

THE JUDITH GAP JOURNAL

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MARION SMALL, BUSINESS MANAGER

When Sheriff Williams was petitioned by the business men of Judith Gap to appoint a deputy sheriff for his town, it may come as a surprise to all readers here to know that Judith Gap's deputy sheriff drew two names from a hat on the first of December. The Journal started an investigation to ascertain who the individual is and where he has been keeping himself all this time. His name is William Doores, and from reliable information at hand it is learned that he is a saloon keeper at Garnell, in Fergus county, and has been living there practically since his appointment. Mr. Doores may be all right, but what Judith Gap wants is a deputy sheriff who will reside in this place and attend to the duties of his office. Surely Sheriff Williams can find plenty of good men in Meagher county to fill this position, men who will be willing to live in the town over which they are supposed to have police jurisdiction.

The Journal is pained to see the discord manifested in the ranks of the residents of Hobson over the name for that town. The railroad company has named the place Hobson. Some of the old timers have put up a strong fight for Philbrook, and the scrap has continued until a great deal of bitterness has been engendered. Not long ago some Philbrook enthusiasts tore down the sign of Hobson from the station, and also the Hobson sign of Wm. H. Brown company that occupied a conspicuous place near the depot. If this seemingly senseless strife continues it will result in the removal of the business interests to some other point near there and a new town started. Then trains will not stop at the present town of Hobson-Philbrook, and there will be nothing left of that townsite but a disagreeable memory.

Eight sites have been selected by as many different breweries for cold storage plants in Judith Gap. They will make this town the distributing point for their products in a vast territory, and will send out their traveling men from here. It is learned that two packing houses will establish branches here in the spring, and make Judith Gap the distributing point. This will also necessitate managers, bookkeepers, shipping clerks and traveling men. Other wholesale lines of business will locate here, because all points in the state can be reached better and cheaper from here than any other town in Montana. And that is one of the reasons why Judith Gap is going to be a big city.

Along towards spring when all the farmers in the vicinity of Judith Gap get down to business the question of establishing a creamery here will be an important one to decide. Judith Gap's wideawake commercial club will undoubtedly take the matter up and do its share towards the establishment of one of these modern wealth-producers. Every farmer should have a bunch of milk cows on his place. The nutritious native grasses make butter fat whose product brings a fancy price in the butter markets of the state. The cow, the hen and the hog may not be the swiftest road to financial independence, but they are the surest.

We are in receipt of two copies of the Neche, North Dakota, Chrono type, edited by Rex Lammpan, one of the brainy young writers of that state. Neche is, perhaps, as good a place as any for this budding young literary genius to develop, but some day the field will be too limited. Then he will be called to the broader walks of literary endeavor—into the field lately occupied by Brann's Iconoclast, and now partly filled by Lewis' Human Life and Hubbard's Philistine. Rex is young yet, and if compliments do not turn his head, he will be heard from later in a publication of national circulation.

By the latest newspaper reports it would appear that Judith Gap will get a fast mail service from the east by the first of January, a few months earlier than expected. One thing is sure, unusually fast time can be made over the roadbed from Billings to Great Falls, as it is claimed there is no better piece of railroad construction in the country.

William C. Husband of North Dakota, has opened a law office in Harlowton. We do not know how good a lawyer Mr. Husband is, but while at Grand Forks we do know that he did some clever newspaper work on the Evening Times. He was attending law school there at the time, and was

considered one of the brightest members of a large class in which he graduated. He is a hustler, and as there are great opportunities in Montana for hustlers with ability, he will undoubtedly get to the front very rapidly.

The formation of a commercial and a boosters' club in Judith Gap Monday evening puts this place on a footing with the metropolitan cities of Montana and the coast. The enthusiasm displayed at this meeting augurs well for the future of the fastest growing town in Montana. Perfect harmony prevailed among the business men, and everyone has formed himself into a committee of one to do his utmost to keep Judith Gap growing, and it is going to grow until it reaches a population of 10,000, at which time we will all take a breathing spell, then take off our coats again and make it grow some more.

A farmer this side of Billings realized \$1,200 an acre from his apple crop this year. The homesteaders in this section should plant some apple trees about the first thing they do. The Judith Gap country is the coming fruit raising section of Montana. Stick a pin here.

In his message to congress President Roosevelt "riled" the dignity of the august senators and war has been declared. But the senate acts so slowly it cannot do much harm to Teddy before the 4th of March.

Montana has a splendid poultry association, and a local association should be formed as soon as possible and gain admission into the state organization. There are going to be a large number of poultry raisers in the Judith Gap country.

The Christmas edition of the Anaconda Standard is certainly a whale. Over 60 pages of interesting reading matter, ads and pictures. There is no question as to where Montana's greatest newspaper is published—it's at Anaconda.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad will change its name the first of the year, Puget Sound to take the place of St. Paul. The official name of the road will be Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound.

On the second day of January, the Twelfth legislative assembly of the state of Montana will convene in Helena. Much legislation of importance will no doubt be enacted.

Congressman Pray has introduced a bill dividing Montana into two United States judicial districts.

A FEW BELATED ONES

Returns On the Journal's First Edition Still Coming In.

The Fergus County Argus, for a great many years the only paper published in this section of Montana, is still being issued by its founder, John M. Vrooman. The old timers have taken it for twenty-five years, and it is said that they would not make half the fuss over their Bibles being mislaid as they would over the non-arrival of their favorite home journal if the Argus happened to be late. Mr. Vrooman has lived to see a wonderful change wrought in the territory in which his paper circulates. For twenty-years the people in this rich valley didn't attempt to raise anything but calves, lambs, colts and coyotes. What was the use? They made money at this, and plenty of it, and they didn't care whether crops could be raised or not. Mr. Vrooman thought he was prospering in those days, and he was, but that prosperity won't be a marker to what is coming to him, when all the land in this vast country is being tilled, and each individual farmer will have a big bank account, and will pay his subscription to the Argus. But what we started out to say was to inform the Argus that Judith Gap is even better than its local paper, and we hope it always will be, and to reproduce the following from the oldest paper in Lewistown:

The Judith Gap Journal is the latest journalistic candidate for public favor. The first number of the Journal made its appearance this week, and if the town is as good as the paper, both have a bright future. Judith Gap happens to be just over the line in Meagher county, but the new paper will assist in calling the attention of the world to Fergus county as well. S. J. Small is the proprietor and his son, Marion Small, late of the Argus composing rooms, is the business manager.

Wellington Irysh, a former business associate of the publisher of the Journal in a newspaper enterprise at Mott, North Dakota, threatens to make Judith Gap a visit in the near future. If the people of this lively burg see a gentleman get off the train with a suit case, two grips and a trunk, who looks like Roosevelt, is dressed like a millionaire Harvard graduate, and has the martial bearing of the Duke of Wellington, after whom he is named, they will at once recognize the writer of the following: A number of copies of the Judith

Gap (Mont.) Journal have been received here of late. S. J. Small, lately associated with the writer in business at Mott, is the editor and publisher. The Journal is a dandy and reflects the good business methods and booming characteristics of Brother Small. It is typographically neat, well edited and bids fair to become a successful venture and is a valuable asset to Judith Gap and tributary country.

W. Harry Spears, of the Mandan Pioneer, western North Dakota's greatest weekly, writes this breezy notice:

S. J. Small, formerly connected with this paper, is now permanently located at Judith Gap, Montana, where he has established a newspaper called the Judith Gap Journal, the first copy of which is just to our table. Sam seems to have struck it rich. He is United States commissioner, townsite agent, and can be postmaster if he can find the time. His paper is a neat, hoosty sheet and shows originality that Sam was always noted for. We wish him much success. We note that George Scambler, a former Mandanite, and Chas. Auger, brother-in-law of Wm. H. Brown, also a former Mandanite, are located in the same town. This trio ought to make things hum out in old Montana.

John H. Bloom, an uncompromising democrat, a devout worshiper at the shrine of the Peerless Leader, a good friend of his friends and a hard fighter of his enemies, has this to say in the Devil's Lake Journal of Judith Gap's leading newspaper:

The Judith Gap Journal, published at Judith Gap, Montana, is the name of the newspaper just started by Col. S. J. Small, formerly of this city, and who owned the Inter-Ocean for a number of years. Like all of Col. Small's newspapers, the Journal is a most excellent paper typographically, locally and in every way which goes to make a newspaper interesting. It is good to know that the colonel is once more in the harness, that he is located in a good town and that he seems to have won a pleasant look from the fickle goddess of prosperity. While the colonel makes no mention of the fact in his new paper, it is known that he had in mind the Devil's Lake Journal when he was thinking up a name for his paper, and we wish him the success and prosperity his ability and geniality so richly merit.

Montana's Land Heritage.

The report of the state land agent yesterday giving the receipts from the sale and lease of state lands is proof of the rich heritage that state has in the lands which were given it when the territory became a state. The income last year aggregated \$800,000, while the total receipts since the organization of the department at White Sulphur Springs on Tuesday have been almost \$5,000,000. One of the remarkable things shown by the report is that almost half of the total income of the office has been from rentals, that item amounting to over \$2,000,000. The greater part of the state lands is the property of the public schools of the state. There is every reason to believe that as the years pass the value of these lands will increase in greater ratio than they have since the first years of statehood and not only will their sale value be greater, but their rental also.

What is said about the public school lands applies also to the lands which belong to the various state educational institutions. While in the past comparatively little of the land has brought more than the minimum price for which it may be sold, \$10 per acre, there is no doubt but what much land which has heretofore been classed as grazing, will under more modern and scientific methods of farming become valuable because of its adaptability to crop production.

As the state grows in population the demands of the schools will become more insistent and their cost will increase. But from the usufruct of the state lands will come an income which will insure maintenance in this state of a school system which will be equal to any in the country.—Helena Record.

A New Luminant.

Petrol-air gas, the invention of a British scientist, is destined to work wonders if even half of what Consul Joseph G. Stephens writes about it from Plymouth be true. Mr. Stephens has examined the invention and declares that from 50 to 75 per cent. can be saved on gas bills by its use, according to the Chicago Record-Herald.

The gas is made by the carbureting of air with a small proportion of petrol vapor, the resultant mixture, according to the consul's report, being highly illuminating, non-explosive, without smell, and without injurious effects if inhaled. The gas costs less than one English shilling (24 cents) a thousand cubic feet to produce. A 125 candle power burner when in use costs one-fifth of a cent an hour and will light a large room. At a cost of 2 cents enough gas can be supplied to a radiator for the heating of an ordinary room during eight hours. A producing plant capable of supplying 25 lights can be made for about \$100.

Aside from the economy involved it would seem that in this invention we have found other long-felt wants—a gas that will not blow up the fellow who goes hunting a leak with a lighted match, and that can be blown out by the man from the backwoods of Arkansas without calling for the services of the coroner.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT

(From the Meagher Republican.) The board of county commissioners have been in session this week, when contracts for county work were awarded. E. J. Hartfield received the contract for supplying medicines for the county; Dr. McKay, for medical treatment; George Willison, for the

care of county poor farm, and the county printing to the Meagher Republican.

E. H. Tague has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of County Treasurer Fowling, who resigned to accept the office of clerk and recorder.

A dispatch from Kansas City to the Republican says: Mrs. J. C. Morris of Martinsdale, Mont., has purchased a great many gold fish with which she expects to stock the several mountain streams near Martinsdale. Among the fish already contracted for are several black fish, and introduced new specie of the finny tribe. It is supposed to be a cross between the gold fish and the African "Pascado," a fish that is said to gather its food along the banks and has often been seen floundering about on dry land in search of worms and other insects.

Mr. J. C. Morris when he was seen today at his hotel and questioned about the large purchase of fish replied:

"It is true that my wife is going to try the unique experiment of stocking some of the streams with gold fish, and a few of the new variety, but I am not overly enthusiastic about it. She has been lead to believe that gold fish will prosper in the cold, clear waters of Meagher county, Mont., but I am a little skeptical about it. I have no objection to her novel experiment, however, and shall rather encourage the enterprise by ordering an extra shipment myself.

"Yes, we are both improving rapidly in health and shall return to Martinsdale just before Christmas. We have a great country out here. Our mines, farms and stock raising industries are all in a flourishing condition, and since Bryanism has been

relegated to the past we ought to still prosper. If our fish experiment proves a success I believe Martinsdale and White Sulphur Springs will soon become the mecca of anglers."

In the Cause of Education.

An experienced teacher says that the pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not, are better readers, better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators, and read more understandingly and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires others. The newspaper is decidedly an important factor in modern life. This will not be disputed by anyone who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter for himself.

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The Palmer's GARNET



PATRONIZE YOUR HOME MERCHANTS FIRST. We do not ask you to buy anything from us that you can get in Judith Gap. We carry a large stock of General Merchandise, comprising many things that your home stores do not carry, and assure you that we can make prices that deserve your patronage. In addition to low prices, we will refund railroad fare both ways on purchases of \$20 or over.

Clothing

We sell the celebrated "SINCERITY" line of Men's Clothing, unequalled for quality, style and price. We can fit you in a neat, stylish suit, at, from **\$15 to \$25**

Men's Fur Coats

\$15.00 to \$60.00

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Ladies' Dress Skirts made by the Royal Skirt Company of New York, at **\$3.50 to \$12.50**
Ladies' Long Coats, The "Palmer" Line, at **\$6.00 to \$45.00**
Misses' Long Coats, The "Palmer" Line, at **\$4.00 to \$10.00**
Children's Long Coats, The "Palmer" Line, at **\$2.50 to \$9.00**
Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, The "Palmer" Line, at **\$9.50 to \$30.00**

Furniture

No house in the Judith Basin can compete with us in the Furniture Department. Our Furniture room is 25x120 and filled with a very complete line. Our exceptional facilities for buying enable us to offer you lower prices than you can get elsewhere.

We are offering a Chiffonier with five drawers, top drawer swell, French Mirror, at the extremely low price of **\$9.50**

A Cane Bottom or Cobble Seat Rocker, like cut, at **\$2.50**
Cane Bottom Sewing Rocker at **\$2.00**
Cane Bottom Sewing Rocker at **\$1.50**
Dining Chairs **90c to \$2.50**
Iron Beds **\$4.00 to \$30.00**

Remember we pay your railroad fare both ways on purchases of \$20 or more.

If you can't find the article you want in Judith Gap, come and see us.

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