

LARGE ATTENDANCE FOR COMING TERM

ABOUT 7,000 PUPILS ARE EXPECTED IN BUTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 15.

GROWTH OF THE CITY IS SHOWN BY THE INCREASE

New Buildings Added and Improvements Made—As the Season Approaches, the Small Boy Indulges in Doleful Visions of Incarceration to Come and Sadly Lays Away His Old Fishline.

Butte is high in the top ranks of cities with progressive public schools. Indeed there is not a city in the West with the same population that has as good a school system.

There are two reasons for this. First, the population of Butte is larger than it was last year, and second, there are hundreds of parents who have sent their children to private schools in the past, but who have waked to realization of the fact that the Butte public schools are second to none other in the country and in the future they will patronize them.

With the close of summer the small boy with cheeks of tan and turned-up pantaloons begins to feel his heart heavy within him. As the time approaches for the opening of school he is filled with dread. No more will he dangle his bare feet with sorely stubbed toes over the brink of the babbling brook, or angle with the impaled grasshopper for festive trout; no more will he steal away and go swimming, nor will his glad discordant shout vex the drowsy ear of the day-dreaming house dog as he leaps rejoicing over the kitchen door-mat and lies him off to seek whom and what he may devour in the open.

The teachers are returning from camping trips and vacations in distant homes, and as the reluctant youth now and then catches a glimpse of the familiar faces that mean to him books and study, he slips around the corner and is seen no more. The vision is of painful import to him.

About 7,000 Pupils Expected.

While it is impossible to predict the attendance for the different schools when they open, September 15, it is safe to say there will not be less than 7,000 pupils to report. Last year the schools opened with an attendance of 6,215, and Superintendent Young is authority for the statement that those figures will be improved upon by almost 7,000 this fall.

"The skeptics who are not satisfied with the growth of our city should inform themselves on the condition of the public schools," said Superintendent Young this afternoon. "Nothing speaks better for a community than an increased attendance in the schools and the attendance this year will be quite material over that of last."

"Not only are things improving in point of scholarship, but improvements are going forward all the time as regards buildings and equipment. For instance the school board has added 400 new volumes to the High School library; this will make 2,500 volumes we have in all. Can you show me a nicer school library anywhere? We are arranging to provide the different grades with supplemental reading matter, a thing that can now be found in all progressive schools East."

New Sherman School.

The new Sherman school house of Walkerville is now ready for use and will consolidate the Jackson, Jefferson and the old Sherman schools. A temporary building has been erected on the site of the old Hobart school and will be put to use this fall. A new room will be added to the Emerson building on the flats and by the opening of the school season the new Franklin school house of Meaderville will be ready for use. This school will be large enough to accommodate all the children of Meaderville and vicinity.

Following is a list of the number of pupils for each school last year and which Superintendent Young says will be materially added to this year:

- High School, 360; Washington street school, 275; Lincoln school, 600; Grant school, 220; Garfield school, 800; Webster school, 575; Franklin school, 350; Monroe school, 450; Jefferson school, 325; Adams school, 275; Blaine school, 200; Greeley school, 200; Hobart school, 240; Madison school, 125.

DELEGATES OFF FOR BIG CONVENTION IN HELENA

Independent Order of Good Templars Will Open Meeting in the Capital City Tomorrow.

Helena will have the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars and the Butte delegates will leave tonight to attend the meeting, which convenes tomorrow.

These are the delegates who will attend from the lodges of Butte and vicinity: Butte—City Lodge, No. 14—Kenneth Campbell, Mrs. Ruth Burton, Miss Elva Wright.

Leonard Lodge, No. 12—William Dobb, Miss Florence Hicks, Mrs. Gilbert. Walkerville Lodge, No. 25—Miss Thomas, Larry Hamilton, Miss Steiner.

Bertie Curtis Lodge, No. 16—Mrs. Morris, Charles Pierce, Mr. Davis. Grand Chief Templar C. S. Passmore of Butte will be at the head of the local delegation and will preside at the convention. He has been urged to run for the office again but it is understood he will not allow his name to be used.

The I. O. G. T. of Montana is in good shape. There are now 1,500 members of the subordinate lodges besides 600 juvenile members. The local templars alone own \$40,000 worth of property and the lodges throughout the state are in splendid financial condition.

BLAME OUR MARY FOR THIS MISHAP

WE ARE TO BE PUT IN A BOOK AGAIN, THIS TIME BY AN EASTERN AUTHORESS OF NOTE.

THEY ALL WANT TO GET MONTANA COLORING NOW

So Caroline Walch, Who Lately Set New York City Afire by a Daring Work on Wall Street and the Condition of the Stenographer in the Metropolis, is Here to Find Out All About Us.

Miss Caroline Walch, an Eastern authoress of note, is in Butte gathering material for a new book. Miss Walch was interviewed at the Thornton this afternoon by a representative of the Inter Mountain and talked most interestingly and comprehensively of Montana, its resources and prospects. The authoress is of graceful and gracious personality and in the few days she has spent in Butte has gathered a fund of information and data which she has mentally sorted and arranged with quick and accurate determination.

"My book will not treat particularly of Montana," said she, "it will incidentally touch upon the state and some of Montana's characters will be easily recognized in the volume. I have come to Butte to gather local color. I want to be entirely correct in regard to my western characters and their environment, and the only proper way to do this is to come among them. I have been much impressed with the wonderful resources of Montana, and it is my opinion that the state has only begun to awaken to its tremendous possibilities."

"Our Marvelous Water Supply. Why, in no other state in the union is there the marvelous water supply and water power that you have here among your grand mountains, and with the vast capital and progressive capitalists of the state, there is no reason why it should not be utilized to great results. I believe it is safe to prophesy that Montana will one day be a tremendous feeder of the eastern manufacturing cities, and there is apparently no reason why it should not take to manufacturing itself. The prospects opened by the passage of the irrigation law are of tremendous import. Australian wool is now shipped to England and thence to America. The Northwest should realize in this a great opportunity. With the immense water supply here there should be no lack of manufacturing power. Electricity should take a most important part in the affairs of the state, and the vast mineral production should ally itself with the other possibilities to make Montana one of the wealthiest states in the union."

Interested in Smelters.

"I have already visited some of the mines and am anxious to see the smelters and their processes. I am much impressed with the character of the western people also, and the prevailing spirit of determination and progress. I have heard the expression 'life bugs big' used in reference to Montana, and I know of no other expression that so fits the situation. To my observation there seems a wonderful spirit in things here in Butte, and if one but stops to think of the things being done here in the way of mining industries, on such a vast scale, and of how it keeps steadily going on, one must be impressed deeply. I have traveled a great deal and have been called something of a globe trotter, but I know of no place that has the interest for me in so many ways that Montana has. It is certainly a wonderful state."

Is a Daring Authoress.

Miss Walch's home is in Syracuse, N. Y. One of her books that attracted wide attention some two years ago was "Dr. Sphinx." It dealt comprehensively and interestingly of commercial life in New York and the panic on Wall street, and also incidentally touched upon the lives of stenographers in Gotham. The latter subject and the daring way in which the authoress dealt with it created something of a sensation.

Miss Walch is credited with being one of the brightest and most intelligent observers of social and commercial situations and her contributions to the current magazines are widely read.

The authoress also has praise for Montana's artists and has already accumulated an enviable collection of Paxson's powerful paintings and sketches. Some of these she is sending to Italy. She stated this afternoon that she regarded the Montana Indian painter as one of the most talented artists on the continent.

She will remain in Butte several weeks.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR LAUDABLE INSTITUTION

Open Letter Circulated Through the Churches of Butte Sets Forth Needs of the Local Y. M. C. A.

If the establishment of quarters for the Young Men's Christian association does not become an assure, fact within the near future, it will not be the fault of a few earnest citizens who are working to that end.

Yesterday an open letter was circulated in all the churches of Butte. The appeal is to the citizens of Butte and the following names are signed: A. H. Wetley, L. R. Foote, William Wilson, E. C. Sackles, B. E. Loan, W. J. Lutey, N. A. Forsythe, Dr. J. A. Donovan, V. E. Samsel, A. N. Winchel, E. J. Murphy, H. L. Klock and J. R. Russel.

It sets forth that the Butte Y. M. C. A. desires to establish permanent quarters with a reading room, a room for games, an athletic room, a gymnasium and other departments where the members, as well as young men who are strangers in the city, may go and spend their spare time.

It goes into the good work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the land and quotes the endorsements of such prominent men as President Roosevelt and William J. Bryan. An estimate of the cost of maintaining the institution for the next 15 months is named by the committee at \$5,000.

DILLON PREPARES FOR BIG MEETING

OLD-TIMERS WILL GATHER IN THE PRETTY LITTLE BEAVERHEAD TOWN IN SEPTEMBER.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MAN WHO BLAZED TRAIL

Those Who Came Into Treasure State When It Was a Wilderness Have Been Asked to Send in Their Memoirs Which Will Be Filed in the Archives and Used to Enlighten Posterity.

When the pioneers of Montana meet in the pretty little city of Dillon September 25, 26 and 27, they will find a ready welcome from the excellent people of that section of the state for already preparations have been made for a suitable reception to the men who blazed the trails and the women who mended bullets for the long-barreled rifles that stood off the Indians in the early days.

It is believed that fully three hundred pioneers will be present from points outside Beaverhead county. Thirteen hundred invitations have been issued and J. U. Sanders of Helena, secretary of the state association, is actively engaged in stimulating interest in the coming meeting.

An Old-Timer Who Knows.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Hon. B. F. White of Dillon, former governor of the state. There are few men in the northwest more capable of doing justice to the occasion. Mr. White knows the early residents of the state like a book, can tell the true story of the struggles of the men who crossed the plains and his speech will possess much historical interest to the generations that come after him and his companion trail-blazers are laid away.

One of the events of the meeting will be an excursion to Bannack, where the historic spots of the famous camp will be viewed by the men whose vigorous years were contemporaneous with the time the streams of gold started from the mines of the town lying across the hill from the headwaters of Pinter creek. This will be one of the most enjoyable of the incidents of the meeting and the feature will attract many pioneers to the gathering who otherwise might not come.

Bannack is the first seat of government of Montana territory and around the place cling memories that linger lovingly in the minds of the men who laid the foundations of the state.

Reduced Fare Granted.

The railroads have been generous to the pioneers. They have granted a fare and one-third to the members of the organization who attend the meeting at Dillon. Members must preserve the receipts and present these to the secretary of the association in Dillon and receive a voucher good for two-thirds of the fare on the return trip.

Many of the pioneers have prepared for the meeting. It is the request of Mr. Sanders that all of those who came into Montana by way of the Missouri river, or across the plains with John Bozeman or toiled north from Port Neuf canyon, write out their experience in getting to this favored land and file it with the secretary as part of the archives of the organization. These memoirs will be immensely valuable in the coming years, if the request of the secretary is generally complied with.

Glad Hand Will Be Out.

Down in the city of Dillon all is bustle and preparation, in keeping with the importance of preparing for the coming of such an important host. All who want hotel accommodations at the meeting should correspond with George W. French, T. M. Selway, William Roe or A. F. Graeter, secretary of the Beaverhead county pioneers association. These gentlemen will see that all who apply to them are housed snugly as bugs in a rug while they are within the city's gates, and will take especial care of the Butte delegation, to whom they extend the gladhand and give the customary privilege of shooting the lights out any time after the curfew bell is rung.

It is likely that George Irvin, William Owsley, Jim Murray, John Magnitz, Charles Warren, Dave Upton, Billy Farlin, John A. Legat, G. W. Newkirk, W. Y. Pemberton, Frank Beck, Hank Young, W. A. Clark, Granville Stuart, Ed. Hickey, J. P. Rains and Bryan Irvine will go to the meeting. Last year the meeting was in Missoula and many of the old timers from Eastern Montana did not attend. Dillon is more centrally situated and the meeting is sure to be well attended and a certain success.

IF CHRIST SHOULD COME TO THE WICKED CHICAGO

What Would He Think of the Small Per Cent of People Who Attend Church on His Day?

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Chicago, August 25.—For the purpose of ascertaining what proportion of the population of Chicago attends church on Sunday, the Record-Herald yesterday made a count of the men and women who were at the larger places of worship within the city. The general results follow:

Men at church, 80,844; women at church 123,723. Total, 204,567. Men in Chicago, 562,153; women in Chicago, 727,662. Total, 1,289,815. Percentage—Men at church, 14.4; women at church, 17.0; men and women at church, 15.8.

RECORD BROKEN BY HUGE CARGO OF BEEVES TAKEN BY THE NORDEN.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Portland, Me., August 25.—The largest shipment of cattle ever taken across the Atlantic left on the steamer Norden of the Dominion line.

In all there were 1,779 head of cattle and 1,398 sheep. This breaks all records for cattle shipments from the new world to the old.

All members of Butte Miners' Union are requested to attend next regular meeting, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of the Union.

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Butte Labor News.

MILLION MEN UNITED TO ADVANCE CAUSE OF LABOR

Something of the Scope of the American Federation of Labor and Its Great Membership.

The American Federation of Labor was founded in 1881 and is now made up of 82 national and international unions composed of 9,494 local unions, 16 state federations, 206 city central labor unions and 1,051 local unions not attached to national bodies. The total membership is over 1,250,000—a body of men united for the single purpose of advancing the cause of labor, yet taking no political action.

The Federation is supported by a small tax on affiliated organizations, its receipts last year being about \$71,000, its expenses \$68,000, mostly for salaries and organizing expenses, and for the annual convention. Its chief work consists in securing legislation in the United States congress, in harmonizing and directing union effort in the struggles common to all union labor; in using its influence in securing the use of union label goods, and in behalf of certain kinds of strikes, and in urging union labor everywhere to refuse to purchase goods manufactured or sold by unfair concerns.

In the Cigar Makers' union the insurance and benefit system has had its most complete development. During the past 21 years the Cigar Makers' International union, which now includes some 465 local unions, with about 35,000 members in the United States and Canada, has paid out nearly \$5,000,000 in benefits to its members and their families. In 1900 the insurance and benefit disbursements were:

For death benefits..... \$98,291.00 For sick benefits..... 117,455.84 For strike benefits..... 137,823.23 For out-of-work benefits..... 23,897.00 For loans to traveling members 33,238.13

Total for year..... \$410,705.20

All these various benefits are obtained by members on the payment of regular dues of 30 cents a week (certain old men and partial invalids pay only 10, 15 or 20 cents and are not entitled to all benefits). In case of death the family of a member receives from \$50 to \$550, and in the event of the death of his wife a member is paid a benefit. The benefits to men out on a strike were much larger in 1900 than usual, owing to a great strike in New York city. Instead of \$117,000 paid in 1900, the sum in 1899 was only \$12,000. In 1898 only \$25,000, in 1897 only \$12,000.

NORTHERN PACIFIC HAS GRANTED RAISE IN PAY

Four Hundred Telegraphers Are to Receive From \$2.50 to \$10.00 More Per Month From Now On.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] St. Paul, August 25.—Four hundred telegraph operators, one-half of the force employed by the Northern Pacific, will get an increase in wages September 1. An order increasing the minimum salaries in amounts from \$2.50 to \$10 per month was issued by the company Saturday. This action, which was voluntary, will add \$25,000 to the payroll of the company, and affects operators along the entire system.

O. C. Green, superintendent of telegraph of the Northern Pacific, when asked about the order, stated that it was entirely voluntary on the part of the company and was decided upon without the least agitation on the part of employees.

JAPANESE ARE TO BE USED TO BUILD ROAD

Valdes-Eagle Railway Will Be Pushed And From 1,000 to 2,000 Laborers Will Be Employed.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Tacoma, Wash., August 25.—It is announced that between 1,000 and 2,000 laborers will be wanted this fall to fill out the construction gangs on the Valdes-Eagle railroad, work on which will be started at once.

Plans are under consideration for sending north several hundred Japanese in order to hurry the work on the first 35 miles of the section which it is intended to have in operation next summer. Most of the Japanese will be taken from the Northwest, where they have been employed by railroads as section hands.

COAL MINERS TO RETURN

Chesapeake and Ohio Mines Will Probably Be Running by End of Week.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Thurmond, W. Va., August 25.—The striking miners held meetings at various points throughout the New and Kanawha river coal fields yesterday. Nothing has been made public as to what was done. Some of the operatives are in favor of resuming work and it is expected by the end of the week practically all of the mines in the Chesapeake and Ohio territory will be in operation.

LEAVE FOR THE METROPOLIS

Strike Leaders Go to New York on Mission of Mysterious Nature.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Hazleton, Pa., August 25.—D. J. McCarthy, chairman, and Matthew Long and Harry Silverman, members of the executive committee of the People's allyance of Hazleton, went to New York yesterday to endeavor to put into operation some plan looking to a termination of the strike. They declined to make public their plan or say who they hope to see in the metropolis.

PRESIDENT SHAFFER IS ILL

Chief Executive of Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers in Bad Way.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Pittsburg, August 25.—Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and prominent generally in labor circles, is seriously ill. President Shaffer was taken sick Saturday night. During the greater part of yesterday he was reported to have been delirious.

MEXICO SENDS FOR NEGROES

White Laborers Are Not to Be Had Within Confines of Republic.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Monterey, Mexico, August 25.—T. B. Fitzsimmons, a contractor, returned to Monterey after a trip over the republic in search of laborers for railway construction. He failed to secure a single workman.

At Tampico he found local contractors had dispatched a boat to Jamaica to bring over 1,000 negroes. They will be assured employment for a year.

Return to Work.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Ashland, Mass., August 25.—The 600 people of the Ashland sheet mills, who have been on strike some time will resume at midnight. Concessions have been made by both sides.

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