

TELEGRAM.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31st, 1889.

To JOHN V. PETRITZ, Anaconda, Mont.:

I wish you a Happy New Year and long life and prosperity. Our last year's sales amounted to Five Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine (585,299) Barrels, an increase over the previous year of (85,000) Eighty-Five Thousand Barrels. Help us to double it in 1890. FRED PABST,
Of Pabst Brewing Co.

John V. Petritz, Anaconda, Montana, sold 76 car loads of the Pabst Brewing company's celebrated Milwaukee beer during the year 1889. This was 39 car loads more than his sales of the previous year. Mr. Petritz respectfully solicits his customers, old and new, to help him double his past year's sales during 1890.

JOHN V. PETRITZ,
◆—THE LEADING WHOLESALE—◆
Wine, Liquor and Cigar Dealer,
OF ANACONDA, MONT.

Sole Agent for Pabst Brewing Co.'s Milwaukee Beer.
All orders promptly Attended to. Correspondence Solicited.

ANACONDA, - - - MONTANA.

FIVE CENTS OR A BIT

**The Great Controversy That Is Agitating
the Saloon Men.**

COMMENTS ON THE BOYCOTT

**Mr. Petritz Defines His Position
in the Lager Beer Discus-
sion—He Is Willing to
Fight It Out.**

The movement against J. V. Petritz for selling Milwaukee beer to the 5-cent saloons was the subject of much conversation on the streets yesterday. The question was warmly discussed in various places. Among the up-town saloon men the impression prevailed that the idea was a just one and that the only way out of the difficulty was for Mr. Petritz to refuse to sell imported beer to the 5-cent places. One impression was that it was wrong to sell the Pabst beer to a bit saloon and at the same time to sell the same beer to that saloon man's nearest neighbor who only charges five cents per glass.

A. C. MacCallum of MacCallum & Cloutier, in a few remarks to the reporter said: "I don't fully understand the proposition as it now stands. It would appear that the action of the saloon keepers on Thursday evening was somewhat hasty. I think if Mr. Petritz and the proprietors of the 5-cent saloons had been consulted and met half way that the difficulty could easily have been bridged over. Mr. Petritz, however, should look after his own interests as his judgment directs him. It has only been recently that Milwaukee beer has been sold for five cents a glass. If the proprietors of these places desire to retail this beer for five cents a glass, of course that is their own business. However, I think it is not a very good thing for the town to advocate the five-cent price for beer. In my judgment Mr. Petritz could have got around the question if he had been properly approached. I think it would be a very good plan to refuse to sell imported beer to the five-cent saloons, but of course Mr. Petritz knows his own business."

Mr. Petritz was then seen and said: "I think the action of the saloon-keepers against me is the most absurd thing I ever heard of. Many prominent citizens, friends of mine, who are not in the saloon business, coincide with me and are laughing at the bare idea of a boycott under the circumstances. I readily admit that it will hurt me at present, and possibly for some time in the future. There are but two places at present that sell my Pabst beer for 5 cents a glass. They are the Mountain View saloon and John Barkovich's place on Chestnut street. John Barkovich commenced selling the beer at this price about one week ago and the Mountain View only two days ago. There are at present eight 5-cent beer saloons in the city. At six of these places they handle only the Anaconda and the Centennial and Silver Bow beer of Butte. John Barkovich and Mountain View saloon are old customers of mine, if they see fit to retail their goods at a cheaper price than formerly I don't consider that as being any of my business. In the other 5-cent saloons I have never had any trade nor have I solicited any. I make nothing on beer here, as it costs me \$11 per barrel to lay it down here and I get \$13 for it and pay the expenses of its delivery. Why don't the saloonkeepers make some kick against the Butte and Anaconda wholesale salers of beer? They probably sell a great deal more than I do, as their beer is handled in six or eight 5-cent saloons. People who want five-cent beer go and buy it and walk out regardless of what kind it is. Besides if I refuse to sell the beer to these people they can ship it in here from Butte at almost the same figure. Twenty-five cents difference on a keg makes but little difference to the purchaser. There are 100 ten-ounce glasses of beer in a keg which brings in \$8 at five cents a glass. This gives a net profit of more than 100 per cent, as the beer costs but \$3 per keg. In Milwaukee beer there is more head than in the local, and the liquor is lively until the last drop is used in the keg. In drawing the beer a large foam is caused, consequently many more glasses are sold than can be sold out of a keg of the Butte or Anaconda beer. Every saloon has its own class of customers and I propose to treat all alike and bar none. If they wish to buy beer of me, I have it for sale and all comers can get it; and those who don't want it, can get it where they may wish. While acknowledging that if boycotted in my entire business I will be greatly injured, I do not think the movement is a just one and I cannot comply with the demand."

John Barkovich when seen said: "I propose to continue the sale of Milwaukee beer at five cents a glass. I commenced it about eight days ago and think I have since had a better business than before. In regard to this action of the saloon men I don't care anything about it. If Mr. Petritz refuses to sell me beer I will take such steps as will enable me to get it elsewhere. There are a number of us here who have considered the matter and think we can get our own beer without much trouble. If necessary we can ship it in here from Milwaukee by the carload. Many of the people who are most vigorous in their kicks are now selling beer in half gallon tin mugs for 25 cents, which is less than 5 cents per glass. I used to do this, and was compelled to get the worst of it as nearly all of the sales was placed on my books since I began to sell the Pabst beer for five cents a glass. I trust nobody, and nothing but cash goes. I am at present doing a good business and buying my beer from Mr. Petritz, and I shall continue to do until he quits or leaves town."

John Bertin, proprietor of the Montana View saloon, who commenced selling Pabst beer for five cents only two days ago, was emphatic in stating that he would continue doing so, the saloon men to the contrary notwithstanding. If he could not buy of Petritz he would get his beer from some other source.

Several of the saloon men who were present at the meeting on Thursday night were visited and nearly all said they were going to stand by their resolutions. John Tooley, of Tooley & Hunt, and Barney McGinley were not present at the meeting on Thursday night and yesterday stated that they were willing to stand by the action of the meeting. They were in favor of keeping up the price of beer, especially imported beer, and to uphold the principles of the other saloon men. Mr. Petritz sold but little or no beer yesterday morning on his usual rounds, and many refused to buy other goods from him.

Continuing work of Dr. Hain & Co.
W. C. Lennington and W. H. Young
have secured the contract for the carpen-
ter work of the Petritz building, which is
being erected on Main street.

C. P. KING.

Bids.

Bids for the Petritz building will be received at the office of H. Kemna & Co., architects.

Building Improvements.

Architect Kemna said yesterday that by the end of the present week he expected the three business blocks now under his supervision would be roofed in. These buildings are the Petritz block on Main street, which also includes the building of a second story on the stores now occupied by D. Tietjen and the Rocky Mountain Telegraph company. The FitzPatrick block on First street, that is now built up to the second story, and the large St. Jean block on Park avenue are the other two buildings. There are many other improvements contemplated in the business portion of the city, and the residence portion has been steadily improving all summer, and great alterations will be noticed before snow flies.

Mr. Kemna said he had furnished plans for several buildings that would be commenced either this fall or in the spring, but of these he was unauthorized to speak. The year will have been a good one in the way of building enterprise.

A Good Ball Game.

The roof is being put on the new Petritz block on Main street. As soon as this building is finished, Mr. Petritz will remove his business from his west First street location.

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J. V. Petritz has enlarged his one story building on Main street until it is now quite an imposing structure of two stories and a basement, 50 foot on the streets running back towards the alley 80 feet. The two store rooms in the old building were occupied by Tietgen's cigar store and the Rocky Mountain Telegraph office until last night when the operators moved out. Mr. Petritz will occupy the first floor and basement of the new addition with his wholesale liquor business. The second story over the three store rooms will be partitioned off into office rooms, a wide stairway leading to the same from the street. The entire building will be finished in first class style and heated with steam. The cost of the block is about \$11,000. Workmen begin excavations today for a two story brick building, 40x20 feet, which will be on the same lot back of the main building with about 12 feet of open space between, to be used as a bottling works and the manufacture of soda water, cider, iron water and other Sunday school beverages. The engine and boiler to run the factory and furnish steam for the two buildings will be located in the basement under the wholesale liquor store. The factory building will cost about \$3,000.

Among the new residences that have been finished this week or are near com-

The Wormell Progressive Art School.
Mrs. E. Wormell has opened in room 8 of the Petritz block on Main street a school for instruction in single and double entry bookkeeping, perspective and mechanical drawing, sketching from nature, crayon and pastel drawing, oil and water color painting in landscape, flowers, birds and the like; portrait work in India ink, crayon and water color. The school is intended for old and young, open all day and in the evening. All are cordially invited to visit the school and examine the work.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Missouri Capitalists Buy the Petritz Block for \$25,000.

A \$25,000 deed was placed on record in the office of County Recorder Martin yesterday. By it John V. Petritz and wife sell to Jacob C. Fisher and Louis C. Lohman of Jefferson City, Cole county, Missouri, the property known as the Petritz block, on Main street. The official description is "lots 14 and 15, block 25, of Anaconda, together with all tenements, etc."

The block is of brick, two stories in height, was erected in 1893 and is situated in the busiest part of town.