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SAYS MONTANA BEATS ALL OTHERS

COLDWELL M'GOWAN DECLARES HOME STATE IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD.

RETURNS FROM THE COAST

Well-Known Resident of Plains is in Missoula After Trip to Southern California and Tells What He Thinks of This Country As Compared With That He Has Been Visiting.

Rotund and rosy from the effects of his winter's sojourn in southern California, Colonel McGowan of Plains is back for another busy year in Montana. The colonel has been at Plains for several days since his return from the coast, but his visit in Missoula yesterday was his first call here since fall. He spent a busy and seemingly pleasant day with his friends in town, and, incidentally, attended to some business matters that required consideration. California has not won the affections of the colonel and he comes back a little better satisfied than ever that Montana is the best place in the world and that Plains is the most desirable portion in this state.

"There are a great many Montanans down in California," said he yesterday afternoon, "and some of them are contented to stay there. But, while it is a pleasant place for a visit of a couple of months, I couldn't stand it for the whole year. It is just this way: You have a bunch of children and your neighbor has some, too. You recognize the merits of his youngsters, but you are positive that yours are a little better. And I have come back to Plains well satisfied that it possesses advantages that cannot be found on the coast.

"I was amazed to find how San Francisco had changed. I was there right after the earthquake, and I have been there twice after that, but this time I was able to see the completion of the great work of reconstruction and to fully realize that the city has been restored. It is marvelous. On Market street you see now the same procession of handsome women and fine-looking men, all happy and laughing as of old. The frightened look has gone and Frisco is herself again. It was more in the people than in the buildings that the restoration is written.

Much Building.

"All along the coast there is a vast amount of building and development going on; the municipalities are undertaking some extensive improvements, in the shipyards there is activity everywhere; there are splendid buildings being constructed. In mercantile circles only did I find things dull; there is some lagging in this line of business. But things are improving there as well.

"I didn't spend all the time on the coast. I went east to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, and from there up to New York and down to Washington for the inauguration. The weather was bad on that day, as you know, but we didn't have time to think of that. We were so pleasantly received and had so much attention shown us that we forgot all the discomforts of the weather in the enjoyment and appreciation of what went on about us.

"From Washington we went back to the coast and then came up home again. It has been a very pleasant winter; I have enjoyed it thoroughly, every minute of it. But when I tell you that I am glad to get back to Montana, I mean it every word. I have seen a place that appealed to me as does home, and I am really glad to be back here.

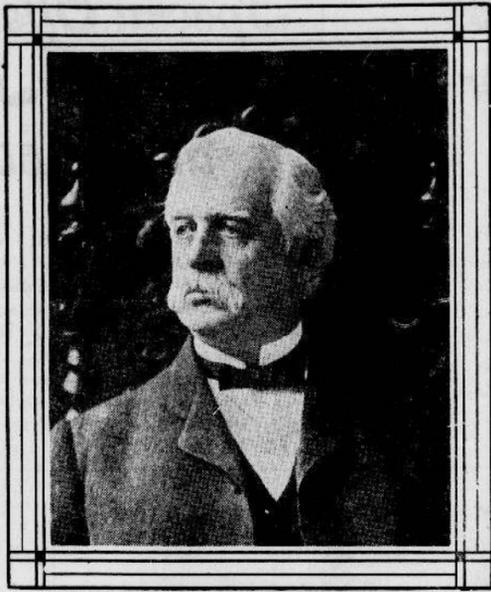
"This is going to be a great year for Montana, and especially for western Montana. Wherever I have been I have heard this part of the state talked about. There has been a lot of studying of maps. You can tell that from the way people talk about Missoula and discuss its advantageous position. I have been told a hundred times of the fact that Missoula is the key to the railway situation, and that there are to be more roads through here than there are now.

New Road Coming.

"Of one thing you may be certain, that there is a new road coming here from across the Bitter Root mountains that will open up the Clearwater country to Missoula. There is a north and south line that is certain, too. You will find more people talking about this region than any other, as you travel about. Missoula and the Bitter Root are well known the country over, and there is no other section talked about as much except Spokane and its country. These two sections are talked of all up and down the coast. It did me good to hear it.

"You people in Missoula should keep up the publicity work that you are doing, and you should enlarge its scope. I don't believe that your people appreciate here how far-reaching is the work that your chamber of commerce is doing. There should be more of it. The city is receiving great benefit from it. The railways are helping us in Montana this year more than ever. They have been compelled to recognize us at last, and we will get a square deal from them in this matter.

"I am delighted with conditions that I find here. Plains is growing and business there is better than it ever was before. In Missoula I find the same thing, and I am told, that the Bitter Root is as prosperous as the rest of us."



SERENO E. PAYNE.

PAYNE TARIFF BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

After An Exciting Session During Which Some Fiercy Debates Were Held and Numerous Minor Changes Made, the Measure is Finally Approved

Washington, April 9.—After three weeks of consideration the Payne tariff bill was passed by the house of representatives tonight amid great excitement, by a vote of 217 to 161. One republican, Austin of Tennessee, voted against the measure, and four democrats, all from Louisiana, Messrs. Broussard, Estopinal, Fujo and Wickliffe, voted for it. An attempt by Champ Clark, the minority leader, to re-commit the bill with instructions signally failed. The day was filled with excitement from the moment the session began at noon until adjournment. The members were keyed up to the highest pitch and a practically full membership remained on duty throughout. The final vote demonstrated the capacity of the republican organization to get together.

The situation with respect to lumber was greatly relieved to the republican leaders when it became manifest that the advocates of the proposition placing it in the free list were in the minority. Because of that fact, Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.) suggested that a midnight deal had been made last night whereby free lumber was to be voted down and the rates on barley and barley malt increased, and this notwithstanding the denials of Messrs. Mann (Ill.) and Cushman (Wash.) who offered the barley amendments.

Cheer Lustily.

When the bill actually was passed the republicans cheered lustily, some dancing up and down the aisles and waving their fellow members on the back. The bill was introduced March 17, reported to the house by the ways and means committee on the following day and was under general debate for 16 days. Last Monday the rules committee reported a special order which closed the general discussion and provided for the consideration of the bill under the five-minute rule.

One of the principal changes in the bill was the placing of petroleum on the free list today.

Among other important amendments made since the bill came from the

committee were those striking out the provision for a duty on tea and the countervailing duty provision on coffee.

The so-called "joker" in the cotton cloth schedule which, it was claimed, would increase the duties of the Dingley bill several hundred per cent, were corrected, the proviso for the method of counting the threads in the cloth being made the same as in the present law.

Drawback Section.

The drawback section was added to the bill so that it could not be taken advantage of for speculating in grain, and the Philippine free trade provision was amended so that rice will not be admitted free from the islands.

The countervailing duty clause on lumber was stricken out, but a strong effort to place lumber on the free list did not succeed.

The duty on barley, barley malt, pineapples in crates, and cotton collars and cuffs, as originally in the bill, were increased.

A proviso was included in the tobacco schedule increasing the duty on filter tobacco from any country which prohibits the importation of American tobacco.

There were several technical changes in the steel schedule, principally downward. Hides, hosiery and gloves were left as reported by the committee, hides remaining free and an increased duty being presented for gloves and stockings.

Stubborn Contest.

The contest over free petroleum was stubborn, but the vote in its favor was overwhelming. Opposing it were republicans as follows:

- Alexander, Andrus, Southwick and Vreeland of New York; Austin of Tennessee; Barchfield, Barclay, Bates, Dalzell, Graham, Langham, McCreery, Moon, Tener and Wheeler, of Pennsylvania; Bennett, Edwards and Langley, of Kentucky; Cole, Goebel, Hollingsworth, Johnson and Thomas, of Ohio; Casper of Oklahoma; Engelbright, Hayes, Kahn, Knowland, McKinley, McLachlan and Needham of California; Gaines, Hubbard, Hughes, Sturgiss and Woodard of West Virginia; Howell of Utah; Mann and Cannon of Illinois; Mondell of Wyoming, and Weeks of Massachusetts, and Young of Michigan.

WREAKS VENGEANCE ON ENEMY'S BROTHER

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—Unable to locate Louis Macaluso, against whom he had a bitter hatred, Salvatore Ferrossa wreaked his vengeance upon the next of kin in true Sicilian style last night, wlaying and shooting Sam Macaluso in the hallway of his home at 5284 Daggett avenue. The victim received three bullet wounds and died early today. Ferrossa is a fugitive.

Ferrossa had been wounded by Louis Macaluso five weeks ago. The men lived in the same boarding house and last evening ate and drank together. But when Macaluso climbed the stairs to his room Macaluso's door was thrown open and the shots rang out.

"I take my revenge," exclaimed the slayer as he dashed past the members of the household.

MRS. SAMPSON FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Lyons, N. Y., April 9.—Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson, who has been on trial since Monday, charged with murdering her husband, Harry Sampson, was acquitted tonight. Attorney Gildert, a cousin of Mrs. Sampson by marriage, who prosecuted the case, said tonight that he was satisfied.

SUIT IS INSTITUTED FOR MALICIOUS LIBEL

Seattle, April 9.—A. E. Fowler of Seattle, secretary of the Asiatic exclusion league, and the man who is circulating 10,000,000 diminutive stickers all over the United States bearing the words "Fire the Japanese" has been served with a summons by the United States district court to appear within 20 days and show cause why he should not pay to Collier & Son of New York, publishers of Collier's Weekly, the sum of \$50,000 for malicious libel.

Fowler issued a circular charging that Collier's Weekly hesitated at nothing to poison the public mind regarding the Japanese situation and submitted all articles relating to Japan to a Japanese sub-editor.

WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS.

Washington, April 9.—Between now and July 1 the services of about 60 temporary employees of the forestry bureau will be dispensed with because much of the work of the bureau formerly done here has been transferred to the six recently established field districts.

WALKS FORTY-THREE MILES.

Belleuve, O., April 9.—Edward Peyton Weston arrived here tonight at 7:45 on his walk to the Pacific coast, having walked from Mansfield, 43 miles, today. He planned to leave at 3 o'clock Saturday morning for Toledo, where he will rest over Sunday.

INVADE HOME OF FEDERAL JUDGE

NEGROES AND CONSTABLE DISMANTLE HOUSE OF UNITED STATES OFFICIAL.

INDIGNATION IS AROUSED

Attorney for Colored Man Injured by Jurist's Automobile, Swears Out Writ of Attachment—Black Men and Officer Enter Home and Divest it of All in Sight—Great Excitement.

Atlanta, Ga., April 9.—The home of United States Circuit Judge W. B. Sheppard was dismantled today to satisfy a judgment obtained by a negro who was run down by the judge's automobile. A special meeting of the Atlanta Bar association has been called to consider means of disciplining the negro's lawyer and forcing reparation. There is great excitement here over the affair, which members of the bar association characterize as an outrage.

Judge Sheppard had agreed to pay the negro's medical bill and give him \$50. The negro's attorney rejected this proposition, however, and swore out a writ of attachment. One of the attorneys, accompanied by a constable and a force of negroes, went to the judge's home and found Mrs. Sheppard alone with her children, one of them a babe of six months' old. They seized everything in sight and carted it away, took all the furniture, except the beds, the clothing of the family, the trunks and even the children's toys.

All the time, Mrs. Sheppard says, she was pleading with the men to wait until her husband returned, but they refused, and she says they were rough and insolent.

Two Burn to Death in Hot Oil

Point Richmond, Cal., April 9.—Two men were burned to death and three others, one of whom may die, seriously injured, as the result of an explosion this morning in one of the oil tanks of the Standard Oil company. The fire which was scattered over eight acres of territory, was fought, for over an hour by 1,500 men and the damage will amount to \$50,000.

EXPLOSION AT STANDARD OIL WORKS IN CALIFORNIA RESULTS FATALLY.

The dead: JOHN GRANGER, gatekeeper, 70 years of age, of Santa Rosa. CHARLES LAWRENCE, chief clerk, 30 years old, of Santa Rosa. The injured: Electrician Smith, seriously burned. Peralt, a teamster, probably will die. Another teamster, name unknown.

PATIENT IS TAKEN TO INSANE ASYLUM

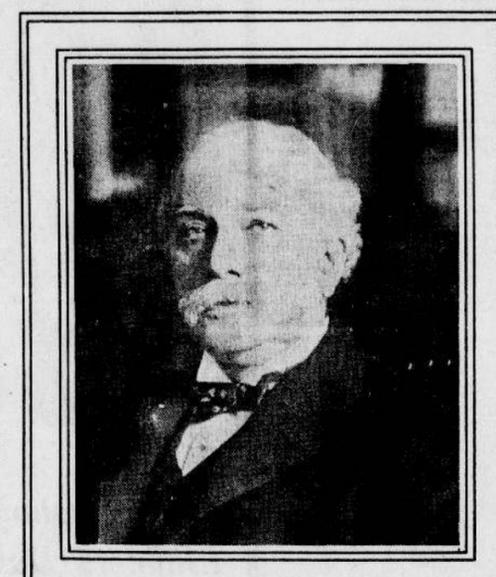
Special to The Daily Missoulian. Kallispell, April 9.—Walter Brown of Big Fork was examined in the district court this afternoon by Alienists Taylor and Albritton, Judge Erickson presiding. The young man was adjudged insane, and started for the state asylum on tonight's train in custody of Mark Baldwin, of the sheriff's force. The young man is about 22 years of age and came here with his parents from Michigan about a year ago. The mother died last fall, leaving Walter and three small children for the father to care for.

HOSPITAL BUILDING PRACTICALLY ASSURED

Butte, April 9.—A Miner special from Dillon states that as the result of a bequest of the late Joseph Shinerberger of \$25,000 for the construction of a non-denominational hospital in Dillon, provided that the citizens of Dillon add \$65,000 more to it, a well-known pioneer today announced the contribution of \$25,000. Other citizens announce that they will subscribe, and the construction of the hospital, it is believed, is now practically assured.

FORSYTHE WINS DEBATE.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Helena, April 9.—In the debate here tonight between the Helena and Forsythe high schools, the Forsythe team won. The debate was attended by a very large audience.



ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

FORMER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DIES

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Who Served Under McKinley and Roosevelt, and Was Ambassador to Russia, Succumbs to a Complication of Troubles

Washington, April 9.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the interior under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, died here this morning at 11 o'clock, aged 74.

Mr. Hitchcock had been ill for some weeks. He contracted a severe cold while in the west, and his condition became so serious that he hurried to Washington to place himself in the hands of specialists who had attended him during his official career here. He suffered from a complication of kidney, heart and pulmonary diseases. His condition has been steadily growing worse during the last two days, and last night all hopes for his recovery were abandoned.

His passing marked the closing of a career whose pre-eminent feature was an administration of the interior department that stirred the western land problems as never before.

Active Official.

Brought here from St. Petersburg, where he had served as ambassador under President McKinley, Mr. Hitchcock was almost immediately plunged into a vortex of complications growing out of vast frauds and charges of fraud and counter-charges growing out of the acquisition of public lands in the western states. Mr. Hitchcock directed the most sweeping investigations, arousing the enmity of powerful political interests. His work is recalled today as one of the most unscrupling and relentless inquisitions in the annals of government prosecutions.

He Prosecuted Cases Against Numerous Citizens in Public Life.

At the bedside when the end came were Mrs. Hitchcock, the three daughters, Lieutenant Commander Sims and a nephew, George C. Hitchcock of St. Louis. The body will be taken to St. Louis tomorrow, arriving there Sunday. The funeral will be held Monday, the interment being at the Bellefontaine cemetery in that city.

Taft Sympathizes.

President Taft today sent to Mrs. Hitchcock the following letter of condolence:

"My Dear Mrs. Hitchcock—The sad news of the death of your husband has just come. Mrs. Taft and I extend to you and your family our sincerest sympathy in your great loss. Your husband's record for honest and high sense of official duty has been deeply impressed upon the country by his efficient conduct of the interior department and his dignified and able representation of this country abroad. The gratitude of his fellow citizens and the high respect for his memory may, in time, I hope, mitigate the intensity of your present sorrow. Sincerely yours, WILLIAM H. TAFT."

A SPECIAL MESSAGE MAY GO TO CONGRESS

Washington, April 9.—Secretary Ballinger will present to President Taft, within the next few days, a report on the tangled condition of affairs in Porto Rico which has brought to Washington representatives of the two branches of the Porto Rico legislature. Information from a high source tonight indicates that the president will send to congress a special message recommending action. An amendment probably will be suggested to act under which the island is governed, providing that if two branches of the legislature come to a deadlock over the appropriations, as in the present instance, the appropriations shall continue as in the bill last passed.

GETS SMALL AMOUNT OUT OF BIG LEGACY

Ashland, O., April 9.—A joint indictment charging embezzlement of \$15,555 was returned late yesterday against State Senator Frank M. Patterson, ex-Common Pleas Judge Robert M. Campbell, ex-Common Pleas Judge H. L. McRae, and George Ullman, cashier of the Farmers' bank.

The charge grows out of the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Mary F. Freer, who by will left to the Ashland County Children's home the sum of \$40,000. Of this amount it is said only \$144 was turned over to the home. Ullman acted as administrator of the estate.

ROOSEVELT PRAISES WORK OF GRISCOM

Port Said, April 9.—The steamer Admiral, with Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his party on board, was sighted off this port at 4:40 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Roosevelt Gave out for Publication the Following Statement Regarding the Situation at Messina, which he Visited Tuesday of this week:

"There is no sadder sight than the dreadful desolation of Messina, and words cannot describe it. It seems that there are still 40,000 bodies buried in the ruins. The American people do not realize the labors of relief performed by Lloyd Griscom, the American ambassador, Commander Belknap, the naval attaché at Rome, and the men of the gunboat Scorpion, under Lieutenants Buchanan and Wilcox, as well as by Winthrop Chanier and the other members of the volunteer committee.

WILL TRANSMIT POWER.

Helena, Mont., April 9.—There was filed in the United States land office here late this afternoon application for right of way for a double electric power line from Great Falls to Butte, a distance of 126 miles. It will be utilized in conveying electricity from the new dam at Great Falls to the mining center. The application was made by the Great Falls Townsite company.

KILLS SWEETHEART THEN SHOTS SELF

El Paso, April 9.—Because his 14-year-old sweetheart, Blanche Atkinson, had broken an engagement with him, Clay Ratcliffe, aged 17, tonight stepped to the little girl's side in one of the principal streets here, pulled a revolver and shot her inflicting a fatal wound. Her clothes blazing, the little girl ran screaming into the street and fell at a crowded crossing, dying a few minutes later. Then Ratcliffe pointed the gun at 13-year-old Eva Miholski, who was a companion of the Atkinson girl. Eva ran into a nearby store before he could fire.

Ratcliffe then turned the pistol on himself and fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

WILL RECEIVE NO OUTSIDE ADVICE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WILL CONSIDER TARIFF BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

READY TO INSERT RATES

Body Decides That It Will Not be Hampered in the Few Meetings That Remain to be Held by Suggestions From Outside People and Interests—Lumber is Important Rate.

Washington, April 9.—When the senate committee on finance concluded its session tonight it was with the understanding that all avenues to the committee room had been closed and that the few sessions to be held prior to the reporting of amendments to the Payne bill would not be hampered by suggestions from the outside. The committee is now prepared to insert rates on certain iron matters.

Among the schedules attracting particular attention now are those of manufacturers of metals, lumber, bituminous coal and sugar.

No rates on steel and iron were inserted as yet, although practically settled that iron and scrap iron and steel refuse fit only to be re-manufactured.

The iron interests are concerned chiefly in getting an increase over the rates of the Payne bill on rails and structural iron. The Payne bill cuts the existing rate on steel rails from \$7.84 to \$3.92, just one-half. Steel men contend that the Payne rates are too severe a reduction. They have asked that a rate of \$5.58 be fixed on rails. It is generally believed the committee will name a rate of about \$5 per ton. On structural steel it is likely that the Dingley rates of one-half a cent a pound will be maintained, instead of adopting a rate of three-tenths of a cent a pound as fixed by the Payne bill.

Coal Rates.

The reciprocity clause of the bituminous coal schedule, which it is said, would result in the elimination of all duties on coal in the trade between Canada and the United States, is likely to go out of the bill. Senators Elkins and Dick were before the committee today in this connection, taking opposite sides. Under both the Dingley law and the Payne bill bituminous coal pays a duty of 67 cents a ton. The senate committee is considering a reduction of the duty to about 50 cents, in view of the elimination of the reciprocity clause. The Payne bill places cut, or slack coal, on a par with bituminous coal, which would increase the rate it must pay from 15 cents to 67 cents.

Rate Too Low.

Senator Elkins submitted data indicating that the present rate of 15 cents on slack coal is too low. He read letters from American agents in Canada and Australia asserting that mines in those countries artificially crush bituminous coal in order to make it admissible to the United States at the 15 instead of the 67 cent rate.

It is reported that the senate committee will reduce the existing Dingley rates on lumber one-half. A canvass of the senate indicates that an effort in the direction of getting free lumber, if made after the bill reaches the senate, would be unavailing.

The canvass on the question of hides was concluded today and it is asserted that as a result hides will be taken from the free list and a duty fixed at 15 per cent ad valorem.

That wool of all grades and wool tops would be placed in the senate bill under the existing rates was stated upon what appears to be excellent authority.

PETITION IS SENT BY GLOVE WORKERS

Gloversville, N. Y., April 8.—Glove workers from 168 factories in Johnstown and Gloversville, N. Y., have sent 92 separate petitions to the finance committee of the United States senate asking the same protective rates on women's gloves as on men's, so that the manufacturers of women's gloves may be established in this country as has been the manufacture of men's gloves. The petition says employment will be given to many thousands more of glove workers at wages more than double the rate in Europe. It is asserted that the cost of gloves to the consumer would be reduced rather than advanced.

WILL CLAIM ESTATE.

Helena, April 9.—Mrs. Anna Nelson, widow of the late Andrew Nelson, for whose whereabouts a reward has been offered, passed through this city today en route to Tacoma, where she says she will claim his estate, valued at \$35,000. She says she could not agree with her husband and that this led to their separation in New York upon their return from Europe.

Marion Crawford Dies. Sorrento, Italy, April 9.—F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, died here at 7:30 this evening. He was born in 1845.