 44th anniversary of the Issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation with portrait of Lincoln

*Page 1: "Two Helena Citizens have a thrilling encounter; but succeed in killing the bear", account of Arthur Palmer & James Howard's trip to the Musselshell, & "gave a Sioux war whoop" when they realized it was a bear & NOT a calf they had shot

*Local: The Manhattan Club under the mgmt of Messrs. G.F. & F.R. Anderson will hold a

reception at their Club rooms, 16 ½ Main St., Thursday evening, Sept. 27, in honor of the ladies of Helena. Only those holding invitations will be admitted. Dancing & cars will be the feature of the evening" [new wallpaper too]

*Also: "The rarebacks & strutters are two names that have been thrust upon the East & West Siders. The West Siders are known as the rarebacks; the East Siders as the strutters...The Boston Block is being thoroughly renovated & put in shape for the coming season. Mrs. McEvoy, the Proprietress, is always looking for the comfort of her patrons...Every citizen is invited to attend the Emancipation Day Exercises at this office Saturday evening, on account of its being Saturday, the Exercises will not begin until late."

28 Sept.

*Miles York says that he is ready to help form a company to go into the agricultural pursuits. Who will help?"

*The Autumn Leaf/a new social club was organized last Monday evening to take the place of The Summer Outing club, which was so popular during the Summer months. The new club will be known as "The Autumn Leaf Club", & will perform the same functions as its predecessor. The following officers were elected: A. Palmer, Pres; James Howard, Sec; Gus Mason, Treas. The club is making arrangements to give their first entertainment on next Thurs evening at Electric Hall & all look forward to a delightful time."

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5 Oct.

*Locals: F.E. Anderson who has served as steward at the Manhattan Club for the past 3 months left Friday for his home in Michigan...The Autumn Leaf excels [account of dance & finery]...Agnes Bush of Boise [lost trunk lady] returns to State Fair to the racetrack

*Adv for Joseph Richards The Oldest Exclusive Undertaker in the City Office Always Open 140 west Park St. Phone 307 Butte..."

12 Oct..

*Review of Republican state & legislative slates

*The Plaindealer would like to know the reason [small & large issues]...That the large colored vote of Lewis & Clark Co. is not recognized to the extent that some colored man is not given a political position....There is such a complaint made about not receiving this paper by our Butte subscriber...That even with the bear's foot over the editor's desk in this office, some of the boys do not believe Arthur & Jim's bear story..."County Attorney LaCroix has made such a poor showing as a prosecutor, & out of 4 plain murder cases he has absolutely lost two, & only secured convictions for manslaughter in the other 2...."

*Locals: Mr. Charles Dumas, mgr of the Silver City Club, was a visitor to Helena Fair Week, attending the Fair & visiting old friends...P.P. Phillips, the premier baritone singer; has left the city for Spokane...The Lincoln Day Club will give a Smoker at 19 South Main St. Tuesday evening, everybody is invited to come...We have an opening for a man & wife

on a MT ranch at the best wages & opportunity. For information address the editor of this paper.

*Anaconda Notes: The Masons of anaconda will meet in the city twice a month from now on...Mrs. Sounds of Lewistown, MT, is stopping at the residence of Mr. Holberts. Mr. Bert Johnson has gone to Salt Lake. Mrs. frank battles of St. Paul is expected in the city soon...Mrs. Duff, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Johnson attended the performance of 'Parsival' [sic] in Butte Tuesday evening. The AME church is without a pastor...

*Butte Notes: [people arriving from St. Paul, SLC, NY. St. Louis] Mr. C. Lairey, W. Burnside & J. Yancey have returned after a 2 weeks' hunting trip, & all report having had a pleasant time & brought back big game.

19 Oct.

*Page 1: photo of white man, Capt. J.M. Adamson, "the popular candidate on the Republican ticket for constable. He is a staunch friend of the colored people, & they know it, & such men at all times can command their united support..."

*Page 1: HURLED IN ITS TEETH...On last Tuesday there was in the Independent a deliberate LIBEL, calculated to injure & prejudice the community against this publication, wherein they unequivocally made the statement that L.V. Graye was the proprietor of this journal...which can be likened unto the evening News of Atlanta, which inspired the recent deplorable race war in that city. Not satisfied with crushing Graye ankin [sic making?] his name odious in this community, they seek to connect him with one who has spent his life in the work of promoting the interests of a struggling race....We have an abiding faith, however, that the broad-guaged [sic], intelligent men of MT will hesitate to accept as truth anything that emanates from.....esp. where a colored man is concerned. Demand Retraction or will Seek redress in Courts Copy of Communication Sent to Independent, Oct 16, 1906/Hon. Jno. S.M. Neill, Proprietor Helena Independent....I consider the article in which my name was mentioned on page 2 of your issue of this date, wherein you unequivocally,--falsely, state that Mr. Graye is the owner of THE PLAINDEALER, libelous & hurtful to my business...I am making an honest living; & I demand that you retract the falsehood which you have published in reference to the ownership of THE PLAINDEALER, or be called upon to legally prove that any other person than the undersigned is proprietor & sole owner of the same....Very respectfully, J.B. Bass"

*Locals: Rev. W. Osborne arrived here Saturday & filled the pulpit at St. James Church Sunday. The Rev. is from the North Mission conference; he is accompanied by Mrs. Osborne....Editor J.B. Bass will address the citizens of Anaconda & Butte next week on the issues of the day...Newton Nichols [or Nicholas?, see Bio.mdb] who is a pronounced farmer reports that his crops are very profitable this season...Mrs. Holmes of Lewistown, is in the city, a guest of the Boston Block; she is here to place one of her children in the city schools; she will leave this week for Lewistown...We will publish 1,000 extra copies of THE PLAINDEALER during the rest of the campaign, so parties desiring extra copies may call or write us for the same. The parlors of the Manhattan Club are open at all times to the Ladies, & any special parties or meetings may be arranged at a moment's notice. Mr. Jerry McAfee arrived in the city Tuesday from Indianapolis...he comes here to take charge of steward of the Manhattan Club...Mr. & Mrs. Dean(e) of Livingston were visitors in the

city this week at the Boston Block; they came here to place their daughter in our city schools.

*Anaconda Notes: Rev. Baker has been appointed pastor for the AME Church.

*Butte Notes: Misses Burnside & Yancey introduce a new dance on Weds evening, Oct 10, known as the Advance schottische; it was the hit of the evening.

1906--continued

26 Oct.

*Page one devoted to promotion of Republican candidates with photos of white men

*Page one laudatory letter from publisher A.W. Harris of Kansas City's National Mirror

*Locals: The singing by the choir at St. James has greatly improved...Messrs. Harris & Hooper, who are managing a concert company, which is touring the northwest, were in Helena last Friday, & were guests at the Delmonico Hotel...[details on welcome reception for Rev & Mrs. Osborne at St. James with W.R. Dorsey as MC., etc.]..Mrs. Thaddeus has returned to Helena from the Philippine Islands where she went with her husband about a year ago with the 24th Inft. She brings anything but a glowing report of conditions that obtain over there at present, & reports that everybody who can get back comes as quickly as he can...The Autumn Leaf Social Club at a largely attended meeting decided to give their next ball on Nov 16th at Germania Hall"

2 Nov.

*Revamps inside page to "Editorials Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects"

*Locals: "...The Helena Hotel has put on a crew of colored waiters, having discharged the girls [est.] that have for a long time in that hostelry served the guests. Ed Johnson is acting in the capacity of head waiter... [details on Halloween party at Germania Hall with masked guests, see also photo of invitation repro in this same issue]

9 Nov.

*Page 1: election results

*Page 1: "Literary Society organized at St. James A.M.E. Church"

*Bozeman Notes: Miss Ella Davis & Mr. Sam Lewis gave a Hallowe'en Party at the home of Mrs. Samuel Lewis, which proved to be a pleasing affair. The guests were Mrs. MacDonald & family, Mr. Walter & Chas. Bruce, Mrs. Lucy A. Adams, Mr. Mac Johnson & Mr. & Mrs. Milton McCowan. After many pleasant games there were refreshments served, which was followed by music & songs."

1906--continued

16 Nov.

*Page 1: analysis & reports on the discharge of the 25th Inft. in Brownsville riots [13 Aug 1906]

*Locals: "...The big Thanksgiving Dinner at St. James Church is the talk of the town. It will be a record breaker as to results...Mr. H. Robinson was in the city this week. He reports operations at his mining properties progressing nicely...The limit on nicknames has been reached. There is a young man in town who answers to the call of 'Jiggles.'...John Montgomery has returned to the city, having suspended mining operations for the Winter...A Colored Order of Elks is now assured & will be organized in this city in the near future...Mrs. Jane Warren was a caller at this office this week, & informed us that she had received from the US Treasury 4500 as bounty & backpay for her brother who died in the US Service in the Civil War...The subject for discussion at the next meeting of the St. James Literary Society on Weds evening will be, 'Resolved, that the action of Pres. Roosevelt in dishonorably discharging a battalion of the 25th Infantry is not only a grievous wrong against the parties affected, but the race as we..' J.B. Bass lead the affirmative & J.W. Clark, the negative..."

*Photo'ed adv for St. James T'giving dinner [300 tickets will be for sale]

23 Nov.

*Locals: "...The Order of Colored elks to be organized in the early part of December will be composed of more than 35 charter members... [description of Literary Club's 25th Inft. dishonorable discharge debate with both sexes taking part]

*Butte Notes: "Mrs. Lee Anna Lee, the Asst. Secretary of the Afro-American Mining & Milling Co. left Tuesday night over the Burlington for Kansas city, St. Joe, Topeka & other Eastern cities in the interest of the Company. Mrs. Lee may be gone about 4 weeks, or poss. remain for an indefinite period. Mrs. William Freeman, & Mrs. Lee Anna Lee entertained the Woman's Club last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Freeman, 518 West Silver Street. Mrs. Selles Reeves read a very instructive paper on 'The Proper training of children', which was discussed by Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Jordan Curd, the President, Mrs. C.F. Jones [Charles' wife?]" [photo'ed]

7 Dec.

*Page 1: "Mrs. Ingram [of Hoback] Gets Hostile. Shoots her Husband Jas. Ingram....Mrs. Ingram made it for the Police Station to have him arrested for assault, he applied for a warrant for her for the shooting. She was arrested & released on bond to the amount of \$750, W.R. Dorsey & B.F. Hooper as her bondsmen. Mrs. Ingram is one of the leading lights of the local 400 & the affair has created a great deal of comment..." [311 No. Hoback, husband was MT Club waiter, 1906 HCD]

*The Plaindealer would like to know the reason why...Some of the Helena merchants who receive a fair portion of the colored trade are too narrow to advertise in this medium?..."

22 Dec.

*Page 1: totally covered with 9 photos of white US Senate & Lewis & Clark delegates to Legislature portraits

*Photos & profiles of Helena residents Arthur J. Palmer, J.B. Bass, Joseph J. Anderson & text only on G. F. Anderson & A.J. Walton [see photocopies & photos]

*Reasons why promised 16 page special holiday issue of Plaindealer didn't materialize, "During the last few weeks we have compiled & published a Directory of Butte's Colored Population, & have spared the time to gather only a few of the many special features we expected to have for the number....We are sorry that this section is not more prolific of young men & women who have an ambition to grow proficient in some trade or with the plant located right here for nearly a year...For additional help we are compelled to send East...We have had flattering offers to move our plant to Butte, also Spokane..."

*Locals: "H.W. Robinson was down this week from his mining properties in Elliston...A. Johnson swore out a warrant Thursday against Gus Thornton for he alleged larceny of 440.00. His story was, however, so flimsy that Thornton was immediately released. No one who knows Gus would for a moment believe him guilty. Friends from all quarters came to his rescue & denounced in unmeasured terms his accuser."

*Photos & profiles of Butte residents Louis O'Neil & Mary Frances O'Neil, C.A. Davis, Charles Wesley Black, Osborne Fenter & James D. Yancey; text only on G.W. Snowden, Mrs. F.M. Shannon [proprietor of the Little Cottage Dining Room], J.W. Duncan, Silver City Club. [see photocopies & photos]

4 Jan. 1907

*Page 1: account of the Masonic banquet featuring Eugene Clark, "a raw recruit into the mysteries of Masonry...a product of Missouri but whose adopted home is here in Helena..." Also notes W.R. Dorsey, N. Ford, [B.F.?] Hooper, H. Baker

*Page 1: "SHOWING OF OUR PEOPLE IN BUTTE CITY." first installment of directory [photocopied] noting "The East is overworked & overstocked. The resources of this vicinity are inexhaustible. The chief industry is that of mining. Several of our colored citizens are owners of valuable mining interests in & near Butte. There are numerous opportunities, for those who will try, to find a competence in the above mentioned vocation...We therefore, without cost, place these directories in every home in the city...Butte is a city of about 75,000. Everybody is on the move, the trend of business is readily apparent to the casual observer; the city is rapidly growing & no doubt will in a few years double her present size. Among the pioneer citizens are several colored men who have always been good citizens & did their part in making the city what it is....One of the objects of the publisher of this directory is to get more of our people in business & to branch out in the various industries. A newspaper is one of the enterprises to be soon launched, also another mining corporation & other enterprises which we are not in a position to publish at this time...[listing of "Our Institutions", lodges, business concerns, etc.] J.B. Bass/J.W. Duncan, Publishers"

*Feature article & photos on the demise of the Zanzibar, later Pekin, at the hands of "Negro haters", i.e. Jake Lissner, Leonard Bailey, Brandigee, Longmaid & Mayor Lindsay, Sgt Bailey; L.V. [Vernon] Graye & prob. David Gordon were proprietors [photocopied & photo'ed] 121-129 Clore

11 Jan.

*Page 1: "REPUDIATED! REPUBLICANS DENY THEIR LOYAL ALLY THE COLORED VOTERS ANY RECOGNITION WHATEVER IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PATRONAGE/The Colored

Voters of the State Are Righteously Indignant at this Unfair Deal..." with photog. portrait of Bass with his Republican credentials below

*Locals: C.F. Jones of Butte is in the city; he is the guest of Jas. Crump. Mrs. Lee of Butte [Lee Anna Lee?] is a visitor in the Capital City this week...Charles Porter Grove has returned to the city, after a long stay at his mining claim near Toston..."

*"Showing of our People in Butte City", second/last installment of directory [photocopied]

*Box adv for Little Cottage Dining Room, 26 East Silver

1907--continued

1 Feb.

*Page 1: "On account of circumstances over which we had no control the last 2 issues of the PLAINDEALER have been considerably delayed. The illness of our compositor coupled with the removal of the Thurber Printing Co. our sole dependence for press work is responsible for our delay, we ask the indulgence of our patrons...for a short time only we shall be in a position to render our usual prompt service. We expect at an early date a printer from the east, we are also negotiating for a cylinder press of our own..."

*Page 1: in box at center, "JIM CROW LEGISLATION/and now the republicans of Montana through the legislature are asked to enact JIM CROW LEGISLATION, not content with the humiliation heaped upon them, Dr. Haviland the democratic senator from Silver bow county has got into the game & introduced a bill something akin to the one in Georgia. The purpose of which is to prevent colored men in this state from wearing the insignia of their fraternal order the ELKS. Innocent in appearance it is as vicious as an JIM CROW legislation ever enacted in the south."

*Locals: "Two marriages of white men to colored women in the last 30 days here in Helena won [illeg.] make Ben Tillman throw up his hands & declare that the white man is seeking social equality...The company of jubilee singers that appeared here Tuesday evening was high class in every respect. C.P. Grove has just returned to the city from a trip to his mines he reports everything in good shape & Grove city will soon feel a boom...The Capital City Hand Laundry is a paying business conducted by two of our enterprising grace women...The utter untrustworthiness of some of our people was amply demonstrated in a recent paper which had their signature..."

15 Feb.

*Page 1: "NOTICE There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Montana & Illinois Gold Mining Company at this office No. 19 South Main St. Helena Mont. at 2 o'clock PM for the purpose of electing officers & the transaction of such other business as may come before the stockholders. At the above hour Friday March the 22nd 1907. Charles P. Grove President/H.P. Grove Secretary" [H.P. is Hattie P., his wife]

*Locals: C.P. Grove made a trip to Great Falls last week in the interest of his mining enterprise."

*Adv for St. James Literary mock trial [photo'ed]

8 March

*Locals: "L.V. Graye will make a business trip to Denver next week...H.W. Robinson was in from Elliston last week, he is now shipping pay ore from his mines at that place..."

1907--continued

15 March

*Locals: "The white waiters employed at the Broadwater heretofore will be discharged this morning, & be replaced with colored waiters." [previous item had noted the Plaindealer was glad they were not colored as they were a "tough" crew]

12 April

*Page 1: "PORTER GROVE RUNS AMUCK. [sic]./Domestic trouble was the cause of the arrest of Porter Grove the mining king last Monday night he la lays his troubles at the door of other women who influence his wife & have alienated her affection from him. He gave the Plaindealer a long statement of his troubles & is very bitter toward some of his neighbors. He admitted before the county attorney of striking his wife but on his promise to be good proceedings against were stayed." [this occurred after the 22 March shareholders meeting but frequency of PLAINDEALER issues is decreased]

*Page 1: BROADWATER IS NOW MANNED BY A COLORED CREW OF REAL WAITERS. After a siege of bum service from the young white men who were imported here as waiters for the famous Broadwater hotel, the mgmt got in communication with C.H. Mason of Hot Springs Ark. As a result Mr. Mason arrived here last week with a crew of first class waiters who no doubt will make good. Mr. Mason is one of the best known headwaiters in the whole country having had charge of hotels in St. Paul, Chicago, Hot Springs & other eastern cities., he is not a stranger in Helena as he was about a year ago headwaiter at the Montana Club. The following is which he brought from Hot Springs Isaac Early Captain, with T.S. Thomas, C.A. Hughey, H. Napor, G. Berry & N.W. Marlow as waiters & Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Lee as Masseurs."

*Page 1: Lloyds help wanted with high stepper fellow graphic [photo'ed]

*Locals: "We recently received a communication from J.W. Bush who is still holding fort at the Gallatin Valley Club in Bozeman; he avers that while it is a lonesome town it is all right his spare time he puts in hanging trout that he also holds his as a nimrod that while he has not the luck of Arthur Palmer & Jas. ..in killing bar he got the smaller game in..."

26 April

*Page 1: "Ministers Institute & Young Peoples Meeting of the AME Church of Montana...May 8-10 1907" with listing of program, participants, etc.

10 May

*Page 1: The Plaindealer would like to know why: "Butte failed to be represented at the Institute & Young people's meeting? Some of the Broadwater bunch have become backsliders?...Our people persist in trading at places where their patronage is not appreciated?..."

*Page 1: 'THE SLAVE'S RETURN' DRAMA A PACKED HOUSE AT ST. JAMES AME CHURCH" review with local cast, one compared to Bert Williams

*Page 1: "OUR GALAXY OF ALL STARS WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE GREAT PLAINDEALER BENEFIT CONCERT AT CELECTRIC HALL THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 30 1907" including W.R. Dorsey as the premier vocalist & musical director, et al.

*Locals: Gus Thornton, who is now working on a large ranch near the city, visited the city for a few days this week...The Luzon Bees will play the Fort Harrison team Sunday at the Park [also an article on the Bees' defeat of the semi-pro Hubs team]...The PLAINDEALER has removed from the rear rooms at 19 South Main & now occupies the front suit [sic] of rooms at the same number."

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17 May

*Page 1: Mrs. Agnes Bush...paid 435,000 in cold cash for a mansion [Boise City]"

*Adv for "Grand Benefit Concert! /Complimentary to The Montana Plaindealer/at Electric Hall, Thursday Evening, May 30th All-Star performance" & list of participants

*Locals: Ed Johnson says that the Butte people are lacking in hospitality, & that his treatment at the ball given over there the 1st inst. was abominable, & that they should journey to Helena for lessons in the courtesies due strangers...W.C. Rose, janitor at the Assay Office, is a very busy man these days; he is giving the building a regular overhauling & is assisted by Harry Simmons & a. Walton...Monday was pay day at the Federal Building...There will be 3 marriages sure between now & November among the eligibles...Headwaiter W.W. Richards of the Montana Hotel at Anaconda says that he has the finest crew of waiters in the entire west. The crew is mostly from Kansas City, the roster being as follows: W.W. Richards, headwaiter, & S.E. Ridge, R. Tate, F. Webb., A. Ross, S. Pope, W.A. Carr, F. Ford, J. Schaefer & Geo. Branch, waiters..."

24 May

"*A. Leatherbury [Leatherberry?] of Anaconda who has been sojourning with us for quite a while, was called home Weds on business"

*Locals: "There have been in the last six weeks 5 deaths among the colored inhabitants of our city, which is very extraordinary...Mrs. W. Alexander, who has been stopping at the Boston Block, left Wednesday for Wallace, Idaho. Mrs. Dinah Brooks having closed her dining room will leave Sunday for Lewistown, her lodging house being left in charge of her sister, Mrs. Robinson."

*Funeral notices for Dudley Peyton, "a newcomer to MT" from DC...was a nephew to our well-known citizen, Wm. Mason, as well as a cousin of J.L. Ellis..."A lamentable feature was that MR. Peyton was to have been married to one of our estimable young ladies the

26th of this month..." Also funeral notice for John Andrews, formerly of the 24th & 25th Infantries, USA...of pneumonia having contracted a severe cold at the ballgrounds a week ago Sunday..."

31 May

*Page 1: "A Grand Success" The grand Concert given by the Colored talent of this city, complimentary to this publication was a pronounced success. The program was rendered as advertised, & it was undoubtedly the best ever arranged in the city.... [listing of who did what & how]

*Locals: "Miles York is preparing to build an addition to his residence on 8th Ave. For the time being, however, he is conducting a lumber yard...How it is that the daily press gives a column account of the liaison of the denizens of Clore St., when he happens to be a colored man, & only a line, & more often no mention of the meritorious acts of our race in this city..."

*"Butte citizens Resent Statement of Mr. Edward Johnson", latter said his comment was not about B.S. Bunion's ball committee that treated him "royally" but "that while in a set dancing an individual roughly came up to him & insulted him."

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7 June

*Locals: Charles Porter Grove has mysteriously disappeared from the city...The PLAINDEALER will receive anything in the line of photographs of yourselves or homes, as we are arranging for an exhibit to place before the National Negro Business League which meets at Topeka, Kans, in August, also samples of ore, etc. Butte & Anaconda take notice. [headed by Booker T. Washington, see 21 June front page story]

*Article & death notice for E.G. Cole "who has for nearly a quarter of a century been one of Helena's foremost colored citizens...took his own life last Sunday...." also notes that the family waited for the appearance of the body via the R.J. Fletcher Lodge, AF & AM "but at the time that the procession should have started from the undertakers' on its way to the church, instead of the lodge, she received a message from the W.M. of the Lodge that under the circumstances they would not take charge of the body. This action, though humiliating to the family as it may be, will not satisfy nor be condoned by public sentiment, & the Lodge has been the subject of keen censure on all sides for its delay in informing the bereaved family of the action they have taken. They should have given them timely notice. ..there is a broad-gauged noble Order to which the deceased was a member & when the action of the Fletcher Lodge became known they hurriedly got together what they could of Golden City Lodge of Odd Fellows& relieved the humiliation of the heart-broken family & conducted the last sad rites over the body..."

*"Monday morning L.V. Graye was found guilty by Justice Langhorne for notorious cohabitation, & fined 4100 cold...We shall in a future issue pay our respects to a certain young man in Butte, who is parading as a leader under false colors & shall spare no pains in puncturing his epidermis. Dave Gordon announces that he will be married on the 15th..." [later issue says it was a premature announcement]

14 June

*Locals: "Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss L.T. Richardson & Solomon Scott on the eve of June 26th...And what has become of the Illinois & Montana Gold Mining Co.? ...Ellis & Johnson's sketch at the Family theatre last week was a great drawing card for the colored people..."

21 June

*Front page letter from J. Lionel Ellis asking "...why do not the lawmakers of this State or City enact a law compelling merchants conducting ice-cream parlors & other such establishments, to post signs, or notices informing the public that Negroes will not be served in said places, instead of humiliating them when they enter these places by saying, 'I am sorry, but I can't serve you at the table because it is against my rules'? Would Mr. Sheldon, if he were up for an office, and his chances were doubtful, say, 'I can't accept your vote, because you are Negro'? Someone ask him. In the Southland where the Negro is said to have such a hard time, he does not have his feelings hurt by being told that he can't eat in such & such place because there are signs up to that effect & the Negro knows his place & keeps it..." [prob. Ulysses G. Shelton, 108 East 6th who runs confectionery]

*Locals: "W.C. Rose & H.C. Simmons took the Civil Service examination last week for a position in the US Assay Office...Prof. J.C. Reubin, a stringed instrument musician, is a late arrival in the city...Manhattan Club elects officers [list] David Gordon of the Luzon was arrested [&] charged with allowing minors to frequent his place on last Monday. Dave says it is all a mistake. That his partner Irvin sent his stepson for beer in a can for his own use, & that it is only a case of persecution by a Negro-hating police sergeant...Mrs. Jennie Young of Washington, DC returned with the family of Senator Carter, & will again be a Montanian."

*"NOTICE I wish to thank our many friends both white & colored for their help & kind words of comfort in our sorrow & distress. / Mrs. E.G. Cole & Son"

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28 June

*Page 1: "THE RICHARDSON-SCOTT NUPTIALS ARE A SWELL AFFAIR. Promptly on time to the tune of Mendelssohn's wedding March the bride-to-be, likewise groom, Mrs. L.T. Richardson & Solomon Scott....approached the altar at St. James church....The reception at the happy couple's home on [215] Breckenridge Street attracted many guests; the house was decorated in green tied with white satin bows, & a white wedding bell was suspended over the receiving party. The happy pair were the recipients of many useful presents, among them cut glassware, silver, & rare china..." Lottie T. was dressmaker & Solomon a Hotel Broadwater porter.

*Locals: THE PLAINDEALER only recently called attention to the fact of the notorious action of some of our young men toward married women & that they would reap as they sowed. John Wade is the first one to reap, & so it will be all along the line... [shot by former soldier/American Natl Bank janitor James Minor last Sunday morning at the latter's West Side home at Garfield & sw corner of Cannon in adjoining article]...Charles P. Grove is back from a trip in the interest of his mines, & showed us a contracted where he had boned? & leased his mines for \$50,000. Maybe Porter Grove is not asleep after all...Dockstader's Minstrels were strong competitors for the wedding Wednesday evening.

It seems as though the Broadwater boys have gone into obscurity after a flash. [at least 2 moved to Spokane]...The managers of the Men's Social at the Church Tuesday were very condescending in furnishing the great friend to the race, the Independent, [ironic statement?] with a write-up of the affair, with their names, etc. We know they did because no representative of that journal lends his presence to a gathering of color other than a cakewalk or minstrels. Still Nero fiddles while Rome burns...Walter Fisher is at home on a 20 day lay off from his run on the Northern Pacific RR..."

5 July

*Page 1: "That Co-Operative Movement as lectured upon by Rev J.D. Pettigrew at St. James Church on last Monday "in an exhaustive address, explained in detail the purposes of the Colored Co-operative League, which he is endeavoring to organize in this section of the country..."

*Locals: "Levi Larkin, one of the old timers of this section, but now a resident of Big Timber, was over to spend the Fourth...Little J. Dutreille of Belt came down to spend the Fourth. The Dixie Plantation quartette made quite a hit in their new uniforms during the celebration..."

12 July

*Page 1: "REV. D.A. JEFFERSON OF BUTTE TO the Dallas Express editor: "...I've about reached the conclusion that there is not a city in the US of the size of butte that has as many peculiarities as butte. Just to think that a few days ago there were 30,000 miners who threatened to go out on a strike & at that time the city was at fever heat with excitement...Next came the Telephone Girls' union & tied up the town for a few days, & now they are at work again. I guess there are nearly 100 unions in this city...in fact everything & they all go on a strike whenever they see fit...But what I wanted to say about the unions is this,--the only union among all of them that give me as much trouble is the Mail Carrier's Union. They went on a strike & to think of it,--80,000 people going to the Post office for their mail...we will have as we have had, the best town in the US for making money. I am just getting the kinks out of me from the big snowfall we had last Sunday, when the snow covered the earth from 8 to 12 "...This is a great country. I live 7,767 feet above the sea. I am up among the stars. Our people in this part of the country are not doing as I would like to see them, do, but I cannot talk anything to them for their good..."

*Locals: "Wm Hutchinson & Mrs. Marietta Pope of Anaconda were married in this city Wednesday. They left Thursday morning for Spokane..."

*Havre Notes: "10 July 1907 At last after many trials & tribulations the Afro-Americans have a church in which they can seat themselves with pride. The Rev. Redd & wife visited our little city some weeks ago staying with us 3 days [before returning to Great Falls] The result was that the church was purchased—a fine corner lot with a building on it at the corner of Third St. & Sixth Ave in the east part of town. They remodeled the building, papered & painted the inside, & put in the electric lights & an organ. ..Mrs. O.R.D. Welborne has opened the finest café in the city on First Street next to Hotel Havre...Mrs. M.J. Conley has established a dairy on the ranch, two miles from the city, & now supplies a large number of Havreites with the best milk, cream & buttermilk..."

*Famous Georgia Minstrels Richard & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels will hold forth at the Helena theatre Sunday & Monday nights. This show has the leading lights of the minstrelsy with it, & those desiring to see the best there is, should not fail to see this show...

*We have listened to the entreaty of friends & a [promise of a write-up of the Central Park affair of the Fourth does not appear. But this is a warning to all to keep out of these disgraceful affairs." [earlier Locals had promised write-up on whatever incident(s) occurred]

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19 July

*Locals: Miss Jennie Young entertained at the home of Senator Carter her friends on last Weds evening. The evening was enjoyably spent in games, dancing, etc. with improvised music. An old-time evening of jollity & good-fellowship was enjoyed. Refreshments were served all voted Miss Young as the princess of hostesses...Chas. P. Grove has gone to his mines at Radersburg, & promises soon to have something for the people to read about. The editor of this journal has been honored with a place on the program of the Western Press association which meets in Topeka in August, & has chosen for a subject 'The Negro the Northwest'."

26 July

*Page 1: St. James AME children present Jack & the Beanstalk

*Locals: "Mrs. Crump returned Thursday from Townsend where she went to attend the funeral of Richard Wheaton who met such a tragic fate at that place last week by being killed in the hayfield by a stroke of lightning...Gus Thornton was in from the ranch this week. Mr. Larkins is a new arrival from Hot Springs Ark. and expects to locate in our city..."

9 Aug

*Page 1: Butte Notes: "...The Afro-American Mining & Milling Co. have a fine suit [sic] of rooms in the Silver Bow block..."

*Page 1: HELENA COLORED CITIZENS IN LINE ORGANIZE A LOCAL BUSINESS LEAGUE..." [photocopied]

*Locals: "...A pleasant party of 11 made a trip to the old dam Sunday & a pleasant time was enjoyed by all...[list of participants] After cooking an old fashion southern dinner catching quite a few fish; the merrymakers arrived home all agreeing to have a good time except Mr. Arthur Palmer who thought he saw a BEAR...Miss Mamie Walton is serving an apprenticeship in this office & if she continues to progress as she has at start the Plaindealer will in a short time present a full fledged feminine compositor. This was pay week at the Montana & Lambs' Club & the boys of course were all smiles...Mrs. Dinah Brooks has returned from Lewistown...Miss Rebecca Palmer has returned from Wolf Creek...Arthur Palmer will head a bunch to Bozeman on account of the sweet pea carnival..."

30 Aug

*Lapse in issues due to Bass' attendance at Western Negro Press Ass'n where he was elected treasurer: "And while we enjoyed our trip to our former home in Kansas to the utmost, we were delighted to return to the best climate n earth in Helena Montana."
[photo of Bass]

*Locals: B.F. Hooper has a large contract in his lines on the State Fairgrounds. Arthur Palmer will next week with a party of friends make for the Blackfoot country on his annual vacation. And the bears & mountain lion will have to look out for a modern nimrod..."

*Havre Notes: "Still the good work goes on. The AME church of Havre is growing fast. The presiding elder Hubbard was with us 3 days last week, also Rev & Mrs. Redd. The Elder was very much pleased with the work that has been done...Miss Baker from Great Falls has returned to our City to reside. Mrs. S. Payne also of the Falls, is in the City assisting Mrs. Lawson at her dress-making parlors...Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Reston ? are building for themselves a modern house on their plots on 3rd Ave & 5th Street in a swell resident part of the City..."

20 Sept

*Page 1: "DO SOMETHING One of the shortcomings of our various secret organizations in this community is their failure to look out & provide for themselves a permanent home. While the precept of brotherly love & diffusion of charity are all well enough, it is high time that something tangible should be accomplished through the prestige of these manifold orders so that we would have some assurance of permanent quarters to meet in..."

*Locals: Miss Jennie Young left last Tuesday for Washington DC...Mrs. Seals of wolf Creek was an interested visitor at the St. James literary last week...The R.J. Fletcher lodge made a creditable showing in conducting the last sad rites over the remains of their deceased brother Joseph Morandes last Monday...C.H. Mason Formerly headwaiter at the Broadwater has returned form St. Paul...The Manhattan Club is arranging to properly observe emancipation day on Monday evening the 24qst...Albert Napper who has purchased a ranch out near the dam is preparing to go into the poultry business on a large scale. Mary Porter alias Mary Hutton 'Bloody Knife' who was run out of Great Falls as an undesirable citizen is dubbed by the denizens of Clore St. as the dusky queen. W.C. Rose has taken a big contract for hauling lumber up in the Bitterroot Valley which will take him about 2 years with his 2 teams to complete...Fred Spearman returned form St. Paul Monday & says he was glad to get back..."

11 Oct

*Page 1: Additional Locals: "Chas P. Grove has gone out to his mines..."

*Locals: "Miss Alma Bass will leave this city on the 19th inst. accompanied by Mrs. F. Mitchell for the great Western Univ at Quindaro, Kansas where she will enter both the Industrial & Normal courses..."

18 Oct

*Page 1: Havre Notes: "The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Literary Society are doing things, they have finished paying for the wiring of the church for electric lighting the sum being 18 dollars. They meet every Thurs night. Rev & Mrs. Redd arrived in Havre last week...the

Rev. was appointed pastor of the AME church here, with the Church at Great Falls attached to Havre. The pastor is working hard on the Parsonage..."

*Locals: "W.C. Rose after a few days in the city on business has returned to Saltese where he has a contract for hauling 5,000,000 ft. of lumber...J.D. Pettigrew the promoter of the cooperative league was in the city this week...Mr. Shelby [of Chicago according to previous issue] recently passed the examination as a pharmacist is preparing to open up a drug store near the Union Depot...Edward Johnson will open up a first class dancing academy & gymnasium, weekly dances will be given & the gymnasium will be open to members & their friends at all times will start Oct 31 at No. 10 south Jackson Street..."

1 Nov

PHOTOGS of Graye enterprises/13 Apr 1906 issue

*Locals: Mrs. Donegan arrived Sunday to remain until the body of her husband, Arthur Donegan, is recovered who was one of the boys that were drowned in Hauser Lake 2 weeks ago..."

15 Nov

*Locals: Lloyds tailoring & cleaning department is branching out & establishing branch offices, they have located a place at the corner of Grand & Jackson St., which is u to date for its appointments & facilities Mr. Graye is to be commended for his business trade & is moving to the front as a promote [sic] of business enterprises..."

*Letter to the ed. from Fort Niagara, NY 31 Oct 1907: "...While perusing the columns of your highly esteemed paper...of the 18 inst. I read under 'Havre Notes'....an article concerning myself & I wish to have the same corrected through your paper..."in justice to the former wife & from whom I have long since been separated I which [sic to say that the above extract from your paper is an atrocious falsehood & nothing to indicate such a reunion has never passed between us. Let it be hoped that the creator of that erroneous article, may in future employ discretion in their writings. Respectfully, W.B. Rose, Ordnance Sgt, US Army..."

29 Nov

*page 1: "All Roads Lead to Germania Hall/Friday Evening Nov 29th. To Our Grand concert & Voting contest....Liston's Imperial Orchestra FIVE PIECES will furnish the music on this occasion. JUDGES Wm. Mason Spencer Smith, H. Saulsburg...Every Admission Ticket counts for 10 votes/ADMISSION 50 CTS."

*WILL BUY A HOME. the colored fraternal orders of this city, consisting of golden City lodge of the G.U.O. of Odd fellows, the Household of Ruth, the R.J. Fletcher lodge AF & AM & the Order of the Easter Star have taken an advanced step & made the preliminary steps toward building a joint home of their own for lodge purposes. The lot on Breckenridge St. front in the A.P. Curtin Co. has been purchased & before another it is the hope of these orders to have the cornerstone for their permanent home laid. [Curtin was a very frequent adv in MT PLAINDEALER, Curtin Block, its main bldg, was on Grand Street.]

*"AT REST Joseph Mace one of the pioneer colored residents of Helena passed away after a brief illness last Thursday, the funeral services were held at Flarety's undertaking establishment Friday; quite a few friends & acquaintances gather there to pay their

respects., among them was H.M. Parchen who has been for years his benefactor, who in Joe's lifetime was his friend & in his dying hour remained true & loyal. Mr. Parchen very generously paid all the expenses of his burial, which was indeed a tribute to his generosity; and reminds us even if we have that failing to be frugal, live so that some friends realizing the good traits in you will stay by you even unto the end." [not in US Census or reviewed HCD's, chk name in obit?]

*Locals: "...Mr. Bingly an old timer around Helena is visiting in the City. H.W. Robinson has taken charge of the bath house near State St..."

13 Dec

*Page 1: "In the case of L.V. Graye the old adage of 'Let well enough alone' is quite forcibly demonstrated..."

*Page 1: "MINAR GOES FREE. The trial of James Minar which was tried in the District Court this week result [sic] in acquittal. This [is] another advantage of so living in a community that one shall have a good name, it is conceded that his character witnesses alone cleared him."

*Locals: The various fraternal organization in this city among our people have organized what is known as the Afro American Benevolent Association for the purpose of building a home of their own...Meade Walker has opened up a wood & coal yard at 206 S. Ewing & therefore another has gone to the front in the business world of this city. He is prepared to deliver orders to all parts of the city & solicit trade of all people. Mr. Hollins a musician from St. Paul, Minn. is in the City...Mr. & Mrs. Liston have left Helena for St. Paul...The Busy Bees are humming..."Two Night in Japan" is their Cry—at St. James AME church, they will have on exhibition one of the most beautiful assortments of hand made Christmas presents you ever witnessed & at a very low cost. That is not all on Dec 19 in beautiful Japanese costumes they will present the Japanese Parasol drill...L.V. Graye evidently sings, 'I would rather be on the outside looking in than on the inside, looking out.'

*L.V. GRAYE GET S FOUR MONTHS. In the district court Tuesday morning L.V. Gray was sentenced by Judge Clements to 4 months imprisonment in the County Jail. The case was an appeal from the justice court where [he] received a fine of 100 dollars for notorious cohabitation & fornication. while he immediately began [to] serve the sentence, his attorneys have applied for a writ of Habeus Corpus & the same comes up for a hearing in the Supreme Court Saturday."

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20 Dec

*Page 1: "Our Young Girls. Recent developments as to the action of some of our young people show an appalling state of affairs which should receive the attention of every citizen who stands for the uplift of the race.....The act that young girls under the age of 16 have been lured into rooms in downtown rooming houses & going home in an intoxicated condition, someone is responsible for the same, & whoever it is should pay the penalty..."

*Locals: "Mr. Irvin of St. Paul was in the City this week.. Sumner Brower of Minneapolis was a visitor in Helena last Saturday & Sunday..."

10 Jan 1908

*Page 1: "The Late W.R. Dorsey" & "The Last Sad Rites" on the death of W.R. Dorsey; also his children ill with la grippe

*Snapshots at Home News: "The prospects of Helena having a colored [brass] band are very great."

24 Jan

*PHOTOG of Afro Building Assoc

*Locals: "...Charley Dillard of Topeka Kans is expected in the City this week to take charge of Lloyd's place under the Montana Bank [perhaps due to Lloyd Graye's 4 mos. jail sentence]...Mr. Fred Simons a brother of Mrs. J.B. Bass is expected in the city within the next fort-night where he will make it his location...Harry Saulsberg says he is preparing for a big business by the spring time...J.H. Tucker who figured in many & varied experiences in this City some time ago is reported now in Pueblo Colo. as a proprietor of a drink shop. Mr. T. Marlowe & wife have returned to this City from Spokane & say that they will make this city their future home. C.H. Mason writes from Hot Springs that the will make Helena his future home..."

*WEDDING BELLS Mr. Hughlia Anderson & Miss Hattie Grisson were united into the holly [sic] bonds of Wedlock at the home of the brides 204 Lyndale Ave. on last Monday evening, Jan. 20. While Mr. Anderson is not so well know in this community, from his short stay, he [has] the appearance of being a good jolly fellow; the bride is well known, in fact was born in this city, the daughter of one well known Citizen L.L. Grisson..."

31 Jan

*Page 1: "Death of D.J. Hennessy. In the death of D.J. Hennessy [sic] of Butte all humanity loses a benefactor, he was indeed a broad gauged man who was intensely interested in the welfare of all humanity & we can testify from a personal experience to his friendship & interest in the progress of our people. He was ready at all times to aid & assist any movement for their uplift. In his quiet & unassuming way his benefactions to the race were many; & we with thousands of his friends & acquaintances realize that in his death the [sic] have lost a friend which can never be replaced."

*Locals: [letter to the editor] The Colored young men of this City are at last going to put into execution the ambition skill & interest they possess by giving Helena a brass band something to be proud of. We wish them all the success & hop in the near future to see them in uniform giving us some swell music...W.D.C. Cole...Mr. Chas Dillard arrived in the City Wednesday from Topeka Kan. He will be in charge of Lloyds shining parlors & cleaning establishment. Mr. Dillard is also a musician of ability; & will be quite an addition to that young organization which is just starting up...Mr. Fred Spearman of this city who successfully passed the civil service examination in this city some weeks ago received this week an appointment as substitute Railway Mail clerk at a salary of 800.00 dollars per year he will begin at once his duties in the service of Uncle Sam...Billy Williams had a preliminary hearing before Justice Reece last Friday morning."

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14 Feb

*Page 1: "HONOR MEMORY OF LINCOLN." Lincoln Day Club commemorates 99th birth day of Lincoln at the Manhattan Club to capacity audience

*Page 1: "THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY?...Chas. P. Grove is so troubled in mind & fails to boom his mining properties..."

*Locals: "A.G. Dorsey a brother of the late W.R. Dorsey arrived in the city Friday evening direct from Atlantic city, NJ. He comes to assist Mrs. Dorsey in conducting the business left by her husband in a conversation with a representation of the Plaindealer, Mr. Dorsey expressed himself as very favorably impressed with our City & intends to make this his future home...Mr. Daly who works in the Railway Mail Service was in the city Saturday, also Claud Polk of the same service. A. Napper brought in a large consignment of eggs from his ranch last week...Mrs. [Dinah, est.] Brooks while here disposed of her property out on the South Side. We understand that the consideration was 600 & 50 dollars...Mrs. Dinah Brooks who has been over from Lewistown on a business trip has returned to that thriving burg. Charley Johnson is reported on his way east to outdo Williams & Walker...The accompanying picture is an excellent likeness of Louis A. Oneil of Butte who is the proprietor for the Antles [sic, Antlers? not listed in BCD] Saloon. Mr. Oneil is an old railroadman, but one who has always had a hankering for business & now conducts what is destined to be a great business in the Copper City..." PHOTOG of O'Neil

*"SOME L IVES ONES." Leap Year listing of eligible bachelors of all ages: Senator Murril, S. Smith, M.O.J. Arnett, Arthur Palmer, Gus Mason, Charley Reed, Jno. B. Reid, Uncle Dave Gordon.

28 Feb

*Locals: "Charles Grove is running a barber shop in Toston...A.J. Young reports that another family has come to Virginia City to live & that it is not so lonesome as it were..."

*"MEADE & BUSH PUT A BUNCH TO FLIGHT IN A JIFFY. The following clipping from a Bozeman paper will no doubt be of interest to many of Helena's citizens, in which our own Robert Meade & J.W. Bush figure as the Heroes, & the only thing we think was wrong, is that either one of them had to pay a fine & just think of what would have happened if conditions had been reversed..." 1 Feb incident where white men at city restaurant "...are alleged to have offered the colored ladies [who stepped into a booth & were ordering supper] several insults which were resented by the colored gentlemen. A fistic encounter followed & when stock was taken it was found that Meade had cleaned up the 4 white men singlehanded & without any trouble. Houston [white man] as the instigator of the trouble was fine 25 dollars while the balance of the bunch, with the exception of Bush were fined 10 dollars each. Bush was fined 5 dollars."

13 March

*Locals: "Mrs. Danah [Dinah] Brooks arrived home Friday evening to attend the trial of her mother at Judge Reece's court last Saturday & to dispose of her rooming house on State Street....Nathan McCoy who was a familiar figure around Helena when gambling was in full sway died over in Missoula on last Weds, he was a good natured & jovial fellow who had a host of friends & acquaintances who were shocked & grieved to hear of his death.

*"GRAYE WRITES FROM DURANCE VILE. L.V. Graye who has heretofore been a factor in local politics former proprietor of the Zanzibar who is sojourning with Sheriff Shoemaker writes to the Plaindealer as follows: "...I am taking shorthand. Chas. Johnson conducts a school engineering & firing as well as to teach Bronco Busting..."

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*"MORE LIVES ONES." listing of "old maids, grass widows" includes Minnie Johnson, Emma Harris, F. Fitzgerald, Misses Browns & Misses Palmers.

*"THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY? The new brass band should not practice upon Mount Helena..."

27 March

*Page 1 with PHOTOG: "J.W. Bush...who is at the present time one of the genial employees of the Gallatin Valley Club of Bozeman, Mont. Since his residence for a number of years in this section of the country he has proved his worth as a steady sober & industrious citizen. He was born in the bluegrass state of Kentucky & later moved to Dayton Ohio at which place his kindred live. He has traveled extensively, is a member of Puritan Lodge No. 4 K.P's [Knights of Pythias, est.] of Boston Mass. also a member of Great lakes Lodge No 43 IBPO of Elks. He journeyed to Helena last week where he became a member of the R.J. Fletcher lodge No 1 A.F. & A.M...Mr. Bush put on one of the greatest banquets for the brethren ever given in this city. Mr. Bush is a jovial citizen whom everybody is pleased to meet & withal is truly a representative citizen of whom we are all proud."

*"ELECT OFFICERS. The new Helena colored band held an enthusiastic meeting on last Monday night formed a permanent organization & elected the following officers D.H. Harris conductor, J.B. Bass business mgr, Eugene Clark secretary, Harry Saulsburg Treas...." [adjacent item notes the "band boys" have secured space in the Parchen building on Jackson Street]

3 April

*Locals: "W.H. Williams of Havre...was in the city this week, he came over to take the civil service examination for the railway mail service...Henry H. Robinson was called to the bedside of his mother at Cheyenne Wy. last week,...the funeral will be held at St. James Church Sunday...L.V. Graye writes that he has just 10 days more to stand on his head. Chas. P. Grove has abandoned his gold mines & will soon be a coal baron. Last week in the district court J. E. Ingram was granted a divorce from Mrs. M.E. Ingram...Mrs. M. Ingram has moved to 200 State St..."

*Bozeman Notes: Miss Ella Davis gave a party on Weds evening in honor of A. Owens of Helena, at the residence of Mrs. S.W. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis assisted the hostess with her

guest, the table was beautifully decorated with pink & white carnations & covers laid for 16..."

27 April

*Locals: "Mrs. C.E. McEvoy left Tuesday night for Denver Col. on a business trip...J.D. Yancey failed to visit the boys last week on account of the tragic death of Mr. S. Reeves who was a prominent member of the butte lodge of elks. Helena must be one of the best towns of the Northwest as invariably [sic] all who leave finally come back to the manor born.

*"CHURCH IMPROVEMENT. Those who have ever visited St. James church will be much surprised on entering the basement now & see the improvement which has been made, wainscoting has been put all around & newly painted & kalsomined, the kitchen has been overhauled & made thoroughly modern...on a visit this week a representative of the PLAINDEALER found Mr. N. Ford & Wm Mason busy as boss painters & carpenters putting the finishing touches on the work."

1908--continued

1 May

*Page 1: "PROGRAM Minister's Institute of the AME Church & Young Peoples Meeting of Montana. May 12 13 & 14. 1908 Great Falls, Montana...", program details.

*Locals: Mr. W.C. Rose was a very welcome visitor in the city this week, he has been absent from his home for so long that it was like old times to see him around. He has a big contract at Taft Mont. hauling freight which will last until Sept after which he is contemplating going on another contract over in Canada...Chas. Denwiddie is a new arrival in the city from Colorado Springs He is a paper hanger & painter by trade & will make this his future home..."

*"SMOTHER IN DEBATE. The great debate which taken [sic] place at St. James Literary on last Wed. eve. was fully up to expectations & a large crowd was out to hear it, the a question for discussion was: "Resolved that slavery was a benefit to the Negro race'...the large crowd present was worked up to a high pitch of enthusiasm, the judges after deliberation rendered their verdict in favor of the negative but this verdict let it be said fell on the audience like a wet blanket..."

*HAVRE NOTES.

15 May

*Page 1 has several items on the right of the "colored man wearing the insignia of their [fraternal] order", alludes to arrest & conviction of musician W.R. Holland for wearing his Elk insignia as outlawed by the recent passage of a bill in the Legislature [under Locals: "Judge Langhorne admitted in passing sentence on Wm. R. Holland that he had become inoculated with prejudice against the defendant."

*Locals: J.D. Yancey was over from butte weds as a witness for W.R. Holland Mrs. Cole & sister Mrs. Harris left Weds for Watertown NY on a visit to their husbands who are

members of the 24th Inft...the Broadway Suitatorium conducted by Salsburg & Arnett has established for themselves a reputation as one of the leading places of its kind in the city...Mrs. Nannie Mitchell has sued her husband, Frank Mitchell, for a divorce, she alleges in her petition as a ground for the same cruelty, drunkenness & non-support [sic]...W.C. Irvin is making extensive improvements on his home property on [212 So.] Beatty St.

29 May

*Page 1: "PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERS & YOUNG PEOPLEES MEETING AT GREAT FALLS..."

*PHOTOG adv for Bright Star Club sociable at St. James

*Locals: "Mrs. Clarinda Howard has sued James Howard for absolute divorce she alleges desertion as the cause...While east a few weeks ago, Mrs. C.E. McEvoy disposed of some of her real estate holdings in Denver at a nice margin getting 3,000 dollars for one piece of property..."

*"ANACONDA NOTES: "Mr. Gladstone Carmon met with an accident while working on a local train way Engine at the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., his right hand was injured. ...Mr. S.M. Ellison was over from Phillipsburg last week. The Copper City Social Club are speaking of giving a grand Cake Walk soon...Mr. Leatherburry is expected to take a trip over to the Capital City next month...Mrs. J.E. Bass & Mrs. E.W. Middleton will spend a few days on a visit to Philipsburg next week..."

*"Help Wanted: a woman to assist in a restaurant, light work, steady position must have reference. Address s. Box 46 Choteau Mont."

1908--continued

26 June

*"Locals: Miss Minnie Johnson & Miss Butler tried to make a record for themselves Monday by toping [sic] Mount Helena, now Minnie says walking is disagreeable. Mr. Oscar Tudas of St. Paul was a visitor in the city last Sunday. It was reported that Mr. Geo. Johnson the oldest colored railway mail clerk in the west will return to Montana...Rabbi Klein lectured at St. James literary Weds eve..."

17 July

*PHOTOG Emancipation Day adv

*page 1: Snapshots: "Miss Jennie Young who is in the employ of Mrs. Senator Carter has returned with them to our city to remain until their return to Washington. She was accompanied by Miss Sobhia Duvall of Washington DC who will reside here for a while. It is said that Miss Duvall is quite an accomplished vocalist & we hope to hear from her during here stay here. Miss Young is quite a favorite in Helena & all join in welcoming her at all times...Don't forget Emancipation Day at Central Park on Tuesday August the Fourth."

*"Locals: Miss Vera Simmons is now serving as an apprentice in this office having taken the first degree work of the printer's trade. And before long expects to be a full fledged

compositor. Mrs. Mamie Walton Jacobs who stole a march on all her acquaintances & got married in Butte came over from butte & visited her parents friends during the carnival...Mrs. William walker of Bozeman visited Mrs. C.E. McEvoy during the Carnival while here...The Helena Colored Band of which much ahs been written about in these columns made their first appearance in public on last Saturday at the big parade & to say that they made good is putting it mildly. On every hand there was nothing but favorable comment for the boys who made such a creditable showing it is now up to the people of Helena to encourage them to further efforts all along the line. The following is the roster of the band...And it is said that Lloyds was the only colored individual to help out in the Grand trades parade..."

*DIRTY PIG ANKLE JOINT Up at the head of Wall St. on Main is a little old cheap dirty restaurant which has the nerve to put up a sign NO COLORED TRADE SOLICITED. Now any colored man who would go into such a cheap dirty joint as this one to eat is not fit to associate with hogs. And it is only this class of cheap white trash that are always bobbing up with such notoriety as the above. The den as it looks in passing reminds one of a refuge for vultures who feast on carrion & it is a stench in the nostrils of any man who essay to be anything at all in the natural event of things a place to be shunned."

*"THE NEGRO A WORLD FORCE." essay by Fred E. Spearman

1908--continued

31 July

*Page 1: "NO JIM CROW LAWS FOR MONTANA. In a decision by the Supreme Court last week it was decided that the law placed on the Montana Statutes to prohibit colored elks from wearing the insignia of their order in this State was unconstitutional & void..."

*page 1: "It is a disgrace to Helena that the officials allow two or three little dirty ham fat restaurant[s], hang up signs which do no good other than to create prejudice against a loyal part of their citizenship. It is a practice that should by all means be stopped."

*page 1: listing of merchants who have donated prizes to Emancipation Day events

*"Locals: "...Mr. Andrew Green (?) is out with W.J. Robinson doing some mining work on the latter's claim near this city...The Helena Colored band played on streets last Saturday night & their playing was pronounced by all excellent for the time that they had been organized. They drew great crowds at all the places where they played..."

*JAMES CRUMP'S MOTHER DIES IN DENVER. The following clipping from the Colorado Statesman conveys the sad intelligence of the death of the Mother of our well known pioneer colored citizen James Crump. Mrs. Clarinda Crump, an old pioneer, died at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Crump came to Denver way...66 [est.] Her daughter Mrs. Johnson was the first col'd child to enter the white school.."

11 Sept. [2 issues missing]

*POLITICAL SNAPSHOT: "The colored republicans of Helena have the honor of forming the first Taft club in the entire West. It's a cold day when Helena is not there with the goods...Pursuant to a call issued by the editor of this paper the rooms of the Manhattan Club on last Monday evening was filled to overflowing for the purpose of organizing Taft

Club...[J.B. Bass, J.L. Ellis, W.D. Cole, Joe Marshall, I. Hicks, Spencer Smith, Senior? Murrill...Dave Gordon...A.J. Walton; J.C. Brown]

*"Locals: Rev. Greenlee preached 2 very able & instructive sermons at St. James Church Sunday the impression the new Pastor made was indeed very favorable...Andrew Green has purchased the home where he lives out on Beatty St...It is reported that L.V. Graye is to organize a Bryan Club in the near future... Mr. & Mrs. H. [Harry & Ada, est.] Salsburg gave a card party last Weds in honor of Miss [Jennie] Young & Miss Duvall of Washington..."

1908 continued

9 Oct [1 issue missing]

*"Locals:Levi Larkin, one of the pioneer colored citizens of Helena who now lives at Twin Bridges was a visitor at the Fair last week..."

17 Oct

*Page 1: "BILINGS PROGRESS & PUSH PLAINDEALER MAN ON THE SCENE THIS WEEK. This week the ed. of this paper spent 3 days in Billings, the bustling city of Eastern Montana...this being our first trip to this city of any duration in which to get acquainted with the people we were agreeable surprised at the thrift & progress of the population thereof, & esp. so of the thrift & prosperity of its colored citizenship.. We are prepared to say that after careful inquiry & personal investigation that our people in Billings, Mont. own more real estate than the colored people of any other city in MT & their real estate holdings aggregate close onto \$250,000. There is not a colored family in the town who does not own or are buying their own home...There are not to exceed 300 colored citizens in the city which makes the above accomplishment all the more remarkable...[visited homes of M.T. Sims, Mrs. Sommerville, Chas Browning, et al. & met Rev H.C. Reed]

*"Locals: ...Mr. William Robb, well known around St. Paul & Minneapolis who has lived here for some time past is very dangerously sick...And at last they say that that colored Bryan & Kern club has been organized. We have been away & have not learned the particulars & will withhold comment until our next issue...W.A. Cole who is employed at the republican central committee seems to be making good & is very useful at his post..."

23 Oct.

*"Locals: There will be big doings at Electric Hall, Fri evening Oct. 30th, under the auspices of the Helena colored band, who will give a grand concert, specialties, etc. everybody is invited to tour out & assist the band. After the concert there will be a dance, 50 cents admission for everybody...Mrs. Wm. Howard one of the pioneer colored residents of this section, died at St. Peters Hospital on Thursday after a long & protracted illness. The funeral will be held from their home in Kessler's addition Sunday at 3 o'clock & the interment at [the] post cemetery..."

30 Oct.

*"Locals:L.V. Graye is the manager of the new Imperial Orchestra..."

*"BILLINGS NOTES: ...Mr. B. Adams received a letter form Mr. Joseph Thomas who for some time lived in Billings but is now attending the Art Academy in Cincinnati O. which

we are pleased to note 2 years ago colored students was not admitted. He expects to return in June..."

6 Nov.

*Page 1: Adv for Naomi Lodge/Household of Ruth Grand Entertainment PHOTOG

*"Locals: Mr. Charles Black & wife who is a daughter of Mrs. Wm Howard, & who has been here since her death, last Saturday for Butte, which place is their home. Mrs. Fairbanks, a very accomplished lady of Chicago, was here this week. She is traveling with the Sis Hopkins theatrical company...Maybe when some of the sanctified 'Sons of Ham' get through trying to pass for white, they will take their usual seat at the table after all, as a member of the same race to which we all belong

1908 continued

27 Nov.

*page 1: "NELSON CREWS AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY...at chapel services, Hon. Nelson Crews, one of the church trustees, was selected by Bishop Abram Grant, president of the Trustee Board, to make a speech. Mr. Crews had lately finished a hard political campaign which brought success to the party, & was in the best of spirits & best of voice..."

*"Locals: D.H. Harris has resigned his position with the Gans & Klein Co. [who was a frequent advertiser]...We will soon publish a list of the Helena deadbeats among our fly young men, so that the public will be put wise to them. Fred Spearman, who has been in the employment of the government as Railway Mail Clerk, has done the unusual act of resigning. Just what for is not known...Mr. Chas. Dillard, manager of Lloyd's Shoe Shining Parlors, is planning a triumphant trip to his former home in Topeka, Kans. during the holidays. Mr. Dillard, who is known as the shoe doctor, can probably do more with a pair of shoes to make them look nice than any man in the Northwest. He is steady & frugal, & has a host of friends who wish him a pleasant journey to his old home, & an early return to Helena..."

*THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY...The graphophone was taken away from the Manhattan Club rooms...One of our young men should resign a \$1,100 position in these times for one which pays nothing..."

18 Dec

*Page 1: " A MERRY CHRISMTAS! AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! The cheap places on upper Main St. where the colored man who happened to be hungry could buy & eat are one by one being closed against him & the sign posted 'No Colored Trade Solicited.' The reason is prejudice & an overabundance of our very undesirable class of citizens flooding into these places, until they hung up the sign to get rid of them. we predict that the time will come, unless a change is made, when all these public eating houses will be closed against them. Now one strange coincidence is that the same fellows who object to eating in the same restaurant with the colored brother, fall over each other to get him in a Poker Game, if which there are more than a dozen running, & they esp. cater to his patronage. and poor Uncle Zip walks right up to the trough. although he is not fit to eat at a cheap joint lunch counter, they will let him play poker & filch from him his coin..."

*"ALONZO LEATHERBURY. The accompanying cut is an excellent likeness of one of our very best citizens of Montana, who is well & favorably known throughout the country. For many years he has presided over the destiny of the dining room of the Montana Hotel of anaconda. He has given eminent satisfaction in that position, & frequently has under him more than a score of waiters. He is a favorite in & around Helena, being a member of the AF & AM & also of the GUO of P PF. He takes an active part in all movements for the uplift of the races, & is at all times is ready to aid & assist all movements looking to the progress of the race..."

"*CHAS. H. DILLARD. Charley, the shoe doctor & all around man, musician, etc. who has been of such great help to all our musical organizations & manager for Lloyd's has folded up a bundle of Montana Gold Certificates & will leave to put on a stunt in the East next Sunday. While there he will visit in Kansas & Missouri. While here Charley has made himself an enviable reputation as an energetic & industrious young man, & as the manager of Lloyd's Emporium has done much to bring that enterprise to its present standing. He has a standing invitation to return to Helena, & all predict that ere long he will wander back to dear old Montana..."

*"MRS. KATIE PARKER...who has been ill for some time, died at the residence of John Lee [hack driver], corner State & Joliet Sts. Wednesday morning at 12:10 a.m. the funeral was held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Flaherty's undertaking establishment. She is survived by a son, Lee Parker, who is in St. Bernardino, Cal. & a sister who lives in the South."

"*ANACONDA NOTES. The first secret order to be set up anent the Negroes of anaconda, was the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows...[officers included L.C. Bruce, Gladstone Carmen, Howard Porter, Allen McDonald, B.M. Marshall, L.E. Hunter, L.P. Drewer, Wm. T. Moore, C.A. Young, Louis Mcduffy, Herod Terrice."

*"Locals: Messrs. Chas. Dillard & Joe Brown will leave Sunday for an extended visit to their old home in Topeka, Kansa. The Imperial Orchestra made their initial bow to a Helena audience last Friday evening at Germania Hall. Their music was excellent & with the addition of traps & a cello they would compare favorably with any other organization of its kind in the country...J.H. Taylor, band leader, is living out in the suburbs of the city, & is building a castle of his own...C.H. Mason writes that the baths at Hot Springs are the real panacea for all the ills of the water wagon man..."

*"WM J. HOLLAND Who achieved fame by contesting Montana's Jim Crow law in this city, carried the Elks' case to the Supreme Court & won out. He is a great vocalist & an all round musician." with portrait PHOTOG

15 Jan 1909

*Page 1: "Down in Billings the Republicans are broad gauged & up with the times through the leadership of Chas. Browning & others. They have shown at all times they are willing to give due recognition to the colored voters. Last summer they sent to the State Convention a colored delegate, & at this session of the Legislature the preference of the senator from that county was for a young colored man, Mr. William Jefferson, who is now an employee of the Senate..."

*'AT REST! The funeral services of Wm. W. Seals, who died at the residence of Albert Napper on the 6 inst. was held at St. James AME church, Tuesday, the 12th...William Seals was born in Lawrence, Kans in 1866, graduated from the High School of that City, was married in 1892, at Kansas City, Kan. to Miss Jennie Dickson. He came to Montana in 1893, where he resided until his death at which time he was the owner of a ranch consisting of 640 acres near Helena. Aside from a wife & sister, an aged mother & father survive him at Lawrence, Kans. His remains will be temporarily deposited in a vault at Forestvale, & later on will be taken to the home of his birth for permanent burial..."

*"Locals: C.F. Jones, the well known mining promoter of Butte, was a visitor in our city this week...The separations among our people are now more frequent than the marriages..."

*"Missoula Man Takes Unto Himself a Wife. George Williams of Missoula & Rebecca Palmer [Arthur's sister] of Helena were united in marriage last night at the residence of the groom, 1204 Cooper Street. Rev. J.W. Tait performed the ceremony...The groom's father presented the happy couple with a 5 room cottage...The bride, whom we have known quite well, has many admiring qualities & has always been a staunch supporter of the Plaindealer, as well as one of its valued patrons..."

*"THE PLAINDEALER WANTS TO KNOW WHY...A certain man about town has denounced his race & is now a Hawaiian...Reverend Redd Runs amuck. We have it from Mr. William Jefferson of Billings that Preacher Redd of that city, well known throughout Montana & the entire Western country, has strayed from the narrow path & that serious charges have been preferred against him at that place. Mr. Jefferson was an eye witness to Redd's escapades...He further says the people are much humiliated by his betrayal of his trust; that he has outlived his usefulness at Billings not only as a minister but as a man in any capacity..."

*"MONTANA MINING ASSOCIATION TO MEET...will hold its annual meeting in the auditorium at Helena, on February first...All members are urged to be present, as business of great importance will be transacted, & certain legislation effecting mining will be framed & offered to the Legislature, which is now in session...It costs nothing to attend the meeting...F.B. Linderman, Secretary"

12 Feb 1909

*The Muffly Bill [SB 34, anti-miscegenation]... the honorable Mr. Muffly of Broadwater, has achieved fame, if not fortune, by the passage in the Senate of the Montana legislature, of a real Jim Crow bill. His supplication of 'Oh, Lord, save us from being devoured by intermarriages between the blacks & whites' has been answered by the Republican Senate. Four degenerate Republicans joined in this movement, which resulted in Montana's first Jim Crow law...thus were the blacks slain in the house of their friends...But the progressive & wide awake members are not dismayed & will fight this pernicious measure to the last ditch...The attitude of Senator Annin Yellowstone County on the Muffley Bill was a surprise & disappointment to our people. He showed his favor for recognition to the race by putting in the present session a young colored man as a watchman, & while our people believe I giving him due credit for that act; the other wrong which has helped inflict upon them by voting for Tillman & Vardaman measures in this

State has so far overbalanced his favor that they bewail the fact that he was ever elected..."

*COLORED CITIZENS OF HELENA HONOR LINCOLN DAY. St. James AME church scene of gathering..."

*"Locals:Rev. S.E. Bailey of Havre, Montana, assisted Rev. Greenlea in his quarterly meeting last Sabbath...W.H. Jones, who has been over from Butte for several weeks left last Saturday for his home. While here he did invaluable work in behalf of the race against vicious legislation...Butte was up & doing on matters of vital interest to he race. They sent over a committee of four to appear before the House committee in opposition to the Intermarriage Bill. The committee was headed by Mr. C.F. Jones, Mrs. A. Birthwright, Mrs. J. Sheets & Reverend Norris, all of whom appeared before the Committee in conjunction with the Helena delegation & presented the opposition in a creditable & able manner..."

*"BILLINGS NOTES. Mrs. H.W. Bivins is glad to return to American soil again. She has been in the Philippine Islands for over a year, & is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Walker Browning. She will return to Presidio [est.] California where her husband, Horace w. Bivins, is stationed...Rev. J.H.C. Redd has been removed from the Pastorship of the AME church at Billings..."

5 March

*Page 1: "...The Treasure State in a long editorial of last week seeks to justify Jim Crow Law & reassuringly says to the race that even if you are Jim Crowed, if you deserve it, you shall rise. Just as well to tell us even if you are in prison, if you deserve to be free, you shall be....In this issue this people frown on miscegenation, but object to being singled out for class legislation, even though amalgamation was inaugurated under the lash of the slave trader, the love of race by all, regardless of Caucasian reinforcement is such that we are not afraid of being devoured & losing our identity as a race..."

*"Locals...Eureka Lewis, one of the victims of the recent street car accident, on payment of his \$500 claim, left for his home & mother at Vicksburg, Miss. Black millionaires were the order of the day on Upper Main St. last week just after the Street Car company settled with its victims...It is indeed unfortunate that there is friction at St. James Church, & the efforts of all to help out are seemingly not appreciated..."

1909 continued

2 April

*"Locals...There is a movement on foot to organize among the colored capitalists a company to manufacture brick...The amalgamation of the whites, Chinese & Japanese is not frowned on at the uptown poker games. It seems to be alright when the white man is getting the money...Chas Porter Grove announces that he is going to embark in the charcoal business...Letters are coming in here asking the whereabouts of C.F. Jones....."

*MANHATTAN CLUB MOVED INTO THEIR NEW QUARTERS...at 17 S. Main St...every modern convenience; the billiard rooms, reading & bath up to date in every respect, also private dining room for the convenience of its members."

*"Locals C.D. Martin who has been employed at the Montana Club ahs resigned to accept a similar position with the Silver Bow club at butte. Harry Jacobs has returned to Butte from Los Angeles Cal...W.R. [W.C.?] Rose has finished up a contract at the Broadwater springs & is now engaged on another...Mr. Cassway of Anaconda is a new arrival & is employed at the Montana club. The dining crew on the great Northern have arranged for a layover in Helena. Miles York has opened up a hand laundry & is now open for business...N. Marlowe left Sunday for Butte where he has a position with the silver bow club. Andrew Smith is said to have struck it rich in the mines south of town...The Plaindealer ahs moved from 19 S. Mai to 17 S. Main where we shall [not continued]"

*"BOZEMAN NOTES..."

*"SPORTING NOTES There is a movement on foot for a Grand Cake Walk in Bozeman to be headed by the Hon. Wm. Walker & Dick Lewis Esq..."

24 April

*Page 1: "THE GAMBLING ISSUE. While we are not posing as a reform we take it that the sentiment of this community is that the laws shall stand for naught; but we hold that when the [nullification] of law becomes of such apparent [detriment] to the race as the non-enforcement of the gambling laws in this city it is time for us to protest. And more esp. so when the Negro is Jim Crowed, barred in almost everything except at a stud poker game...he is the equal of the white man. The result of this is that the Negro himself is always broke, owes his grocer is in bad with his friends & absolutely has got up place where he is repudiating his honest obligations. We know of families that have been dismembered on account of this condition..."

*Page 1: "The uptown poker games which vie with each other in catering to the Chink & Negro players know a good thing when they see it & push it along..." & other related gambling/poker items

*"BILLINGS NOTES...The officers of the Afro-American club are L. Somerville, Pres. J.W. Moore, Vice Pres, B. Chandler, Sec/treasurer, B.B. Adams, Charles Overman...[report on ministers' alliance & young peoples convention]...Rev. T. L. Cate read a paper which resulted in sending the different ministers to the different cities to start churches. Rev. Abbot to Lewistown & Livingston & Rev. Cate to Miles City..."

*"Locals...Chas. Porter Grove who has been very low at the county hospital is reported as much improved..."

*"GRAYE TO MOVE TO SEATTLE. L.V. Graye who has lived here for a number of years & who has achieved more than ordinary notoriety owing to his strenuous efforts in & near the Red Light has decided to embark in business in Seattle & will early next month move all his personal effects to that city...He came to Helena some years ago without a dime & at one time conducted one of the most flourishing business concerns in the city, through unfortunate circumstances & enmity of politicians, the city council revoked the license to the famous Zanzibar & it was thought by many that Graye was down & out..." See photocopy for complete article.\

1909 continued

19 June [missed issues]

*Page 1: "BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE DAM. Miss Pearl Palmer on last Thursday was the lading spirit in getting up one of the most entertaining & enjoyable parties which has ever journeyed from Helena to the Missouri river to he side of the dam. The event was in honor of the 37th anniversary of her brother Arthur & a large party, 36 in number put in a day of pure entertainment & sport...it was all the good things that could be mentioned after which the finishing, boat rowing, dancing & etc. was indulged in, the music being furnished by Messrs Holland, Saulsburg & Miss Alma Bass. The only thing that happened to in any was molest the pleasure of the day was the narrow escape of W.M. Holland from drowning. While out rowing, he got too near the current that is formed from the water going over the dam & would have went down & to his death had not the uprights been there & as the boat lodged against them he crawled out on the bridge..."

*"MANHATTAN CLUB CHANGES HANDS. Geo. M. Lee has been duly elected as Sec & treasurer of the Manhattan club. The club has been thoroughly renovated & various improvements installed. It will be kept t up to date in every respect..."

*"CABIN PARTY. Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Ellis [John L. Ellis, janitor, 1909 HCD] on the evening of the 7th at their residence on [319] Hauser Ave. gave a delightful reception party complimentary to several of the ladies who are at present sojourning [sic] in Helena..."

*"Chas. Porter Grove has made his escape which he did by making rope out of a blanket & scaling the wall he came home & is now going [to] produce pure gold..."

*"Locals...L.V. Graye left last week for Seattle where he will engage in business..."

30 July [un-numbered, prob. missing issues]

*repeat of Locals from 19 issue??

30 July 2 issues? or mis-dated

*"Locals...L.L. Grisson shipped a carload of ore from his mines lately which brought return goods...Quite a bunch are going over to Missoula this week to register for the Flathead drawing [prob. homestead/land allotment]..."

*HOLLAND OWENS NUPTIALS. Since our last issue Wm. Holland, well known throughout the east as a crack musician & to set a fast pace all along the line, has been laid low by dame cupid & is now a benedict having married Mrs. Alice Owens [widow Charles H., 1908 HCD], who is well known in this city...He was known as King Do-Do, the king of all spenders, striking Minneapolis a few years back, he put the sports to flight & spent in three months 416,000.00 He was a companion of Joe Gans & that gives an estimate of the pace. [notes Elks pin case against him] a strenuous life it was for W.R. Holland the groom arrested on his wedding day found guilty & fined, sued in the district court fer \$1,125 (??) & then some. Mrs. F.A, Mitchell having procured judgment again[st] him for that amount in the district court last Tuesday. Holland did not appear to contest the same."

28 Aug

*"ANACONDA NOTES. The baseball team Brownies of this city had a contest last Sunday with the cracker-jack team of Butte the score was 11 to 6 in favor of Anaconda...Rev. Galliard is very much pleased with his church in Anaconda & its success. Mr. W.T. Holbert the oldest colored man in Anaconda died last week with Brights disease at the age of 80 years. He was highly respected by all who knew him..."

*"YE OLD INN AT MISSOULA. what is unquestionably the finest café in all Montana is Ye Old Inn Café at Missoula on Front Street. Our good friend Lee Phillips[Turkish baths owner] is responsible for this write up as he took us through different departments, etc. The furnishings are rich & the service unexcelled. Frank J. Pierce the proprietor is one of Missoula's leading business men who at all times stands for the progress of Missoula & is ready to aid & assist any laudable undertaking for the uplift of the people.

*"Locals...Rev. Jones of Butte was over last week he seeks to organize [a] Baptist i in this city. Mr. w. Wheeler of st. Joe, Mo., a nephew of Mr. H. Saulsburg is a new arrival in our city...Geo. M. Lee is now employed at the A.M. Holter Hardware Co....L.V. Graye has departed from Seattle to Portland..."

*"CUT UP BECAUSE HE WENT TO CHURCH. Geo. Leach who is employed as a porter at a Main St. Barber Shop was carved up by his paramour Ella Parker because he went to church...this happened last Thursday eve, the doctor took 5 stitches on George's wounds & he will get well, Ella was in jail."

*"WAS PURELY A LOAN in OUR LAST ISSUE WE MENTIONED THE FACT OF Mrs. F.A. Mitchell securing judgment against W.M. Holland for more than One thousand dollars. We did not say what the suit was for. It was on a note held by Mrs. Mitchell for money which she had loaned Holland with accrued interest..."

1909 continued

30 Oct [or 3 October? precedes 29 Oct issue]

*Page 1: "A GREAT CONQUEST... [article on police raid of Manhattan Club for gambling] They carried off with great hurrah a box of solo chips & say: look what we have done. And what is it they raided, a colored social club which has for its officers some of the most reputable men in town...They [the police] cannot need the complaint of cocaine fiends, touts, etc. at the expense of its citizens & make a record. County Attorney Hepner has shown that he is a broad gauged man who stands for what is right & will not confine reputable citizens in jail on a fancy bond to the beck & call of a hop fiend....James young on whose word the police pulled the Manhattan Club, is a tout, was put out of the fair ground for crooked work, was put out of the Manhattan Club for ungentlemanly conduct & is not a citizen on whose word the police raided..."

*"GRAND LODGE OF THE G.U.O. O.F. AT BUTTE, A GRAND SUCCESS..."

*"BUTTE NOTES".

*"Locals...Miss Rosa Gordon & brother [Taylor?] were over to visit the fair..."

29 Oct

*Page 1: "OUR NEW PASTOR. Rev. B.R. Guy the new pastor of St. James is making good with a vengeance since his arrival the church work has taken on a new vim [sic]..."

*Page 1: "PROGRESSIVE B.F. Hooper & H.J. Baker have together bought a ranch down in the valley. It is a 40 acre tract & destined to be a very valuable piece of property, esp. so when the irrigation project is in vogue..."

*Page 1: photo of J.W. Bush "formerly of this city & making good in Chicago".

*"Locals...The Luzon is [no] more having closed out Oct 1st...Mr. & Mrs. Mcginnis are newcomers in the city from Sheridan, Wyoming. Mr. & Mrs. Day are also arrived from Sheridan...H.R. Robinson was in from his mines last week...The Cameo Kirby play carried with them six colored people who were part & parcel of the play...W.C. Rose who has been on a contract at the dam has returned home..."

1909 continued

26 Nov

*Locals:...BIRTHDAY PARTY. Harry Saulsburg was surprised last Sat. evening by Mrs. Saulsburg bringing in on him a bunch of friends & a big birthday dinner at their apartments on Broadway. The occasion was Harry's 25th birthday..."

31 Jan [marked 1909 but 1910, & also maybe 3 Jan?]

*"Locals...The Baptist church are seeking new quarters the present building having been outgrown...H.J. Robinson was in the city this week from Alhambra..."

28 Jan

*Page 1: "BUTTE NOTES...Mrs. Chas Black entertained on the 26th of Dec in honor of C.W. Black, it being his 39th birthday...[guests included Mr. & Mrs. Burnside, Mr. & Mrs. Blanquete, Mrs. W.J. Brown, Mrs. R. Davis, Miss I. Brown, Miss Harriet Robinson & Messrs J.W. Wilson, e. Hughes.] when the drawing room was opened at 7 o'clock a beautiful Xmas tree met their gaze, the dinner cars were leaves of evergreen tied with ribbon extending from the tree which was a centerpiece for the table & each ribbon in the tree held a tiny gift for the guests."

*"Locals...W.C. Rose has returned form his ranch, & will move his family there during February..."

26 Feb

*Page 1: "THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY?...The Manhattan Club had not cut out the undesirables long ago..."

*"Locals...Robert Meade left Monday for Roundup, Mont to accept a position as steward of a club at that place...Mr. Ed Glenn who was down with lagrippe is back at his old post at the Family Theatre. The Manhattan Club has been reorganized, the new officers are J.W. Crump Pres., J.B. Bass sec/treas, M.O.J. Arnett, J. Ellis, J. Reid, A. Smith & W. Irvin house committee..."

25 March

*"Locals...Mrs. C.P. Grove is very ill at St. John's hospital..."

1 April

*"Locals...The Baptist church are making plans for a new church edifice...J.W. Bush writes that he will soon be this way.."

27 May

*Page 1: "HELENA IS HIGHLY PRAISED BY THE MASONIC VISITORS...The journey between Billings & Helena, Montana covered a distance of 240 miles. The country covered on this distance is devoted very largely to cattle raising & mining...Between Billings & Helena the party touched at Livingston, Montana one of the main stations for Yellowstone Park, which is a very thriving city & the largest one between Billings & Helena...The party reached Helena at 6:30 Wednesday evening. They were met at the station by brothers Wheeler, Arnett & Smith of Unity Lodge No. 101 & taken to the home of Mrs. Cole [22 Breckinridge, 1910 census] which had been selected for their abode during their stay at Helena [more details on social events]...There are many business enterprises in Helena conducted by colored people. Among them should be mentioned a very large grocery store, operated by Mrs. R.C. Dorsey, Miles York Express line & barbershop, J.E.W. Clark's hair dressing parlors, A.J. Walton's second hand store & the Broadway Suitatorium conducted by Harry Salsburg & is one of the neatest in the West & is located in the center of the city & in one of the largest buildings...Mr. Salsburg is from St. Joseph, MO & Mrs. Salsburg is a Minnesotan. Mr. & Mrs. Salsburg are young & have only been in business for 2 years, yet they have won a competency...Robert Wheeler, nephew of Mr. Salsburg works with them...The Montana Plaindealer is one of the best newspapers published in the west...Brother H.J. Baker very kindly gathered us a list of the property holders in Helena...[see photocopy]

*Page 1: "ANACONDA PROGRESSIVE & UP TO DATE..."

*"Locals...Mr. L.C. Foreman has taken up his permanent home in Butte where he has procured a lucrative position....Mrs. Wm. Blanke gave a very successful entertainment for the 2nd Baptist church at her home on the Ave., Friday evening..."

1910 continued

24 June

*nothing of note although the type-setting continues to be greatly improved

29 July

*"THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY?...It is said that a blue vein coterie is now being organized in Helena colored society..."

*"Locals...Wesley Cottles has purchased the property at the corner of Hauser & Dearborn Streets...It is said that Chas Porter grove has made a rich strike in his Radersburg mines & is this week making a large shipment of ore...The proposed celebration at Central Park by the Odd Fellows has been called off for a later date at some other place as satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the owners of the park..."

26 Aug

*Page 1: "...The loss of life in the forest fires in this section is appalling & we are proud that the gallant 25th regiment has in this crisis been able to render such heroic services for which we know all the people are most gratified. It is not as generally known as it should be that right here in our city we have a colored practicing physician & pharmacist in the person of Doctor [Fred L.] Shelby & he is building up a good practice & is deserving of all the people, he also conducts a drug store on [1321] Helena Avenue..."

*Page 1: "HIS SINS HAVE FOUND HIM OUT." [story about 6 year old girl being offered money by janitor/church member/choir member if she would let him squeeze her arms]

*"Locals....Mrs. S.E. [Sarah] Bickford of Virginia [City] visited in Helena for a few days last week..."

10 September

*Page 1: "A..J. Walton for constable....a successful business man has been nominated on the Republican Co. ticket for the office of constable of Helena township...[it is] a sign that portends much good for the future recognition of a loyal, a patriotic citizen...we feel...that he will receive a hearty support from all classes if for no other reason than that the race is duly entitled to some recognition along political lines..."

*"Locals...M.H. Nelson, versatile pianist & performer has quit the Great Northern dining service & is now playing at a local place in this city...There are at this time more strangers in the city among...our people than for any previous time or week before the fair...Gus Boger known in pugilistic circles as Dusty Miller arrived in the city this week he will go 20 rounds at Central Park next Thursday evening against Kid Gavin the local boy who put young Ike Hayes to sleep several weeks ago..."

1910 continued

14 Oct

*Page 1: "BUTTE NOTES. The political pot in Silver Bow is now boiling in earnest with 4 tickets in the field...Ike Hayes seems to be very active among the politicians. Ike is a valuable man as he knows everybody & everybody knows him..."

*"Locals...Will C. Irvin went out hunting a week on the Blackfoot & brought home a doe..."

21 Oct

*"Locals...The second Baptist church has got the blueprints for their new \$3000 church edifice & work will soon commence on the excavation of their new church which will be one of the most handsome small churches in the entire Northwest.."

28 Oct

*Page 1:"BUTTE NOTES...Charley Jones is a rustler around the political headquarters. quite a bunch came over from Anaconda to see the female minstrels & the big cake walk..." [article on Georgia Female Minstrels in Butte below]

9 Dec

*"THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY?...So many people are living together without the formality of a marriage ceremony...Some of those who attended the play

called the Nigger laughed & applauded at the wrong times...The blue veins did not keep up their organization even though their leader had gone..."

*"Locals...J.W. Bush writes us from Chicago that he is doing nicely & sends regards to all his Helena acquaintances...Joseph Marshall, one of the old 24th boys who now lives in Butte, visited Helena last week...Articles of incorporation were filed this week for a new social club the name of which is to be "The Last Chance Club"...With a new club just organized & with Jake Goodman club for colored people that race will be well-supplied with resorts..."

*"OBITUARY. Harry Clifford well known singer, died last Weds at St. John's Hospital of the dropsy he had been sick for a long time...His funeral was held last Saturday from Flaherty's chapel & it was a most beautiful service conducted by Rev. B.R. Guy...Harry was a quiet, modest & unassuming man who was well liked by everybody, & when he had absorbed all his savings for doctor bills & medicine, his friends cheerfully gave freely to his support & care..."

*"SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH THANKSGIVING EXERCISES....held forth this year at the Elks Hall on Main Street & served one of the best menus which it has ever been our lot to partake...In the evening at the spacious auditorium of Elks Hall, one of the finest & largest audiences ever gathered in the city was there & enthusiastically received one of the finest programs ever rendered..."

27 Jan 1911

*Page 1: "BILL HOLLANDS COMES TO TOWN" from Lewistown & gives recital [photocopied]

*Page 1: "BILLINGS NOTES" & "GREAT FALLS NOTES"

*"LOCALS...Arthur Day, one of the old Helena boys, & formerly of the 24th,k came over from butte this week on a visit...Hugh Anderson, better known as 'Happy', is doing considerable electrical work. He is a first class workman & anyone having any wiring or anything in the electrical line will do well to see him. He can be found at the Manhattan Club...M.O.J. Arnett, the old war horse, is holding down that job at the legislature...Mrs. H.E. Saulsburg, proprietor of the Broadway suitatorium, has removed her business from 108 Broadway to Park Avenue across from the Germania Hall [12-14 No. Park]...Mrs. Goldie Key sis now serving home meals at her residence corner Warren & State Sts...The following clipping appeared in a recent issue of the Daily Independent of this city: 'IS HIGHLY HONORED. Helena Colored girl Scores Success at Western University...' [about J.B. Bass' unnamed daughter..."

1911 continued

4 Feb

*Page 1: "LIKES WESTERN UNIVERSITY A Montana-Born Young Man Inspired & Making Good. Some time ago we advised Jessie L. Brooks, one of our brightest Montana boys who would have graduated in the high school here this year, that the opportunities for advancement were greater at Western University than here..."

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*"Locals...Will Baker, a moving piano player, who plays in the twilight zone [red light district], got one over on us by wearing a pin & misrepresenting himself as having a huge bank account. and borrowed & forgot our number left with his wife for Great Falls this week...Rev. W.T. Osborne, former pastor of St. James' church, this city, figured in the Associated Press dispatches last Thursday in Seattle as the parson who performed a marriage ceremony uniting a Japanese & American girl in the holy bonds of wedlock..."

24 March

*Page 1: "MRS. A.J. WALTON WRITES ON PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT RACE..." of Helena writes letter to Plaindealer that "Negro rights in the north, prejudice against the Negro in the north, is just as intense as that in the south, only the north plays the hypocrite to the contrary...The northern white man will say that up north you are not known by your color. But just let a real nice, intelligent colored man or woman run a first class business you will hear the northern white brother say, Oh it is too bad that he or she is colored, they ought to have been a Jew...my dear brother drop the Negro problem let the Negro fight his own problem...", address 15 State Street, saleswoman in family's second hand store

*"Locals...J.H. Waggoner has opened up a cleaning & pressing establishment at 105 Broadway [Crown Clothes Cleaner on Hoback two months later]...Mrs. J.H. Waggoner & children arrived last week from Missoula...Miss Vera Simmons is now holding down the position as cashier at the Temple Café [in basement of Masonic Temple, 1914-15 Lewistown C.D.] in Lewistown of which Wm. R. Holland formerly of this city is proprietor...Lucien Foreman, formerly of this city, later of Lewistown, erstwhile owner of the Temple Café is reported as a resident now of Chicago...L.V. Graye, formerly of this city is making good in San Francisco & is conducting a paying business such as he conducted here at the time he left..."

28 April

*"THE PLAINDEALER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY?...Some of the transient citizens infer that they have a pull with the local officers & can do as they please...There is such a controversy over the postcards...The heathen Chinese are allowed to put up signs reflecting on people who are citizens of this country..."

*"Locals...Miles York is very busy just now moving his shining parlors from Main Street to the rear of the Montana National Bank...There is a new club in vogue named the Capital Club located at the upper end of Main Street....W.C. Rose is in the city fixing up the home place before going to the ranch for the summer...The Busy Bee club met Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C.K. McEvoy in the Boston Block. A.J. Walton received the sad intelligence of the death of his father at Guthrie, OK, last Tuesday. He was 110 years of age. Mr. Bickford of Virginia City is a visitor stopping with Mrs. E.G. Cole. His stay here will be indefinite..."The drug stores are put out of business in retailing cocaine but the retailers on upper Main & Clore street, with their walking delegates are doing thriving business. The police can easily find out who they are...Sam Freeman, one of the old guard of ballplayers, was a visitor in the city this week...[numerous updates on former residents in various out of state locales]

1911 continued

26 May

*Page 1: "TO THE MEMORY OF MISS TERESA YORK...", daughter of Miles York, died at age 18 after 3 mos. illness [see also notice under "Locals"]

*"Locals: John Bass has left Helena & is now a resident of Lewistown. R.J. Gordon of White Sulphur Springs was over on a flying visit this week...Mr. & Mrs. Edward Miller of Missouri came over from Missoula Saturday to attend the funeral of their niece Miss Teresa York...J.B. Anderson of Washington, DC was in the city last week. He is the soliciting manager of the Bernice Red Rock Mining Co, half way between here & Butte. This company has a [illeg.] streak of ore which they are shipping. They intend to develop the claim & Mr. Anderson will shortly go East to put the stock on the market. The other officers of the company are Samuel Jones, President & N.B. Lewis, secretary & treasurer..." [Nathaniel B. Lewis, cook/Silver City Club, 1908 BCD]

5 Aug [no missing issues]

*Page 1: "WE ARE THANKFUL. Governor Norris has appointed a delegation of colored men from this state to attend the National [Negro] Educational convention which will convene in Denver August 13...we see a ray of hope that if a Democratic governor will appoint one of the race to a position even though it is an empty honor, maybe some Republican in the city, county or state will wake up...It is a well known fact that the disaffection of the colored vote cost a senator in the last election. Even over in Butte a Socialist mayor has done the unprecedented thing of appointing a Negro on the police force..." [delegates include from Helena: Nathaniel Ford, Arthur Palmer, B.F. Hooper, J.E.W. Clark, A.G. Dorsey, G.W. Alexander, H.J. Baker, Miles York, Rev. B.R. Guy; Great Falls: David Knott, W. McCracken; Missoula: Edward Miller; Billings: Charles Browning, Henry Canola; Bozeman: William Walker; apparently none from Butte.]

*Page 1: "The gentlemen of leisure still flock to Helena, as it seems to be dead easy here. And L. Vernon Graye in his palmist days never put on the stunt that is being put on by the modern & up to date secretaries that infest Helena at this time..."

"Locals...To those who thought they would feast on at least a column of scandal anent recent happenings in this city in this issue they will be sadly disappointed...Mrs. Dinah Brooks made a business trip to Lewistown this week, returning Thursday. Bernice Dorsey & Sirlas [Sirless] Grove (Porter the Second) left last week to make it for themselves. The last heard of them, they had got as far as Bozeman...William Mason, who is erecting a beautiful residence on the West Side [908 Cannon], is getting along nicely & will soon have the same completed...Our enterprising townsman, C.C. Matthews is making extensive improvements on his home on Hollins avenue, the same now nearly completed will be one of the handsomest homes in the city...Charles Cole is running a confectionery & ice cream parlor on the corner of Warren & Seventh...Mrs. Emma Anderson left last Sunday for Madison Barracks in New York, where she will visit her husband for several weeks. J.H. Hilliard was granted a divorce from his wife, Mary Hilliard, in the district court last week."

8 Sept.

*Page 1: "SHORT FLIGHTS. POLITICAL & OTHERWISE...We are surprised at the way some of our subscribers take a bill when presented by us they seem to think we can buy paper & print it & do not need anything at all to do it with. We will be around this week, please be ready to meet us...We do not share in the belief of some of our friends & some of the members of the Colored Progressive Club that Cap. Adamson as constable has been unfaithful to a trust, that he is not sincere, etc. we, of course, can be mistaken & if he is not all right, we are. We have at all times found him courteous & obliging as an officer...We do not understand that a man's color ought to cut much figure as to him watering a lawn & caring for a park. But according to Ward Cole, we understand that it does, as he was discharged by the park commissioners on the east side for no other reason than that he was colored..."

*Page 1: "GOOD CITIZENS MOVEMENT. The colored citizens of Helena taken the initiative in a movement al st week which will redound to their credit more than all the efforts of organization that they have ever attempted. The idea is largely to the extent that colored element condemn immorality, but these strong resolutions passed at this meeting against the vagrant pimp macques & secretaries told in no uncertain manner the sentiment that has been crystallized in this city against that element. They elected officers & also a committee of 5 to confer with the proper officials to the end that the community should be ridded of this undesirable element. The committee appointed is a strong one that will do their utmost...The meeting met at the Masonic hall at the foot of Broadway was called to order by B.F. Hooper who stated its object...H.J. Baker [pres.]...J.F. Clark [secretary]...B.F. Hooper [1st vice president]...A.J. Walton [second vice president. Over 50 names were enrolled as members...work all along the line of racial progress. Morally & financially. The most important after the moral issue is the business outlook. a committee which will look out after the business opportunities for members of the race..."

*Page 1: "the recent editorial in the Plaindealer in which we took occasion to flay the secretaries that infest the city at this time brought down on us the wrath of that gentry & some of their champions, but we have nothing to take back. We still say that t the present time they are a menace to the community & should be suppressed. And there is something wrong why they are not. We have been told that somebody is getting paid for protection & also that one of the old timers stands so well that he can fix things for them. In the meantime, they grow more bold & seem to flourish like the green bay tree. And Nero fiddles while Rome burns..."

*"Locals...Rev Thompson who is a regular AME missionary delivered a very interesting lecture on the mission work in Africa from which continent he has only recently been. He is here on a vacation & will return to his mission labors in Africa next year, he is stopping with Mr. & Mrs. blank on 8th Avenue...The Colored Progressive League meets a the Masonic Hall, Monday evening at 8 o'clock...The editor of this journal who is one of the delegates to the District Grand Lodge of the Colorado Jurisdiction which will meet in Colorado Springs on the 13 inst. has been honored by being asked to make the address in response to the address of welcome at the public exercises to be held in that city...The Second Baptist church is making Herculean efforts to raise a \$5,000 building fund & are showing great progress under the leadership of their new pastor..."

*"MISS ALMA BASS GIVES PIANO RECITAL"...at Germania Hall on Thursday evening
[program included compositions by Kargannof, Sinding, McDowell, Scharwenka.