

## WEST SIDERS PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AND OTHER BETTERMENTS ARE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED.

A new school house and a good one, together with a complete system of improvement districts covering the entire west side, were the two things for which the mass meeting of west side citizens, held at the Lowell school, last night declared.

The meeting was called as a sequel to a preliminary meeting which was held some time ago for the same purpose, and the many taxpayers who were in attendance showed through the way they went about it that they meant business, and that they were going to get what they wanted or know the reason why.

W. E. Moody called the meeting to order, and the matter of the school house was taken up at once. Opinions were heard from practically all of those present, including Trustee Peat of the school board, and all in their remarks agreed as to the need of a more adequate building on the west side, and that it was but right that the school board build one. At present the only school west of the track, or, in fact, west of Higgins avenue, is the little Lowell school, which has one room with a seating capacity of about 40, with poor ventilating and heating facilities. This means that practically all of the children must go either to the Central school on East Main street or to the north side building on North Third street, both schools being on the other side of the railroad track. After a long discussion, in which every phase of the question was thoroughly talked over, it was moved that the school board be appointed to confer with the school board to discuss with them plans and specifications for a new building which shall be entirely adequate for the needs of the district.

**Improvement Districts.**

The matter of improvement districts for the grading of streets and the building of sidewalks was then taken up, and Aldermen Hayes and Jensen, who were present at the meeting, explained the meaning of the term "improvement district," as used in the new law providing for their creation, and showed in what way the people would be benefited by such improvements. A long debate was had by a motion for the creation of these districts, but it was caused more by a difference of opinion as to just how big the districts should be rather than to any dispute as to their necessity. After a number of motions had been put, and after each had been thoroughly discussed, the meeting voted unanimously for a canvassing of the streets running east and west from Woolly street to Hawthorne, for the purpose of finding out the sentiment of the people in regard to the establishment of such districts, and that the petition be presented to the council in case the majority of taxpayers should be found to be in favor of the movement.

**Wing Dam Up.**

The last thing which claimed the attention of the meeting was the wing dam in the river above the Bitter Root bridge. Some of the people who are most interested in the property along the bank demanded to be shown why the council did not take some action, and claimed that they had been purposely slighted. These people were answered by Alderman Hayes, who told of the hard time he and Alderman Jensen had had in bringing the matter to the ears of the council at all, and of how the continued delay in the matter had put things in a position where nothing could be done. The importance of the matter, however, and the fact that the two widows who own some of the endangered property are otherwise without support, caused the meeting to unanimously demand of the council that something be done before high water so that these people will not lose everything they own. After this motion was passed the meeting adjourned until April 26, when the reports of the committees will be brought up for final action.

## DEFUNCT TOWN MAY BE DISMEMBERED

ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT ASKS THAT TOWNSHIP BE SOLD AS A WHOLE.

Taft is dead. There's no getting around the fact that the busiest spot in the Coeur d'Alenes is no longer alive, but Taft seems destined to be dismembered as well as killed. The very site of the railroad town may be sold, if the prayer of the plaintiff in a suit filed yesterday in the district court is granted. The Flathead Copper company yesterday brought an action looking towards the partition of the townsite, naming a number of property owners in the defunct town as defendants. These are: James LaFountain, Christian Lutz, Roy Nurse, John Melich, Peter Peterson, Pete Hanson, H. E. Madden, Thomas Pickert, Pete Headman, Maude Love, S. V. Wolf, J. Sigel, J. R. Robertson, L. Lajoussie & Co., Lowe & Co., J. Carr, William Maddaugh, Patrick Callaghan, C. E. Neville, "Slim" Ryan, Ed Kellogg and Fred Rechenberger.

The action is a complaint in partition, and alleges that the complaining corporation owns a one-fifth interest in the property known as the Dice ledge claim, containing a little more than 13 acres, and being situated in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 7, township 19 north, range 31 west. It is also set out that this interest is an estate in inheritance and that all of the defendants affect some interest in the property involved, all being tenants in common on the land. It is also claimed that the nature of the property is such that a physical partition is an impossibility; at least one that would be fair to all concerned. The court is asked to order the sale of the whole and a consequent division of the proceeds.

## DEMIES THEIR RIGHT OF CRITICISM

CONGRESSMAN FRANK CLARK OF FLORIDA ADDRESSES REPRESENTATIVES.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 15.—Congressman Frank Clark addressed the Florida house of representatives tonight in answer to a resolution proposing to censure him for his recent criticism of William J. Bryan and other democrats during a speech on the tariff in the house. Denying the right of the legislature to censure his conduct in congress, Mr. Clark said he had expressed himself freely standing for the rights of Florida in the matter of tariff revision, and was responsible for his conduct to the voters of his district alone. He referred to Representative Ollie James of Kentucky as "a political scoundrel, but an insane follower of the 'peerless one'."

"I will take my stand with Howard and Sparkman and Brandley," he continued, "and stay with them in preference to the 'peerless one' of Nebraska."

Referring to some of those who had criticized his actions, he said, quoting David Harum, "It's a good thing for a dog that he has fleas so he won't worry about being a dog."

In conclusion he said that if Bryan is nominated again, "I'll do as southern democrats did in 1872, when they held their noses and voted for Horace Greeley."

When Mr. Clark finished he was greeted with shouts of "Hurrah for Bryan," some of the representatives standing in their chairs and shouting for the Nebraska.

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## MISSOULA MERCANTILE CO.

### TRADES ASSOCIATION BEGINS ITS SESSION

New York, April 15.—Profit sharing with employes and industrial peace were the principal subjects for discussion at the eleventh annual convention of the National Metal Trades Association at the Hotel Astor today.

R. T. Crane, head of the Crane company of Chicago, told of the plans of profit sharing he had put in practice with the thousands of employes of his concern.

Mr. Crane declared that the arrangement had been most satisfactory and he knew of no better plan to guarantee industrial peace.

Several other men spoke in opposition to the plan as applied to business, and some declared it was "semi-socialistic."

The convention elected H. P. Fels of Cleveland as president.

### TAFT SUBMITS A SPECIAL MESSAGE

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pending Payne bill, with special reference to the provisions which it proposes.

"I respectfully recommend that this bill be enacted at the present session of congress as one incidental to and required by the passage of the Payne bill."

(Signed) "WILLIAM H. TAFT, The White House, April 14, 1909."

**Dickinson's Letter.**

Secretary of War Dickinson, in forwarding the papers to the president, says:

"I have had no time to examine the bill in detail and have not sufficient acquaintance with the subject to say whether or not it is what it should be; but General Edwards, who is familiar with the matter, recommends it, and I have no doubt that with your own familiarity with the subject you will be able to dispose of it."

The letter of General Edwards, dated April 11 and addressed to Secretary Dickinson, after describing the measure and its purposes in much the same language as the president, says:

"It will be understood that the result of the free admission of American goods into the Philippine islands will revolutionize business in the islands, and unless the adoption of that policy is accompanied by a revision of the present Philippine tariff it will prove disastrous to some important industries in the islands and also result in such serious loss to the customs revenues to embarrass the Philippine government."

**No Opposition.**

"It has had publicity in the United States and it is believed that contending interests have been reconciled, and as far as schedules are concerned it should meet with no opposition. For instance, the schedules relating to the introduction of tobacco, Sumatra leaf and sugar are made identical with the pending Payne bill, and therefore have removed the apprehension that these goods can be imported into the Philippine islands at a less tariff rate and then into the United States free as the growth and production of the Philippine islands."

"The proposed revision has the approval of the general and government representatives in the islands."

When the house met today a message was received from the president urging the enactment of the proposed tariff law for the Philippine islands.

The message was read and then referred to the committee on ways and means. There was more delay in the presentation of the message to the senate, and it was not read for some time after its receipt, owing to the intervention of other business.

The new Philippine tariff bill submitted to congress today, in the opinion of George B. Colton, the collector of customs in the islands, will prove of great value to the American exporter.

Features of the old Spanish and Cuban tariffs, which were vexatious and annoying to both exporter and importer, have been eliminated and every effort has been put forth to make the administrative features simple and in conformity with the United States tariff decisions and the interpretations of the courts.

**Automatic Fines.**

Under the existing tariff the practice was to levy duty on the packing as distinct from the merchandise enclosed, and it provided a system of automatic fines which led to all sorts of dissatisfaction and complaint from American exporters and promoted illicit practices. The German, Spanish, English and French exporters were familiar with the practices in vogue, and this gave them a decided advantage over American business men. Adequate protection to the principal products of the United States, Mr. Colton says, is given by the bill, and tobacco and sugar are treated as in the home measure. It is estimated that the revenues from the bill will aggregate \$7,900,000, as against \$8,500,000 under the present law. The deficit in the budget will be made up by an increase in internal revenue taxation. The schedules in the tariff are consolidated and put under 362 paragraphs, as against 405 in the old Spanish classification.

### CHINESE OFFICIALS PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

New York, April 15.—Minister Wu Ting Fang and Ambassador Takahira were the leading speakers tonight at the inaugural banquet of the American Civic alliance, Minister Wu said:

"The purpose of the alliance is to teach us the science of government. This is a good thing. In China, too, we have a science of government. If I compare them, I see very little difference."

"It may be asked if that is so, why has China remained so far behind other nations. This is because the conditions in China have changed, and our method of government has become old. From now on we are for reform, and I hope that soon China will have a constitution that will put it on a level with all other nations."

### IN THE THEATERS

#### "Girls."

The attraction at the Harnois theater Tuesday, April 20, will be Clyde Fitch's latest comedy, "Girls," which means for one whole year at Daly's theater, New York, and which has been proclaimed by the metropolitan press the best comedy written in the past 20 years. "Girls" is a play satirizing the bachelor girl, her aims and ambitions, and her utter defeat when brought face to face with love. There are many humorous complications and a disarming scene, showing the three young ladies in the act of retiring. This incident is handled with such skill and delicacy that it does not approach the risqué, but arouses only amusement. The cast is composed of well-known metropolitan players, and the production is remarkably complete in detail and characteristic in atmosphere.

#### "The Right of Way."

An evening with "The Right of Way," which will pay a visit to the Harnois theater for one performance on Thursday evening, April 22, is quite as good as a vacation journey through Canada.

Eugene W. Prosbrey, the adapter, has succeeded in transferring to the footlights those two fascinating individuals, Charley Steele and Joe Portugals, in an artistic manner. Guy Standing has never been seen to greater advantage here than now as the brilliant young lawyer, a slave to vanity, victim of an assaunt that transformed his personality completely. Perfectly true to life of the far north is the Joe Portugals of Theodore Roberts. He looks and acts to perfection the French-Canadian of the novel, and he shows a complete transformation of identity that is of the same high standard that he has always shown here in his artistic work in the past. Especially great pains have been taken in staging "The Right of Way," and the opening of the last act, with its soft lights, its river shimmering in the dawn and every other detail, will rank among the memorable offerings that have appeared here this season.

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### BASEBALL AROUND THE WORLD

Baseball is being played all around the world, writes Wadsworth Haynes in Van Norden—The World Mirror for April, and its vogue, far from being less, is growing, making new converts among the heathens (a heathen is a man who has never played baseball) every year.

Two years ago the writer was in Buenos Ayres, Argentina, during the Christmas holidays. There is a regular ball team, composed of American residents of the Argentine, capital, and they were visited for a series of six games by a team from San Paulo, Brazil. Mighty good games they were, too.

Mr. George W. Moore, writing from Luzon some time ago, said: "When I went over to Masbate the game was not known to the Filipinos, but after I had explained its possibilities they took to it with great enthusiasm. Before long we had many students who were able to play as well as the average American youths. Soon they began to organize teams in the various towns in the province, and now we have a regular baseball season in Masbate."

"As for fans, the Filipinos have the Americans backed off the boards."

The spectacular side of baseball around the world is pretty well known by this time, but there is another side that would touch the heart of any ardent American. The team in New York, the little group of men who represent a big oil company up in the wilderness of upper Burma. There are just enough of them to form two nines, and when they have an afternoon off, or when their day's work is over, they get together and "bat" for up in the good old way. They are far from home; practiced exiles; but when they are in the midst of a smashing game under a tropical sun, with the natives staring at the audacious energy of the white men, they probably feel themselves much nearer home than at any other time.

### Plays and Players.

Charles Purcell has succeeded Hubert Wilke in "The Golden Butterfly." Alma Kruger is to have an important part in M. Foster's play, "The Whirlpool."

Sidney Herbert, who plays the part of the detective in "The Thief" company, has written an one-act play, entitled "The Rat."

Lionel E. Lawrence has secured the road rights to play "The Prince Chap" and will make a tour of the south under his own management.

Charles Dillingham has started rehearsal of a new comedy, "The Candy Shop," by George V. Hobart and John L. Golden, which he will produce in Chicago late in April.

Charles Rann Kennedy's play, "The Servant in the House," has been translated into Swedish by Hilda Englund, a Swedish actress, and will be produced in Stockholm this month by Albert Ranft.

"Sam" Bernard will appear next season in a new musical comedy, entitled "The King of California," which has had a long run in the Prince of Wales theater, in London. He will go abroad soon to see the play.

One of the plays to receive the attention of Charles Frohman early in the coming fall will be "The Harvest Moon," by Augustus Thomas. The play will probably be given its first production some time in the early fall.

Lieber & Co. have sold to Dr. Carl Merzbach of Berlin the German rights to Mr. Cleveland Moffatt's play "The Battle," which is having a successful run at the Savoy theater in New York. The play is soon to be given in Berlin.

Kathryn Osterman will appear next season in a new play entitled "A Woman of Today," written expressly for her by Arthur W. Stace and Roy N. Moulton. It is a comedy in three acts, dealing with finance and is said to be of unusual merit.

Hurtig & Seamon have made arrangements to give "The Wizard of Oz" an early production in London. They have purchased the English rights for the musical extravaganza from the estate of Fred Hamlin and are already preparing for the invasion.

Madge Lessing and Fred Wright, Jr. have bought the entire rights (barring the English and American) of "The Naked Truth." The play is stated, will be taken to London some time this spring and later probably to Australia and the colonies.

Martin Harvey has obtained the rights to Guimera's play "Martha of the Lowlands" for England, Scotland and Ireland, and he has signed contracts with the translators, Wallace Gillpatrick and Guido Marburg, which will enable him to give an early production of the play.

After several years of separation Ezra Kendall and his former managers, Lieber & Co., have decided to join forces once more, and beginning next fall the comedian will appear in a new version of "The Vinegar Buyer," in which he made so great a hit a few seasons ago.

Herman Bernstein, the novelist and translator of Tolstoy's, Andrejew's and Gorky's works, has received recently the manuscript of Andrejew's latest drama, "Matherna," which will be produced for the first time in Moscow next October and, it is expected, in this country later in the next winter season.

### SUES A LAWYER.

Helena, April 15.—John Rumping today filed suit in the district court to recover \$5,000 damages from O. P. Goddard, a Billings lawyer for alleged incorrect legal advice. Goddard secured a divorce for Rumping and the latter remarried. The supreme court reversed the finding because of a defective complaint; hence the suit, whose complaint alleges that Rumping's happiness has been forever destroyed and further that he was humiliated greatly by his arrest on a bigamy charge as the result of his divorce decree having been invalidated.

### SHOULD BE FREE AGENT.

Meridan, Conn., April 15.—Edward Welsh, of this city, a pitcher for the Chicago American league baseball team, filed an application with the National baseball commission to be declared a free agent, claiming among other things, that Owner Comiskey, of the Chicago team, did not tender him a contract to sign before the required time, which expired March 1 last.

### SLOT MACHINES TO GO.

San Francisco, April 15.—Several thousand slot machines in this city, into which it is declared more than a million dollars a month is placed, will be abolished after July 1, Mayor Taylor today having signed the ordinance recently passed which prohibits their use under heavy penalty.

### ETNA IN CORRUPTION.

Paris, April 15.—A dispatch received here from Naples says that Mount Etna is in eruption and that showers of cinders have fallen on Catalonia. Many of the inhabitants, the dispatch says, have fled. Stromboli, it is asserted, is active.

### WOOL BUYERS BUSY AROUND LEWISTOWN

Lewistown, April 15.—Eastern wool buyers are again in this section, and the offers made this week are a little in advance of those last January by perhaps a cent, 21 cents now being offered for the best class of wool. The sheepmen are getting ready for the lambing season, which begins May 1, and the reports all indicate that the wool clip this season will be considerably above the average, owing to the mild winter and generally favorable conditions.

### ELECTRICAL EXPERT ELECTROCUTES SELF

New York, April 15.—Professor F. L. Tust of Columbia university was accidentally electrocuted in Bayonne, N. J., tonight. He was an expert chemist and electrician, and had been retained by the Bayonne council to test the power supplied by the public service corporation. He started to test the arc light power tonight, and in connecting a street arc lamp with the testing apparatus he short-circuited the current through his body.

### KILLED BY CONVICT.

Edmonton, Alberta, April 15.—Richard Stedman, deputy warden in the Alberta penitentiary here, was killed today by a convict, who struck Stedman on the head with an axe.

## Rambler Runabout at a Bargain Price

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## SHOEMAKER GARAGE

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### CHEMISTRY'S REPLY TO "WHAT IS LIFE?"

The old question, "What is Life?" continues to tempt all scientists to an effort at its solution. The remarkable new developments in chemistry, as Professor Robert Kennedy Duncan writes in the May Harper's, do explain much of the so-called material manifestation of life; but the ultimate guiding-force, the engineer, so to speak, remains a mystery. Many of the revelations of chemistry, however, in explaining the phenomena of the human body read like wonder-tales, and of these Professor Duncan gives interesting examples. Not the least remarkable is the phenomenon known as catalysis, in which certain organic substances cause changes and reactions in other substances by their mere presence, without being themselves altered in any way.

### THE "WIDOW'S COLLAR."

The dainty snow white bands of fine lawn or organdie which finish neck and wrists are one of the touches that make mourning frocks distinguished. The organdie bands are not hemmed, but are made of straight strips of the fabric turned and creased with the finger into wide, unsewed "hems" at both edges. These make-believe hems keep their position as long as the accessories are worn—which will be but once—fresh bands being basted to the frock each time it is donned. A maker of very smart mourning is now showing these little wrist bands of finest linen lawn, matched by a very narrow turnover collar of the Dutch sort. Collar and wrist bands are hemmed by hand with almost invisible stitches, and at the front of the collar goes a tiny bow of stiff Brussels net or of organdie.

### DIVORCE IS GRANTED.

Special to The Daily Missoulian.

Hamilton, April 15.—Today in the district court a decree of divorce from Harry Cummings was granted to Mrs. Blanche M. Cummings. Mrs. Cummings was also given the custody of the couple's only child and alimony to the amount of \$35 a month. The defendant in the suit defaulted.

Today Justice Whaley bound James Sheldon of Darby to the district court, holding him under bonds of \$500, which Sheldon furnished. He is charged with permitting gambling in his saloon at Darby.

### THE INDIVIDUAL CAR STRAP.

If women have to stand in the cars, there is no reason now why they should pull their bodices out of shape reaching up to the straps designed for men, or of soiling their gloves clutching soiled and germ-laden leather car straps. Some woman has invented a little individual strap provided with a hook which may be caught into the regular car strap. One's own strap may be carried in one's handbag or coatpocket, and it will be the matter of an instant to adjust it or detach it from the car.

### GOTCH GETS MATCH.

Waterloo, Iowa, April 15.—Frank Gotch and Dan McLeod have been matched to wrestle here next Tuesday night.

### Two Million Bottles

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