

## POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WEDDED

On Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, Miss Rose Skeen and George D. Kidler were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the ranch home of the groom, three miles east of town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Carlos D. Bradley of the Methodist Church.

The bride is a young lady whose friends are numbered by her acquaintances. She has acted as deputy postmistress in this city for over two years past. Mrs. Kidler is a daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. Skeen, and a sister of County Treasurer Oscar M. Skeen.

The groom is one of the successful young ranchers of the Judith Gap section. He long ago learned the benefits derived from diversified farming and has made good.

The happy young couple commenced housekeeping at once and will be at home to their friends next Monday. The Journal extends to them hearty congratulations and well wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

## CUSHMAN-LAVINA HEARING THIS WEEK

The long sought for connection between the Great Northern and the Milwaukee at Cushman and Lavina will be up again before the Montana State railway commission this week, in the district court room.

This time the hearing will be before a changed commission. When previously tried the vote was two to one in favor of the connection. Commissioner J. H. Hall has since taken the place of Commissioner Stanton who was one of the members in favor of the connection formerly.

The members of the commission now are Dan Bayle, E. E. Morely and J. H. Hall, with B. F. McLaren as secretary. It is expected that a crowd of business men and interested citizens will be present at the hearing and delegations from Montana towns opposed to the connection will be present with witnesses against the proposed connection.

It is expected that in the event of a favorable decision before the commission the railroads will take the matter into the courts to test the constitutionality of the new law which was passed at the recent legislative session, giving the commission power to force a connection.

The previous order of the commission for the connection was abrogated

## GOLD MEDALS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

From the Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.—A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendent of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the office of public roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

by a contention of the railroad that inasmuch as one of the roads crosses the other by trussle rather than at the same level there is no actual physical connection between them.

Chairman Selvidge of the railway committee of the chamber of commerce who has been in charge of the fight since its inception will present the Billings side of the argument.—Billings Gazette.

### Ladies' Hats.

Mrs. E. Langdon Harrison is returning from Lewistown with a new and nifty line of ladies' and children's hats which she will show for a few days at the Palais Royal. Come in and see them.

## RAY D. OSTERGREN KILLS SELF ON WIDDIFIELD RANCH

Ray D. Ostergren, twenty-six years of age, shot and killed himself some time between 10:30 and 12:25 noon on Thursday.

He was sent out here a week ago by O. W. Miller, who recently purchased the F. M. Widdifield place, to take charge of the property until Mr. Miller could ship his goods out here.

There was no one on the ranch with him at the time of the shooting. He and Harry Widdifield had been baching together for several days. Harry left him about 10:30 in the forenoon and he said that he would have the fire going for dinner by the time Harry returned from the Dawes' ranch with a load of hay.

Harry returned about 12:00 o'clock and drove in front of his cabin and on to the barn. He saw Ostergren lying on the edge of the bed, but thought that he was sleeping. He put the team in the barn and returned to the cabin and called to the man twice before he noticed the lack of color in his face and the presence of the 30-30 rifle between the man's legs. Dr. Gans was speedily summoned

and found the body just as it had fallen after the fatal shot.

Those who viewed the body were of the opinion that Ostergren committed suicide, but Mr. Miller, who arrived shortly after the occurrence could not believe that such could be the case. He had known the young man from boyhood and knew of no reason why he should take his life. Mr. Miller is of the opinion that while fooling with the gun he discharged it accidentally.

The bullet entered his breast almost in the center and must have pierced the heart, causing death instantly, because he showed no signs of having struggled. A small piece of broom handle lay across his arm and it looked as though he had used it to push the trigger, but then other reasons have come up as to why he had the stick.

The coroner of Fergus county was notified and took charge of the body this morning. Relatives in Minneapolis were notified. Mr. Miller has arranged to have the body embalmed and sent back to St. Paul.

## COURT GRANTS AN INJUNCTION

Judge Mathews granted an injunction last Friday night, restraining the county clerk from calling the election of May 9, for the creation of Wheatland county. The injunction, however, is only temporary, and will be of no value unless certain conditions of granting are fulfilled and a permanent order of restraint given.

The injunction was the result of an action of E. C. Baxter et al., vs. George Fowle, county clerk, asking that the clerk be restrained from calling the election. The condition was stipulated that if the money should be deposited to cover the expense which Meagher county has already incurred, the permanent injunction would be granted.

In the meantime, until the permanent order is filed, the county clerk must go ahead with the election proclamation. The total expense amounts to about \$600, and we understand the amount is not yet in the hands of the proper officials. In case the money is not forthcoming, it is very likely that the permanent injunction will not be granted. Because of the fact that the present boundaries would not leave other counties their required valuation, is generally conceded that the election would not be legal, and would not hold.—White Sulphur Springs Republican.

## NEW MARK SET BY HILL LINE

Minneapolis, Minn., April 16.—The Great Northern road will break all former records for gross earnings in the fiscal year that will end June 30, 1913, if the present rate is maintained. The eight months ending February 28 shows a gross revenue that exceeds that of last year by \$8,500,000 and a gain of \$10,000,000 for the year is probable.

From this time forward it is not likely that the earnings will run as high as in the first eight months of the year, which include the fall months with the heavy grain movement, but indications are that there will be a gain for the four remaining months that will exceed last year's earnings in the corresponding period by \$1,500,000.

The newer branch lines of the Great Northern, especially the Montana lines, have contributed in an important manner to the gross totals. The line west from New Rockford, N. D., to Lewistown, Mont., which is now under construction, is expected to be a valuable addition as it will not only open much new agricultural country, but will be an additional east and west line. It will not figure this year or probably in next year's earnings, but should be in full operation within two years.

## JUDITH GAP INCORPORATED

On Tuesday the special election for the purpose of incorporating Judith Gap as a town was held. There was not as large a vote polled as was anticipated; but the result was the same as expected. The total vote was 37-34 in favor of incorporation and 3 against it.

The returns were sent to White Sulphur Springs where they will be canvassed by the county commissioners at their next meeting. They will thereupon order an election of city officers and publish a notice to that effect.

The residents of this little city feel highly elated over the new aspect things take for the future. They feel big and proud of themselves; just as a young man feels his importance after casting his first vote.

There will be many difficulties to contend with; but the residents of Judith Gap, as of yore, will meet each obstruction fearlessly. They may all have their likes and dislikes, but never has the fair name of Judith Gap suffered from want of support by any and all of her citizens.

There have been a large number of gentlemen talked of for mayor of our little city, but the consensus of opinion is in favor of H. L. Bills. Mr. Bills is highly capable of superintending the affairs of the Gap for the next year, which undoubtedly will be its hardest. He is a man who has been highly successful in his own business and will, beyond question, give the town the best of assistance.

The question of aldermen has been giving the people some chance for varied opinions; but it should be an easy matter to choose in view of the fact that the betterment of Judith Gap is the common cause, and we are all for the common cause. So what difference who acts as aldermen? The paramount issue will be, "The best for Judith Gap."

### Card of Thanks.

To the friends who came to us in our hour of trouble, and contributed all that human kindness could suggest, to help and comfort, we return most heartfelt thanks. And although such devoted friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger, it brings into view the brightest side of humanity, and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into a darkened home. We thank them for the generous aid and tender sympathy they brought to our home when death was an inmate there.

—Mr. and Mrs. James T. Raw, Garnett.

## BOYS AND GIRLS PRIZE CONTEST

Helena, Mont., April 15. (Special)—The Montana State Fair, which will be held September 22 to 27, 1913, at Helena, has again decided to inaugurate a boys' and girls' industrial department under the supervision of Prof. F. S. Cooley of the Montana Agricultural college.

The entries will be similar to those of last year, that is, boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen from each county will compete in a potato or corn growing contest; girls from a like age in each county who make the best corset cover. All the entries from each county will be assembled and judged, and prizes to be awarded the winning contestants.

The products winning the county championships will be exhibited at the state fair where the state championships will be awarded. The potato and corn entries of the boys will be exhibited in the agricultural building and the entries of the girls will be displayed in the women's department. The county champions will be the guests of the state fair during a five day period from the 22d to the 26th, and receive free admission. Their lodging and meals in Helena will be paid for by the fair board.

The boys and girls will be in charge of reliable and competent men and women while in Helena. It is expected that county prizes will pay the winners' railroad fare to Helena. A school of stock judging under competent instructors will be conducted from nine to twelve o'clock, each forenoon during the fair, using live-stock on exhibition. A similar course of instruction in home science will be given during the same hours to the girls who have won like honors.

The county prizes will be awarded by judges selected by the county superintendent of schools, at such a time and place as she may designate. The time should be about one week prior to the state fair. Wherever practicable the county fair may be designated and its judges appointed to decide these rewards.

The county superintendent of schools may divide her county into convenient districts, each under the direction of a teacher designated to have charge of an exhibition in that district, the winners of the district prizes to compete for county honors under the direction of the county superintendent.

### New Baseball League Formed.

A new baseball league has been recently formed in central and southern Montana and northern Wyoming. It is known as the Midland Empire league and is made up of teams from the following cities: Billings, Mont., Lewistown, Mont., Sheridan, Wyo., and Buffalo, Wyo.

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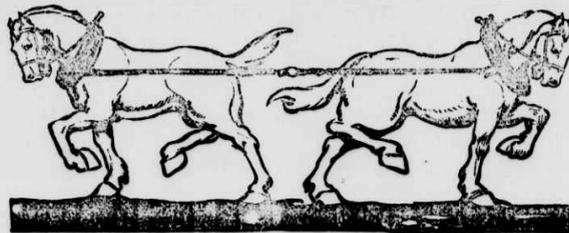
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The only way to make a town advance is BY TEAM WORK.

The last census shows that many American cities and villages advanced marvelously, others almost stood still, while others actually went backward.

It is a 10 to 1 bet that in the growing towns you will find a UNITED CIVIC SPIRIT. They support a board of trade, a commercial club or some other form of organized boosting.

It is just as certain that in the towns standing still or going backward will be found factionalism and bickering—the citizens pulling in different directions.

Even horse sense ought to teach men the advantage of pulling together.

**TEAM WORK**—that's the secret of TOWN BOOMING—team work!

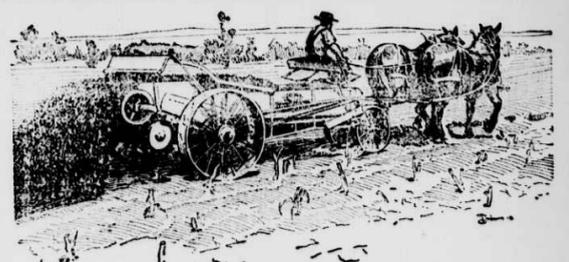
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