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A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It was Missoula's good fortune yesterday to entertain for a few hours the French ambassador to Washington and his wife. An unfortunate accident deprived the distinguished visitor of the opportunity of seeing the Bitter Root valley, but it was a happy mishap for Missoula in that it gave this city the chance to play hostess to M. Jusserand and his wife and to entertain them during the hours which they were to have spent in seeing the Bitter Root. Their entertainment was simple; they had an opportunity to look over the country, which had been freshly washed by a brisk June shower, and was, consequently, looking its best. The honor of the brief visit is thoroughly appreciated and emphasizes the fact that we are being discovered by new people every day and explored by some of them. Discovery and exploration are both to our advantage, as we have nothing to conceal and everything to gain from the closest inspection.

CROPS AND BUSINESS.

Better than average—this is the verdict regarding the agricultural and industrial conditions this month. Henry Clews in his weekly letter summarizes the situation as follows:
"Whatever shortage there may be in wheat will be more than compensated for by the large increase in corn acreage. If average conditions prevail we should produce a record-breaking corn crop. As this crop exceeds in value any other two crops combined, and farmers are securing very profitable prices for this cereal, it is reasonable to hope for another profitable harvest. Wheat is, of course, a very profitable crop at present figures; though it is not without significance that the present high price of flour has so checked consumption as to cause supplies to accumulate and force price cutting among the mills. The fruit crops are not in as good conditions as last year, and all crops combined are officially stated to be 4 points below last year, and 8 points above the year before. With our industrial and agricultural situations both in such promising condition, it is not surprising that confidence is growing, and already running into a strong degree of optimism. The dangers that once more confront us are those of over-confidence, excessive speculation and the fostering of unsound and illegitimate enterprises, all of which are stimulated to an unwholesome degree by an excessive supply of abnormally cheap money. The great expansion in loans shows upon what an extensive scale speculation is now being conducted by big operators."

THE RED SCHOOLHOUSE.

The movement for more practical education in American public schools has just received a big forward impetus by the decision of the Chicago school-board to abolish Latin and algebra in the lower grades and the serious consideration of a proposition to build an immense training school of domestic science for the girls of the city. Plans for this school call for the expenditure of at least \$300,000. Cooking and sewing will be the major subjects, but it is intended that girls shall also be taught how to make beds, sweep, dust and do many other useful things which they may have to do when they leave school and enter homes of their own. No expense in equipment is to be spared if the plans are adopted, and the best teachers in the country are to be employed to instruct the future housewives in the art of making a home. The return to the "three R's" and the common sense teaching of the "little red school house" days by the dropping of Latin and algebra in all but the higher grades is part of a general effort on the part of the board of education to bring modern school education more into harmony with the needs of the boys and girls. "Algebra in the grades means the displacing of prac-

tical arithmetic," said a trustee in explanation. "Your boy or girl who is going to the high school will get algebra anyway. The boy or girl who is leaving school after the eighth grade needs arithmetic more. Latin is also not essential to the pupil who leaves school early. What they want are practical studies." Under the new plan the boy desiring to learn a particular trade spends half of his time in school and the remaining half in a shop selected by the school officials. His diploma will be issued not only upon the knowledge required in school, but also on the practical results accomplished in the shop.

A VETERAN.

Forty-seven years of active service on land and sea form the distinguished record of Rear Admiral Joseph N. Hemphill, who is placed on the retired list of the navy today by operation of the age limit. A native of Ohio, Rear Admiral Hemphill graduated from the Annapolis academy in 1866. He was assigned to the Monongahela and was on that vessel when she was wrecked by an earthquake in the West Indies in November, 1867. After reaching the grade of captain in 1891 he filled many important positions in the naval service. He was at Manila during the Philippine outbreak and in Venezuelan waters during the excitement attending the Andrade-Castro revolution. In 1903 he was appointed chief of staff of the North Atlantic fleet.

The retirement of Rear Admiral Hemphill results in a number of promotions among the higher officers. Captain Albert G. Berry, at present in command of the receiving ship Lancaster at the League Island navy yard, becomes a rear admiral, and Commander Francis H. Sherman is advanced to the rank of captain.

Governor Hughes' committee finds that stock speculation may be "either wholly legitimate, pure gambling or a little of each." We don't see much of anything but the second class.

In the matter of eclipses, a Bitter Root irrigation ditch cuts off the view of the valley when it hits the railway track and also eclipses all records of agricultural productivity.

Irrigation doesn't make railways grow when the water spreads over the tracks, but it boosts them greatly when it is directed toward raising crops for them to handle.

The French ambassador missed seeing the finest valley in the world, but he gained the opportunity of seeing the best town on the map.

The opening of a few more reservations will put the Indian bureau out of business. With no Indians, there will be no Indian affairs.

There's a big yellow streak in a man who will hold up his wife to scorn as Howard Gould is doing, no matter what the provocation may be.

Bitter Root irrigation ditches carry their idea of independence to extremes when they discourteously block the way of distinguished guests.

There have been many mean things said about William H. Wood, but the very worst is the statement that he smokes cigarettes.

There is no difficulty in understanding what President Taft means when he sends a message to congress.

Those Gould servants are a bad lot or they wouldn't talk the way they do about their former mistress.

The west sincerely regrets the resignation of Mr. Leupp as commissioner of Indian affairs.

A good raincloud can accomplish about as much in the eclipse line as the moon.

Mr. Taft boils down his message to the point of maximum concentration.

There will be the reservation opening and several other circuses.

However, Missoula's prosperity suffers no eclipse.

WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS BURNED TO THE GROUND

Red Lodge, June 17.—At Washoe, Carbon county, in the Bear Creek district, the large warehouse and the wash house buildings owned by the Washoe Copper company of Butte, a subsidiary of the Amalgamated Copper company, were burned to the ground at noon. The fire started about 12:30 p. m., when every one was away to dinner and owing to the heavy gale the buildings were entirely enveloped in flames before the fire fighters got out, saving the rest of the camp from destruction. The two buildings with contents are a loss estimated by the mine officials at \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

DEATH RESULT OF CHLOROFORMING

Chicago, June 17.—Chloroform administered externally caused the death of Mrs. Nora Jane Clemenson, wife of Dr. Haddane Clemenson of this city, according to an official report made to Coroner Hoffman tonight by Dr. Walter S. Haines and Dr. E. L. Count, after a chemical analysis. Dr. Clemenson was arrested after his wife's death. He declared she must have poisoned herself accidentally.

GOMPERS REMAINS SLIDE STOPS RIDE IN VALLEY DETERMINED

REITERATES HIS DECISIONS TO DEFY COURT ORDERS IF NECESSARY.

New York, June 17.—Samuel Gompers reiterated tonight his determination to defy court injunctions if necessary to uphold what he regarded as his constitutional rights. Mr. Gompers said on Saturday to Europe as an envoy to labor organizations there and as a student of conditions affecting immigration to this country and foreign competition with home industries. His address was made at the banquet given by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Gompers had been unexpectedly presented by the federation earlier in the evening with a purse of money and one speaker after another had voiced his confidence in Mr. Gompers' discretion, uprightness and ability. "I can only say this to you," he declared, "that not upon what I have accomplished or what I have tried to do, can I be judged, but if an earnest effort can serve as measure, as God has given me the light, I have tried to serve my fellowmen."

The speaker was glad, he said, that his fellow convicts, Mitchell and Morrison, as he named them, had spoken before him and denied that he or they wished to be in any opposition to the courts.

"I have followed the biblical precept," he continued, "that if they smite the right cheek, hold out to them the left, but if there is no more cheeks remaining to be smitten, you have to fight. When it comes to a choice of maintaining my rights as handed down to me by the constitution and obeying an injunction which denied me those rights, I shall not hesitate."

District Attorney Jerome, one of the speakers, launched into an unstinted eulogy of Gompers, the man.

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elle exposition. The ambassador said that the location and beauty of the exposition grounds could not be surpassed.

One of the members of the party which accompanied the distinguished guest on his trip through the cities and its suburbs expressed his opinion of M. Jusserand in the following words: "He is a small man, physically, but in other ways is a giant. He is a most unassuming man and demure in his ways and conversation, and is one of the easiest men to get acquainted with that I have ever met. He speaks almost perfect English, with but a slight accent. There is not the slightest trace of snobbishness in his makeup. Mrs. Jusserand is a woman well fitted to be the wife of an ambassador. She is of the same general character of her noted husband and showed an intense interest in everything which was seen. When shown through the big department store of the Missoula Mercantile company, she expressed a desire to meet a number of the young women employed there. Some of them are French, and she was deeply interested in them. All in all, they are splendid people and persons whom it is a pleasure to know."

M. and Mme. Jusserand left the city last evening in the special car in which their tour is being made, attached to No. 16. They will visit Butte today and will inspect some of the famous mines of that city.

LOCAL SOCIETY

Rice-Cetersein. George K. Rice and Miss Minnie Cetersein, both of Lolo, were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. A. McNear at the manse. The couple left at once for Lolo, where they will make their home.

Golden Red Club. The Golden Red club will meet this evening at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Julia Ward at her home at 511 1/2 Blaine street.

Mrs. Price Will Entertain. Mrs. Archie Price will entertain on Wednesday evening, complimentary to her sister and niece, Mrs. Bigsby and Miss Bigsby, at her home in South Missoula.

Pleasant Lawn Party. The Missionary society of the Methodist church was delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. George McAlister at her home on South Fifth street. Needle work was enjoyed until late in the afternoon, when an appetizing luncheon was served. About 12 ladies were present.

Mrs. Houghton Is Hostess. Mrs. H. G. Houghton was hostess last evening at an enjoyable theatre party given at the Grand. Following the performance a tempting supper was served at Ye Olde Inn. Eight ladies were present to enjoy Mrs. Houghton's hospitality.

Ladies' Aid Society. The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church was pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Lenley on North Third street. The afternoon was devoted to needlework and at 5 o'clock dainty refreshments were served. Twelve ladies were present.

Personals. Misses Corneida and Elizabeth Johnson, daughters of Major E. M. Johnson of Fort Missoula, are the guests of Miss Jean Stone at her home on East Front street.

Messdaunces George Briggs, Tyler B. Thompson, Frank Trainor and C. A. Barnes will leave on Tuesday for Great Falls to attend the Federation of Women's clubs.

IN THE THEATERS

"The Burgomaster." With a company of superior excellence, an entire new scenic investiture, a brand new costume embellishment, a host of new, novel, up-to-date features, comes Pixley & Luder's musical triumph, "The Burgomaster," to the Grand theater next Tuesday, June 22. "The Burgomaster" always the most pleasing and popular of all the Pixley & Luder successes, has been kept right up-to-date and even a little beyond. This season will prove no exception to the rule, and Manager William P. Cullen promises the original metropolitan production.

At the Grand. With the Troy Company Quartet held over to finish the week, the Grand theater has a program that can be nothing else but good. The quartet last evening introduced new songs and changed the remainder of the acts to a certain extent. This number continues to be the feature of the Grand's bill, although the new acts put on last evening are clever and interesting.

For the first time in the history of the Grand a professional hypnotist has a place on its program. Dr. Homer is a clever exponent of the science of his art and has last evening, although he has experienced considerable difficulty in securing subjects. While he performs a number of the feats in the repertoire of every man of his profession, still he has something new to tell and show, and his part of the program is interesting.

Ray Southard is a blackface comedian with a good voice and a knowledge of how to use it. His monologue is pleasing and his songs are good. The Grand's motion pictures are interesting. A member of the Troy quartet is singing the illustrated song, "Napino."

The Family Theater. "A True Irish Boy" was the name

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The Missoulian is one of the best newspapers in Montana and loses nothing by the fact that it first boosts that portion of the state in which it makes its home. Western Montana comes at all times first with the Missoulian and it is safe to say that there is no other one agency which has done more than any that newspaper to bring the wonderful resources of this great empire to the attention of those who are searching for homes.

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