

M. L. DEAN INSPECTS BITTER ROOT

HORTICULTURAL EXPERT TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN ORCHARDS OF VALLEY.

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—M. L. Dean, horticultural inspector at large, has spent the last week inspecting some of the orchards in the upper part of the valley. In speaking of the trip, Mr. Dean had the following to say: "I find the orchards in very good condition, although more attention should be given their care. Some insects and diseases are becoming established in the valley and demand close attention by the fruitgrowers or they will get beyond their control; while, if taken at first, their attack can be easily handled. The blight is the most serious in the valley at the present time and a discussion of it will be published in the papers in a few days, so that the fruitgrowers will be able to identify it as soon as it appears. Any sign of it should be reported to me at once, so that we can get it under control."

IMPROVEMENT IN SIGHT FOR TOWN OF DARBY

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—At a meeting of the business men of Darby, George W. Soliday was appointed to take up with the Northern Pacific the matter of continuing the road's tracks to Darby and the building of a depot there. Mr. Soliday returned to Hamilton last evening from "Missoula" very much pleased with his trip and assures the people of Darby that the Northern Pacific will build to Darby, providing the road can buy right-of-way and a depot site at a reasonable price. This will be the largest and best improvement of the year at Darby.

HAMILTON BREVITIES

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—J. M. Anderson of Carlinville, Ill., is looking over Bitter Root lands.
 E. F. Wright of Minneapolis is spending a few days in the valley.
 B. J. Plummer of Stevensville called on friends in Hamilton Wednesday.
 William J. Roy of Minneapolis is looking over lands in the valley.
 M. A. Corner of Wallace is a guest at the Ravalli.
 F. C. Brown of Helena spent Wednesday in Hamilton on business.
 E. Ferguson of Duluth is looking after his business interests in the valley.
 John C. Shreeve and wife of Joliet, Ill., are spending a few days in the valley looking over lands.
 R. M. Trip of Spokane is registered at the Ravalli.
 A. B. Crawford of Butte spent Wednesday in Hamilton on business.
 E. H. Bally of Chicago is looking over lands in the valley.
 F. Emerson of Washington is a guest at the Hamilton.

MARRIED.
 Hamilton, Sept. 8.—At the Episcopal church this morning, in the presence of the immediate family of the bride and a few invited friends, Anna Fullerton and Frederick G. Garradus were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Cook. After a wedding breakfast at the family home, the young people left on a short wedding trip. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fullerton and is a young woman of charming character. Mr. Garradus has been a resident of Hamilton for the past two years and is employed at the Anaconda Copper Mining company's

BURRILL IS RETICENT ABOUT COOK

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 Burrill, Sept. 8.—The Lyric theater announces for its Thursday and Friday night change "The Country Doctor," "The Colored Stenographer," "Mary Jane's Lover," "Legend of Forest-Me-Not" and "Paul Has Decided to Marry." The pictures are above the average work of art. The illustrated song by Miss Dillard, "Boys, I've Found a Girl," is very good.

VICTOR NEWS NOTES

Special Correspondence.
 Victor, Sept. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kueney of Sheridan, Wyo., returned home yesterday after a few weeks spent in visiting relatives and friends in Victor. Mr. Kueney is an inspector in the forest service and will soon move to the Colorado district, with headquarters at Denver.
 Ralph Waterman of Denver, who has been visiting Jack Boehme for a few weeks, returned home yesterday.
 Clarence Smith has purchased the Craddock house and will soon move with his family to the new home.
 Miss Floy Olds has returned to Butte to take up her school work for the coming year. She spent the summer at her home here.
 Logan Ward and Ralph Dougherty have moved into the new residence on Martin street recently completed by Mrs. J. J. Bond.
 J. E. Marvin recently sold his pool room to Oliver McCarty.
 Miss Mattie Geary has returned from a visit with friends in Washington.
 County Commissioners Joseph Appolonia and John S. Treese are in Hamilton in attendance at the regular session of the board.
 Ward Howe left yesterday for Indiana, where he will resume his work in a polytechnic school.
 The plasterers have begun work on the new school building.

KIRBY RESIGNS.

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—The resignation of W. H. Kirby, general manager of the Bitter Root Valley Fruitgrowers' association, was announced today. Mr. Kirby, who came to the valley from the Wenatchee district, is to be succeeded by W. B. Sisher, who has had five years' experience with the Ben Kress Orchard company, and is in every way qualified for the position.

STATE CONFERENCE.

Stevensville, Sept. 8.—The 22d annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Montana begins tomorrow in the local church of the denomination. Tonight Rev. E. W. Barrington of Belgrade preached to the assembled delegates, who came from all parts of the state. The conference will be in session until Sunday night.

BULLETIN ISSUED.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The first bulletin of the director of the census, showing the operations of the cotton ginner for 1909, was issued today. It covers the period up to September 1 and shows that for that time 377,552 running bales have been ginned, as against 402,229 for the same period last year.

A BROKEN LEG.

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—Ed Sargent, who recently came to the valley from Butte, was injured at one of the Anaconda Copper Mining company's camps in the upper valley today. A log fell on him and Sargent sustained a broken leg.

ENCAMPMENT BEGINS.

Hamilton, Sept. 8.—The United Veterans begin their fourth annual encampment tomorrow at Grantsdale and camp will not be broken until Saturday night.

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trip into the country to attend a dinner given by Mrs. Gammel, whose husband financed several Danish expeditions.
 All day dispatches from America regarding Commander Peary's charges poured into Copenhagen. The newspapers contain only one unpleasant article.
 Not Surprised.
 The Politiken in its leader tonight says:
 "Danes, remembering Peary's bad treatment of one of their own explorers, will not be surprised at his attitude toward Dr. Cook."
 The general attitude here is one of suspended judgment until the evidence is produced. Dr. Cook's lecture before the Geographical society was considered a profound disappointment, because the people expected more convincing proofs that he has given them. The enthusiasm over the announcement of Peary's success has not waned in the least.

Signed Article.
 Paris, Sept. 8.—The Matin prints a signed article by Dr. Cook in which he replies to Commander Peary, saying:
 "I did not deem it well at first to reply to the attacks of Commander Peary. I thought it better to maintain the reserve becoming a gentleman. Besides, if Peary has reached the pole, I am glad of his victory. It does not prove that I have not succeeded, and before him."
 Dr. Cook then takes up the charges in detail with regard to the questions of provisions and his use of the Esquimaux and continues:
 "According to Peary's statements, my Esquimaux said I did not go very far north. Let this answer: Sverdrup has undertaken to command an expedition to seek out my two Esquimaux and bring them back to civilization. It is I who will pay the expenses of this expedition; we will see what they will say."

Find Difficulty.
 Paris, Sept. 8.—The press of Paris continues to be absorbed in the rival claims of Dr. Cook and Commander Peary, and there is a noticeable drift of opinion in the direction that Dr. Cook will have difficulty in proving the validity of his claim in the face of the success of an experienced explorer like Peary. Practically all the newspapers agree that Dr. Cook has passed into the background since Peary entered upon the scene, and some of them declare that since Peary's appearance he will be doubted more than ever.
 The Matin says that Dr. Cook's lecture at Copenhagen last night fell coldly upon his audience, which awaited proofs instead of a revamping of old statements, and that public opinion is changing against Cook. Continuing, the paper says that Professor Torp, rector of the Copenhagen university, voted against giving Dr. Cook an honorary degree, and it asks:
Bad Impression.
 "Would Professor Torp have voted thus without serious reasons?"
 The Journal today publishes a dispatch from Copenhagen, giving another version of the story that Cook said he feared Peary might shoot him. According to this account a passenger on the steamer Hans Egde, the vessel that brought Dr. Cook from Greenland, that Cook once made the following statement:
 "If Peary ever reached the pole before me I would take a revolver and kill myself."
 The Journal also agrees that Dr. Cook's lecture has made a bad impression, and it claims that King Frederick himself has been disillusioned.
 The Petit Parisien says the world will acclaim Peary as the real conqueror of the pole, and publishes the insinuation that Cook is merely trying to appropriate for himself the honor which belongs to Peary.

Brown Talks.
 Tacoma, Sept. 8.—Belmore Brown, who was one of the members of Dr. Cook's party when the latter, with one companion, ascended Mt. McKinley, in an interview today said:
 "After making an attempt from the southern slopes of the mountain and failing, our party went to pieces. We all started down the Sustina river, some of us going off on hunting trips.
 Dr. Cook went back with two companions and went up another branch of the river and made a second dash for the summit from the southwest slope. He claimed that he and one of the men who accompanied him reached the top. I noticed that the claims that he did not reach the summit were made by persons who were not with him, and their statements should not be considered."

Charges Imposture.
 London, Sept. 8.—The London morning papers apparently consider that the polar controversy has passed the stage where serious comment will serve any useful purpose.
 The Daily News points out the complete unreliability of evidence from Esquimaux, who are likely to say anything calculated to please the questioner, whoever he may be.
 The Daily Chronicle, however, flatly charges Dr. Cook with having fabricated all the statements of any significance with which he supported his claim to having reached the north pole.
 Continuing in this line, the Chronicle says:
 "We charge him with attempting an imposture upon the world, and with the knowledge that he could not long sustain the pretense."

Hastening Return.
 Brussels, Sept. 8.—Dr. Cook, it is expected, will reach Brussels next Saturday by way of Flushing. According to the understanding here he will return to Flushing Sunday and continue thence to New York. The explorer is expected to be present at two receptions, one given by the director of the Royal observatory and the other by Premier Beernaert.
 There is great disappointment at the curtailment of Dr. Cook's expected visit. The explanation assigned is that Mrs. Cook is ill and unable to come to Europe, and the doctor is hastening his return home.

Articles Are Filed.
 Helena, Sept. 8.—There were filed today with the secretary of state articles of incorporation of the Pittsamt Copper company of West Virginia, which purposes taking over the mines, smelters and other properties of the Pittsburg & Montana Mining company at Butte and elsewhere in Montana. The company has a capital of \$11,000,000, and a filing fee of \$1,285 was exacted.

COOK MAKES REPLY TO RIVAL EXPLORER

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 the members of Peary's party, if they wish.
 Dr. Cook's apparent confidence is the greatest factor working in his support in Copenhagen. Those who have talked with him agree he is absolutely sincere, or else deserves a pedestal in history as one of the greatest actors.
Pass Judgment.
 When the latter alternative was suggested to him he merely expressed the conviction that time, even if there was no other evidence, would confirm his statements, because with the rapid advance of the means of travel his route would soon be visited by others who could pass judgment on his testimony.
 Dr. Cook's constitution is like iron. For the last three nights he averaged three and one-half hours' sleep, sitting up attending to his correspondence and arising at 6 o'clock in the morning to resume his task, but he shows no ill effects of the strain. His engagements today included a luncheon given in his honor by the British minister at the legation and a motor

SUN AND SNOW.
 Sometimes Help the Hair to Go.
 In any changeable climate the hair is apt to become brittle and to break off stubby here and there. This makes a hair-dressing almost a necessity, especially to ladies. In using a hair dressing why not get the best, one that combines with it the efficiency in killing the dandruff germ, the germ that eats the hair off at the roots, causing what is called falling hair, and in time baldness. Newbro's "Herpicide" is that kind of a hair dressing. You have no idea how delightful your scalp will feel and how stylish your hair will appear after an application or two of Herpicide. It is certainly a wonderful innovation as a scalp antiseptic and hair dressing. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to the Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Two sizes, 50c and \$1. Missoula Drug Co., special agents.

DIES OF HEART TROUBLE.
 New York, Sept. 8.—Joel E. Benedict Erhardt, president of the Lawyers Surety company, died early today from heart trouble, in his room at the Union League club. During the absence of Mr. Erhardt's family abroad he made his home at the club. He had been ill only a short time.
 Mr. Erhardt served through the civil war, attained the rank of colonel, and later held several federal positions.

COMING TO BUTTE.
 Butte, Sept. 8.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock will be in Butte September 25 to attend the state convention of Montana postmasters. Mr. Hitchcock notified Postmaster Malcolm Gillis this morning that he had arranged to be here on that date. He will come direct to this city from Washington, D. C., and then journey on to the coast.

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