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WHAT OF THE FOURTH?

The annual query is being propounded this week—what of the Fourth? Is Missoula to have a celebration this year or not? If there is to be anything doing in the line of the proper observance of the nation's birthday, the movement should be started at once. Everybody is pretty busy this spring and whatever time is devoted to the preparation for a celebration must be taken from business; on this account, it is time there was a start made if there is to be a Missoula recognition of the day we should celebrate. It is not too late if the work is taken up at once, but it will be too late if the start is delayed longer. Missoula has held some remarkably lively celebrations in the past; she has a good record as a hostess upon these and similar occasions. Last year, for what seemed good reasons, the observance of the day was passed up. This year conditions seem good for a rousing celebration. Somebody must take up the matter immediately, however, if there is such a celebration as we should have. The Missoulian merely makes this suggestion to call attention to the fact that the Fourth is not far distant—something which appears to have been overlooked.

MAKING GOOD.

Over in Africa Mr. Roosevelt appears to be making good and those who predicted a fizzle of his expedition are left to revise their forecasts. As a matter of fact, these prophets of evil should have known better; they should have known that Mr. Roosevelt has a record of making good; whether he is fighting trusts or shooting wilder game, he gets what he goes after. The country is watching in a friendly way the progress of the expedition through the jungle and is enjoying the success which attends the movement of the hunter through the wilds. The funny men who have been jabbing at the former president are the only ones who are not satisfied and even they can find something else to make sport of now that the former president has copped their forecasts.

THE REAL THING.

The cold figures of the treasury and commerce departments show that there is something doing in the prosperity line; Secretaries MacVeagh and Nagel have caught the signs and their statements this month are the most encouraging that have been put forth in many moons. The figures of their departments present a more encouraging condition than was set forth a year ago. Saturday, May 8, the receipts at the custom house amounted to a little over \$1,000,000, as compared with \$580,000 for the same day a year ago. For two months the increase in revenue has been under way. At the beginning of January Secretary Cortelyou's assistants were saying that the deficit for the year, then half ended, would be \$115,000,000 or \$140,000,000. The shortage at the present time is \$24,000,000, and the chances are that it will not be increased more than \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 in the six remaining weeks of the year. This is a surprise to the country, as it is to the treasury officials, but it is an agreeable surprise.

The panic of 1907, made, for a few months, the emigration exceed the immigration. More persons left the country than entered it. This was an entirely new experience for us. But the tide has turned. Immigration is steadily on the increase. It is mounting rapidly toward the highest figures of the early half of 1907, before the business setback took place. Some of Secretary Nagel's subordinates are beginning to predict that the in-comers for the fiscal year which begins on July 1 will reach the 1,000,000 mark. In each of the years 1905, 1906 and 1907 that mark was crossed, the aggregate for 1907 being 1,285,349. Then came the money scare in the closing weeks of 1907, which cut down the inflow sharply, and the total for 1908 was only 782,870. For the year which closes on June 30, 1909, the number will be far below that total, notwith-

standing the increase in the past few weeks. The gain which is under way means that the revival of business confidence, which we see on every hand, has been heard of in Europe, and now, until the next industrial collapse comes, all roads for men in all lands seeking to better their fortunes will lead to America.

A BEREAVEMENT.

Unspeakingly sad is the death of Mrs. Newton, which occurred yesterday. The taking-away of this woman is one of the acts of Providence which passes our human understanding. Mrs. Newton was a type of ideal womanhood; during her residence in Missoula she had endeared herself to many who had become her friends, attracted to her by the splendid qualities of mind and heart which she so perfectly exemplified. In Great Falls, which was her home before she came with her husband to Missoula, Mrs. Newton was generally beloved. Intellectual, considerate, without affectation, devoted to her home, she was a delightful companion and a charming wife. To her husband the heartfelt sympathy of this community goes out; to him, in his affliction, whatever of comfort and consolation there is in the sincere expression of friends goes forth this morning. We cannot tell why these things are; we can only bow in submission to the divine will and minister, as best we can, to the grief of the bereaved. To Mr. Newton there may be some comfort in the sincere sympathy of his personal friends and his business associates; he has that in unstinted measure.

Of all the numerous John Does who have visited Missoula, the one who appeared at the Harnois last night is unquestionably the most popular.

The Northern Pacific line change leaves out Milepost 81, which may account for the loss of Beaumont's bandit notoriety.

When we consider the extreme shyness of spring in other quarters, we are compelled to admit that she is so forward in these parts as to be bold.

With a rising temperature and the senate working overtime, there is renewed hope that there will be a tariff vote this summer.

General Scheffek, holding the balance of power in Turkey, will be a big fellow if things come out all right, but if they don't—

An excellent feature of the year's development work is the fact that every town in western Montana reports activity.

The honorable Japanese would politely inform their illustrious Hawaiian employers that it is \$22.50 or quit.

Beaumont's fame as a train-robbers' roost has passed to Spokane and Beaumont does not grieve.

The country around Helena is white with snow; Missoula's territory is white with cherry blossoms.

The frost at Helena is doubtless the result of the directory census. (Great Falls Leader please copy.)

With the ceremonies of today, the long-cherished hopes of the Missoula Masons become a reality.

The Milwaukee road will make a great hit by bringing in the steel for the bridge in fast time.

Joan of Arc as a saint is stirring up almost as much trouble as when she was in the flesh.

However, the senators need not expect double pay for overtime during the tariff affair.

When the Chicago boosters reach Missoula they will meet some of their own kind.

The festive fly with all sails set comes buzzing in, despite the wet.

Superintendent Rapelle's welcome home is as sincere as it is general.

The Armenians at Adana are not to be blamed for being gun-shy.

There is also much joy in the prospect of a new court house.

The dandelion, likewise, is having a successful spring opening.

CONGRESS CAN GO TO—SAYS WAR ENGINEERS

Washington, May 17.—Congress can go to hell, we will report when we get ready. This, said Mr. Clarke of Missouri, in the house today, was the alleged response given by the engineering department of the army, when asked for information regarding the recommendations made by the engineers as to the practicability and reliability of constructing and maintaining a navigable canal 14 feet deep and of suitable width from St. Louis to the mouth of the Mississippi.

DISMISSES CHARGES.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 17.—Judge Riser in the federal court today dismissed the charges of fraud brought by special agents of the government against the Diamond Coal & Coke company. The suits were brought to compel the company to restore to the government several hundreds acres of coal land in Lintah county, alleged to have been obtained by fraud.

SALOON ORDINANCE IS PASSED

MEASURE BARS ALL DRINK SHOPS FROM SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER.

The ordinance regulating the number of saloons and barring them from the south side has passed at last and when it goes into effect and becomes a law the south side people will have won in their long fight against the saloon on their side of the river and Mayor Andrew Logan will have fulfilled the first of his pledges; that he would favor and attempt to have passed some kind of a law for the regulating of the number of saloons. The question which is embodied in the ordinance as it was adopted last night has been before the council for nearly a year. Last summer it was presented by Alderman Kohn and since then it has been referred and deferred and laid over time and again. It was brought up last night, however, for final action with the approval of the ordinance committee and after a long argument over the exact interpretation of some of the clauses it was adopted, six of the aldermen voting for and two against it. According to the provisions of the ordinance as passed last night there are to be no saloons on the south side of the river; there are to be no more licenses granted and as the licenses expire the council is to refuse to renew such licenses as it decides upon until the number is reduced to 33. This number shall remain as the standard until the official census shows the population to have reached 20,000.

Bids Are Received.

The bids on city sidewalks were also considered last night and bids were received from the Miracle-Tripp company of Helena, Johnson & Beaton of Missoula, S. H. Williams of Missoula and John Wilson of Missoula. The bids were all on the price per square foot for the different sized sidewalks and were all referred to the committee on contracts and estimates for an opinion.

A request was read at the meeting last night from Police Magistrate Small asking that he be given a vacation in June as he had had none since he had taken his office. The request was at once granted and William Dyson named as acting police magistrate in Mr. Small's absence.

Old Peddler Petitions.

A petition was read by Clerk Kemp from an old and decrepit man named Mariette, who has been eking out an existence by selling newspapers and who asked for permission to peddle without a license. The fact was brought out that the old man lives in a little cottage on Vine street by himself and the paltry 25 cents or a dollar which he may make during a day barely suffices to keep him alive. When matters were shown in this light the petition was unanimously granted.

An announcement was made by Mayor Logan to the effect that the deal with George Wolcott in regard to the land along the east bank of the Greenough park had been closed and that the land was now the property of the city. Application was made last night by Green & Ellinghouse for the construction of an open carriage shed next to their property on Front street to be about 60x50 feet and built of corrugated iron with an open front. The petition caused a long argument regarding the wisdom of granting such a permit, but after a number of amendments and provisions were made, it was granted on the petitioners' word that the shed would not be turned into a business house. The city engineer handed in a report in which he recommended the putting in of cement sidewalks in a large district on the south side of the river, principally east of Higgins avenue, and on a small section of Rose avenue. The report was adopted and the sidewalks ordered in.

Will Drop Carrier Services.

A letter was read from Postmaster Ross in which he said that the numbering on a great many of the mail boxes of the south side was very poor and that unless something was done at once by the city toward establishing a more systematic arrangement for the numbering of the lots the carrier service on the streets which are causing the trouble would be discontinued.

A petition was read from the Woman's club asking for a lease of the property adjoining the south side fire station for 99 years. The property was originally dedicated for use as a park, but the petitioners argue that a club house there will do more good.

Ordinances and Petitions.

A petition from the proprietors of the Savoy hotel asking for a retail liquor license was granted by the council.

An ordinance providing for the establishment of improvement district No. 2, was reported by the ordinance committee and passed.

An ordinance providing for the establishing of a cement sidewalk and curb fund was reported and passed.

The report of the committee on an ordinance providing for the payment for cement sidewalks in installments was read and the ordinance passed.

Dying Too Fast.

Alderman Kohn talked to the council about the need of more land for

the Missoula cemetery and the plans of the board to purchase an additional tract. The council authorized the board to proceed in the matter according to its best judgment, and that if the purchase price exceeded the amount which the board now has on hand the city will pay the balance.

On the recommendation of Mayor Logan the council decided to buy a lot of ground near one end of what would be second street on the Island to be used as a stock and dog pound. The lot will also be large enough so that buildings for the sprinkling wagon and two houses can be constructed later. The purchase price was \$1,500.

Three hundreds dollars were appropriated last night to be used to provide the mayor with an office on East Front street. The money was given with the understanding that the city should have a lease on the place without further monetary consideration for two years.

The question of the regulation of the dance halls in the city was only discussed briefly at the session. The mayor related the orders he had given the chief of police—that all of the places must be kept clear of objectionable characters and controlled by rules of behavior more strict than heretofore, and then suggested that the city attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance which will more completely cover the matter and provide penalties for failure to observe the regulations. The suggestion was favorably acted upon by a unanimous vote.

Commission Appointed.

City Attorney Frank Woody reported on the matter of a park commissioner to conduct the Greenough park. He stated that Missoula was not yet classed as a city of the first class, and that only cities of this class came under the state law which provides for park commissions and means to carry on park work by such commissions. Upon motion of Alderman Kohn an advisory board or park commission consisting of five members, two aldermen and three others, to be appointed by the mayor, was created. This board will have no special power except to devise ways and means for the park government, to be acted upon by the council. The mayor will name the board at the next regular meeting.

Petitions for three special improvement districts—one on West Spruce street between Woody and Toole avenues, one continuing west on Toole avenue and the other including Copper street—were read last night and referred to the city attorney to draw the proper ordinances. These will be advertised and objections, if there be any, will be heard at the meeting on the first Monday in June.

COMMITTEE IS READY TO MAKE ITS REPORT

Seattle, May 17.—Senator Allen, chairman of the investigating committee that is looking into the accounts of the state officers, says: "If Governor Hay asks the committee for an immediate report on the investigation of the state insurance department when the members return to Olympia he will be furnished with it."

Governor Hay has been quoted as ready to call an extra session of the legislature to remove State Insurance Commissioner John H. Schively if he adheres to his present refusal to resign and if the committee censures him. The committee's report will be adverse to former Secretary of State Sam H. Nichols, who has resigned, and Commissioner Schively. They are charged with extorting unlawful fees from the insurance companies. The governor's statement will hasten filing of the committee's report.

RESENTS CRITICISM BY SOUTHERN PAPERS

Washington, May 17.—An ass of the first magnitude, perhaps one of Sherman's bums who robbed defenseless men and women; contemptible little whelp; a political monkey from Ohio; a pale-faced luminary; a pastidious pigmy from Ohio. These are some of the characterizations of Mr. Hollingsworth of Ohio, in editorials, which he had read in the house of representatives today as the basis of a question of privilege affecting his resolution offered protesting against the portrait of Jefferson Davis on the silver service to be presented to the battleship Mississippi. The editorials appeared in various southern papers.

Speaker Cannon held that Mr. Hollingsworth had not been attacked in his representative capacity, and he was not permitted to proceed further.

RAIN DOES DAMAGE.

San Juan, P. R., May 17.—Much damage to property in Humacao has been caused by the heaviest rainfall throughout the island experienced in a number of years. Two lives were lost. The town of Salinas was particularly inundated and the Yabucoa sugar district suffered \$100,000 damage.

MASONS

All members and visiting members are especially invited to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic temple at 2 o'clock today, and to the regular meeting of Missoula Lodge No. 13, at 8 p. m. when the grand master will make his official visit. Work in the M. M. degree and banquet at Elbe hall at 11 p. m. Committee intended to send every Mason an invitation, but if by any oversight anyone was missed, this is intended as an invitation to all.

FRED H. KNISLEY, W. M. A. J. BREITENSTEIN, Sec.

GOVERNMENT DESIRES CO-OPERATION

FOREST SERVICE ASKS STATE ASSISTANCE IN SECURING FOREST FIRE DATA.

That the country may have the most complete compilation of data on forest fires, the forest service has invited co-operation of the members of the state conservation and forest commissions with forest officers, and in a letter to the district forester in this city concerning this year's work in the northwest, Forester Pinchot says: "Last fall the forest service attempted to collect from the Washington office data upon forest fires throughout the United States. We got excellent reports from a few states, but no information whatever from many of them. This was due in some cases to the failure of the proper officers to make careful reports and in other cases to the utter lack of any state organization to handle forest fires, and the complete absence of any record of them.

"The fire problem is such a fundamental one that the service desires to do as complete a statement as possible this coming season, and we feel that time and money are well spent for this purpose. The best results will doubtless be secured by localizing the work as far as possible and making a large number of officers and organizations each responsible for reports upon small territory.

"There are many conservation commissions in 38 states and territories. These commissions are anxious to promote forest conservation in any way they can, and in the states which do not contain national forests we will take up the matter of a fire record with them. In national forest states better results will, I think, be secured if the district foresters gather data from every possible source and also co-operate with the state conservation commissions.

Complete Record.

"I shall, therefore, ask your district to take the responsibility for the compilation of as complete a record as possible of all forest fires during the coming season, both on and off the national forests, in Montana and in Idaho, Washington, Wyoming and South Dakota, so far as they will be able to do so. This record should be comparable with the one made solely for the national forests, and I suggest that it follow the same general lines. If possible, it should be compiled by counties. Some assistance can undoubtedly be secured from county clerks, county surveyors or other county officers. Wherever there are local fire wardens reports should be secured from them. It will be well for you to work out a definite plan of action with the conservation commission early in the season, and to let that commission do as much work as it can. The importance of getting the machinery started for securing the desired information before the fire season starts will, I know, be realized by you.

"The Montana commission is as follows: Hon. Paris Gibson, Great Falls; Hon. Robert B. Smith, Billings; Hon. Lew L. Galloway, Virginia City.

"You probably know some of these gentlemen, and there should be no difficulty in arranging for mutually helpful co-operation."

CHICAGO MINISTER STARTS SOMETHING

Spokane, May 17.—There is no busier man in the Pacific northwest today than Levi Grant Monroe, secretary of the Spokane chamber of commerce, who, at the instance of Rev. D. D. Vaughn, pastor of the Halsted Street Institutional church, Chicago, consented to forward letters from bachelors in the inland Empire to the love-hungry girls and women connected with Dr. Vaughn's congregation. When it was announced that there are fully 2,000 fairly well-to-do young bachelors in the inland Empire it was believed that the figures were being crowded, but Mr. Monroe is ready to testify under oath there are at least 30,000 in the northwest, and he added, there are more than five times that number of eligible young women east of the Missouri river. This estimate is based upon the sheets of letters that have come to his desk during the last five days. They are from New England, the south, middle-west and east, with a sprinkling from the eastern provinces of Canada. The impression prevails at the chamber of commerce quarters that the Chicago minister has started something.

PAN-AMERICAN RITES PLANNED BY WOODMEN

Spokane, May 17.—Officers and members of Spokane camp, Woodmen of the World, are planning to initiate at least three candidates from every state and territory and province on the continent on Woodmen's day, August 18, when all the officers of the head camp will be present. Five thousand dollars has been appropriated by the camp and the business men of the city will add as much more to defray the expenses of the celebration. The initiations will take place in closed electric street cars, running at regular speed through the city and suburbs. E. B. Tichenor, who is at the head of the committee having this novel stunt in hand, has engaged all the available cars on the four city and interstate systems and these will be decorated with the colors and symbols of the order. The ceremonies will be followed by a barbecue in a public park, where Congressman Shepard and eight western governors will deliver addresses.

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