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THE BANQUET.

As an attractive feature of Missoula's calendar, the Red Apple banquet must be given a permanent place. Last night's affair at Ye Olde Inn was in all respects a delightful occasion; it brought out the pleasant expressions that any town likes to hear regarding itself, and it cemented more solidly the tie that binds the different sections of Montana in a community of interest. The arrangements for the banquet had been carefully made, and it would be unfair in any reference to the occasion to omit mention of the efforts made by Chairman Rhoades of the banquet committee and by the management of Ye Olde Inn to insure the complete success of the occasion. With these carefully planned arrangements and with Colonel Marshall as presiding officer, it was a certainty that the banquet would pass off pleasantly and that it would add to the reputation of Missoula and her neighbors in the Land of the McIntosh Red for hospitality and good cheer. If there was anybody at the banquet last night who did not have a good time it was certainly his own fault; there were pleasant company, witty eloquence and enough to eat and drink; that is a combination that assures pleasure if a man is right, and there was nobody at the banquet last night who was not all right. It was an occasion long to be remembered by Missoula, who hopes that her guests feel the same way.

A MILESTONE.

Yesterday's ceremonies at the state university marked more than the mere passing of another year in the history of the institution. They stood for a substantial advance along the line of development that has been marked out for the institution, and they emphasized the high standard of efficiency that has been set for the attainment of the young people who are receiving their education at this place. The anniversary exercises in the morning brought out the scholarly address of E. C. Day of Helena, whose words should be carefully read this morning by those who were so unfortunate as to miss hearing it yesterday; there was much of encouragement, and there was a great deal of inspiration in the talk of Mr. Day; it presented clearly the thought that should be uppermost in the minds of every Montanan as he considers the university and its sister institutions in the state. Mr. Day's review of the development of Montana was graphic and interesting; his presentation of present conditions was accurate; his forecast of the future was calculated to inspire hope and confidence. It was an address worthy of the occasion. The afternoon exercises were devoted to the dedication of the handsome new library building which becomes a part of the equipment of the university and provides room for the work of the institution that has been long needed; these exercises were fraught with deep interest and were participated in by men whose hearts are in the work of the university and whose presence at the institution yesterday was a guarantee that the welfare of the school will be carefully guarded.

SENATE BILL 18

There are widely different views regarding the provisions of Senate Bill No. 18, which has been the subject of so much discussion in the Bitter Root valley this week. The Bitter Root farmowners are of the opinion that it is a vicious measure, in fact that its enactment will result in the virtual confiscation of their lands to meet the expense of ditch construction by somebody else who may wish to take advantage of the law. If this contention is correct, and there are good attorneys who believe it is, the Bitter Root people are warranted in the earnestness with which they have taken up the opposition to the measure.

On the other hand, the members of the senate who were interviewed yesterday in Missoula by The Missoulian assert that the local interpretation of the measure is wrong; that the bill is but a modification of the Whiteside irrigation district bill which was enacted two years ago, the modifications having been made to meet the requirements that were found to exist when the law was placed in operation in Flathead county. The bill, it is said, received the most careful consideration

in the senate and was passed without a dissenting vote, the senators having satisfied themselves that it is a meritorious measure. These are the two sides to the question; from attorneys, The Missoulian has obtained expressions which are as widely differing. A reading of the bill in the form in which it has been circulated here leads to the conclusion that some of the local contentions are well founded, and that there is in the bill a menace to the holdings of the farmer whose land, long improved, may lie in a section where it is proposed to construct a ditch. No confiscation law should be enacted; it is doubtful if such a law as this is held by the Bitter Root people to be would stand, even if it were passed. But the inquiry which the Bitter Root people are making is certainly warranted, even if their suspicions are found to be without ground.

A GOOD SAMPLE.

The delegation that came over from the eleventh assembly yesterday to attend the Charter day exercises and the Red Apple banquet was all right; assuming that it is a fair sample of the quality of the present legislature, that body has been slandered by the reports that have been sent out that it didn't amount to much. Missoula, after having looked over the sample submitted, is willing to take oath that the eleventh assembly sizes up with any of its predecessors. Those of us who do not get away from home have been worried a bit by the reports that our legislative material is retrograding; yesterday's experience disabused our minds of that mistake, and we rest easy in the confidence that the state is all right. If it served no other purpose, yesterday's occasion was worth all the effort that it cost.

You may envy the old gods on Olympus, who were told on ambrosia were fed, but you'll realize that you have them beaten when you taste of the McIntosh Red.

There was pleasure in the anticipation of the Red Apple banquet, there was delight in its realization and there is extreme satisfaction in retrospection.

Blue water, brown soil and golden sunshine develop the Red Apple and these are found in their best form in the Land of the McIntosh Red.

The Red Apple is a beautiful emblem but its significance is more than its mere attractiveness; it stands for honesty and for excellence.

You can bet that there will be another Red Apple banquet and you will not violate the poolroom law when you make the wager.

Red Apples in the morning and more at noon and night will cure that tired feeling and brace you up all right.

The country which is entitled to have the Red Apple for an emblem needs no other endorsement.

Of course, Red Apple Read was here; the occasion would not have been complete without him.

The Red Apple banquet is history as far as this year goes but we all hope to be here in 1910.

Red Apple people are modest, else we would say that Missoula set a lively pace yesterday.

The Red Apple girls likewise contribute to the delight of life in these parts.

One good feature of Red Apple day is the pleasant memories that it leaves.

The McIntosh Red has a red of its own that cannot be counterfeited.

Red Apples are as sure a foundation of wealth as are yellow nuggets.

A country that produces Red Apples is a mighty good country.

The Land of the McIntosh Red hopes that its guests will return.

The Red Apple button stands for all that is best in life.

And the real Red Apple sunshine helped out the day.

The red of the Red Apple is the red of cheerfulness.

There is nothing green about Red Apple people.

The red of the McIntosh dispels blues.

Red Apples are intensely illuminating.

Red Apple day was a red letter day.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

A pension of \$12,000 a year is provided for ex-presidents in a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Volstead of Minnesota. Representative Butler Ames of the fifth Massachusetts district denies the published report that he would spend \$100,000 to defeat senator Lodge for re-election. The democratic state central committee of Missouri has elected Colonel Moses Wetmore of St. Louis as national committeeman to succeed W. A. Rothwell, who died during the presidential campaign last fall. The house of representatives in New Hampshire has turned down a bill that provided for the erection of a statue of Franklin Pierce, the only New Hampshire man ever elected president of the United States. Senator Elihu Root is to remain at Fort Snelling, Ark., until February 22. On February 27 he is to be one of the guests at the annual dinner of the Amen Corner association at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city. Charles Nagel, who is mentioned as the next secretary of commerce and labor, is a prominent lawyer of St. Louis. He served one term in the Missouri legislature, and was pres-

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dent of the St. Louis city council four years.

Henry M. Hoyt, solicitor-general of the department of justice, who it has been said, was to be appointed under-secretary of state, the new position for which provision is made in the Knox bill pending in the senate, will go to Philadelphia at the close of the present administration to practice law.

C. H. Bently, whose appointment as secretary of the interior is being urged upon President-Elect Taft by some prominent Californians, has been identified with the business life of San Francisco for many years. He was born in California and has served as president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce.

Congressman William S. Bennett, who has been considered favorably as a possible republican or fusion candidate for mayor of New York next fall, has been objected to by influential republicans who are to have a say in the municipal campaign because of Mr. Bennett's well known attitude in favor of local option.

LABOR NOTES

After sixteen years of continuous service in congress, it is believed of the eighth district of Massachusetts, is considering retirement. He has been offered the presidency of Dartmouth college, of which institution he is a graduate, and it is thought likely he will accept the offer.

William Loeb, Jr., who in all probability is to be the collector of the port of New York, is 42 years old and a native of Albany. Like his predecessor, George B. Cortelyou, who was secretary to President McKinley, Mr. Loeb is one of the most efficient shorthand writers in the country. He has been chief secretary to President Roosevelt since early in 1902.

After March 4 the state of Mississippi will have seven native senators in congress. Senator Chamberlain, recently elected in Oregon, and Senator Nevada of Nevada are natives of Natchez, Miss. Senator Clark of Arkansas and Senator Gore of Oklahoma are natives of Mississippi. Senator Bailey of Texas was born and educated in Mississippi. These five, all representing different states, with Senators Money and McLaurin of Mississippi, will give the Delta state seven senators.

Hutchinson, Kas., will vote in March on the question of adopting the commission form of government. G. Gunby Jordan, a prominent capitalist and manufacturer of Savannah, is mentioned as a possible candidate for governor of Georgia two years hence.

The prohibition wave that has swept with telling effect over many parts of the south is now threatening to engulf the state of Virginia. Already many large towns and cities in the old Dominion have voted "dry."

Representative James E. Watson, recent republican candidate for governor of Indiana, may be secretary of commerce and labor in the new Taft cabinet, according to political gossip current in Washington.

Four states give equal suffrage to women—Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho and Utah. Rhode Island, by legislative vote, and Oregon, by popular vote, have refused to adopt equal suffrage for women. Eighteen states now have school suffrage for women.

According to one Washington authority five places in the Taft cabinet have been decided upon as follows: Secretary of state, Philander Knott of Pennsylvania; secretary of the treasury, George M. Reynolds of Illinois; secretary of the interior, Richard A. Ballinger of Washington; secretary of agriculture, James Wilson of Iowa; Postmaster-general, Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts. A bill introduced in the Texas legislature provides for a graduated tax on bachelors of from \$25 to \$10, according to age; double tax unless each eligible bachelor makes affidavit that he has proposed to at least one woman during the year. A somewhat similar measure introduced in the Wisconsin legislature calls for the organization of a state bureau to find wives for bachelors who wish to avoid the tax.

Representative Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, who is said by some to be slated for the agricultural portfolio in the Taft cabinet, is 48 years old and the son of a blacksmith. He worked his way through college, studied for the bar and became a successful lawyer. He married the daughter of George M. Pullman, the millionaire car manufacturer, and was elected to congress. He is well known as a practical farmer.

If Postmaster-General Meyer becomes secretary of the navy, as now appears likely, he will be the seventh Massachusetts man who has held the navy portfolio. Jacob Crowninshield was the first Massachusetts man at the head of the department. He was appointed by President Jefferson in 1805. The others were B. W.

Crowninshield, David Henshaw, George Bancroft, the historian; John D. Long and William H. Moody, now a justice of the United States supreme court.

The Massachusetts ballot, about which much has been heard of late, was devised by Richard Henry Dana. Its principal features are described as follows: All candidates for the same office are grouped together alphabetically, with the party name or names after each candidate. The voter expresses his choice by placing a cross opposite the candidate in each group for whom he wishes to vote. The ballot has been adopted by Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island, Colorado, Nebraska, Oregon, Nevada, Minnesota, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi and Virginia. In some of these states it has been modified in some respects.

The plasterers at Ottawa, Ont., recently formed a union.

A printing trades council was recently formed at Houston, Texas. The union men of Fall River, Mass., expect to re-elect the present mayor, who is a member of the street railway union.

As a result of their first attempt at politics the trade unionists at Davenport, Iowa, elected a member of the state legislature.

The Birmingham (England) tramway committee has decided to reduce the working time of tramway men from 60 to 54 hours a week.

German steel works are beginning to use electric furnaces on an extensive scale for handling large quantities of metal in one operation.

St. Paul (Minn.) will be a candidate for the 1910 annual convention of the Railway Clerks and Freight Handlers' International union.

It is estimated that the cost of the superannuation benefits alone to the Associated Iron Molders of Scotland will amount to \$62,750 for the current year.

A branch of the National Women's Trade Union league has been organized in St. Louis, Mo., and promises to be of valuable assistance to the movement in that city.

The movement to establish a retreat for aged, sick and infirm members of the painters, decorators and paper-hangers of America is receiving the hearty endorsement of the craft.

The Teamsters and Lumber Handlers' union of Sacramento, Cal., has appointed a committee to endeavor to have the ice men and the truck drivers combine with them.

The carters' strike in Dublin (Ireland) shows no sign of termination, negotiations for a settlement having failed through. A partial settlement of the mailmen's strike is announced. The Municipal Ownership league which was organized by the New York Central Labor union, and which has been permitted to slumber since the election of four years ago, is now to be revived.

A strong organization has been formed at Waco (Texas) to work for the initiative and referendum in the next legislature. This organization has the support of the farmers' unions as well as the trade unions.

Now that the Washington (D. C.) Central Labor union has declared for suffrage in the District of Columbia, it is proposed by certain leaders among the workmen that a suffrage league be formed there. It is alleged that the railroads of the state of New York will fight the semi-monthly pay bill which was passed last session of the legislature. Their intention is said to be to have the law declared unconstitutional.

The organization of a labor protective league is planned in Boeton.

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Union cigarmakers in Pennsylvania intend to demand an increase in wages.

In 1834 a mechanics' convention was held in Utica, N. Y., to protest against convict labor.

About 400 maltsters employed in Dublin, Ireland, breweries have struck for an increase of wages.

A Saturday afternoon holiday was the custom in England among workmen so far back as the thirteenth century.

A New England district council of the retail clerks' union was formed at a convention of 32 of the unions.

The district officers from 14 states of the electrical workers' union will meet at Mobile, Ala., for a three days' session.

The government of Hungary has ordered the dissolution of the union of railway workers and the confiscation of their funds.

A great victory is recorded in favor of industrial peace in England by the constitution of a conciliation board for iron foundries throughout Lancashire.

The coal miners' federation in New Zealand has decided to register under the trades union act instead of the arbitration act, thereby retaining the right to strike.

The proposed consolidation of the Central Labor union and the Federation of Labor of Brooklyn, N. Y., has the appearance of an accomplished fact, according to reports.

The ironstone miners of Cleveland, England, have decided by unanimous vote to use every endeavor to obtain a five per cent advance in wages on the present existing base rate.

Minnesota railway men are particularly interested in the proposed semi-monthly pay-day bill and an employers' liability bill, and the union workers of the whole state are working for them.

Objecting to the method of teaching employed by the instructor, 32 students of the University of Minnesota, members of the junior class in the college of engineering, recently

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