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THE SAENGERFEST.

Beyond a business meeting or two, a picnic and a ball, the first saengerfest in Montana is history now. Last evening's program at the Harnois theater was, without a doubt, the most remarkable ever heard in Missoula, and the size of the attendance was gratifying to the men who made it possible.

IT MAY HAPPEN.

There is a homely proverb that says something about amputating one's nose to vex one's face, and a message from New York gives it a new application. The opinion of a French savant is cabled to give the first definite expression to the belief that Commander Peary and Dr. Cook might be wrong in believing that they had attained the top of the earth.

KAISER'S NEW JOB.

The dispatches this morning announce that Emperor William of Germany has accepted the presidency of an enterprise entitled the German Arctic Aeropship Expedition. It is the purpose of this expedition to explore the polar regions in a dirigible balloon.

A PREACHER'S SON.

There is a foolish saying that the son of a preacher never accomplishes anything worth while; that, as a genius, the offspring of a minister of the gospel doesn't amount to much.

peets the Jones family to produce a saint, and everybody thinks the South family should. That is really the situation in a nutshell, and had this fallacy any real foundation, it has received final negation in the career of Edward H. Harriman.

THE STUDENT.

Yesterday Missoula's streets evidenced the return of the student. Yesterday the symptoms of the university's opening were complete and the gay tags and glad manner of what is called the "Rah 'Rah" boy were conspicuous.

Down in Arkansas the teacher of the Bear Hollow school shot an unruly pupil a day or so ago. The pupil had "licked" two teachers previously in his denude, and when the third one came along tried similar tactics, even resorting to the use of a weapon.

Colonel Roosevelt has been named as a delegate to a world's missionary conference. He should be sent to some cannibal clime to convert the natives, for it's a cinch the wielder of the "big stick" wouldn't figure in the soup to any great extent.

There is a familiar sound about the statement that Harriman's parents were poor but honest. It seems to be a positive handicap to be born in a brownstone front.

There may be a "deadly parallel" between the Kilkenny cats and the discoverers of the north pole.

The whipping of teachers will probably lose some of its popularity in Arkansas just now.

Cook and Peary might draw straws for the pole and save a suffering public lots of grief.

Still, Dr. Cook has not said things half as mean as has Commander Peary.

While the saengerfest is a German institution, it takes well in this country.

Less majesty would be a handy thing for a discoverer of the north pole.

Many times must a popular fallacy be refuted before the public deserts it.

The student has arrived once more and Missoula is glad to see him.

Perhaps Kaiser Bill hasn't heard about that north pole matter.

The fur should fly when Cook and Peary meet.

TAPPER ACQUITTED.

Pittsburg, Sept. 12.—E. B. Taylor, former superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, and W. H. Smith, a furnisher of stock quotations, were found not guilty on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the wire-tapping scandal prosecuted by the Chicago Board of Trade.

CONRAD APPOINTED.

Helena, Sept. 12.—Governor Norris today appointed W. G. Conrad of this city to represent Montana at the convention at New Orleans October 29 of the Lakes-to-Gulf Deep Waterways association.

WASHINGTON NEWS THE MISSOULIAN'S SPECIAL SERVICE

Washington, Sept. 12.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered the establishment of a postoffice at Oxford, Meagher county, Sherman E. Robinson has been appointed postmaster.

The comptroller of the currency has appointed the Omaha National bank as reserve agent for the National Park bank of Livingston.

Irrigation has done much for Idaho, according to a report of State Engineer Stephenson of the state, issued by the department of agriculture. In the report he says of the products of irrigated land in the state:

During the past few years Idaho has made remarkable strides in irrigation development along the line of agricultural and horticultural products. The yields of cereals to the acre in Idaho is nearly double the average yield of the United States.

In the irrigated region fully 4,000,000 acres are now covered by irrigation canals, and the lands sown by these canals are nearly all owned by the people who occupy them. Experience has shown that in this region the greatest profits accrue from small farms under intensive cultivation.

Within the humid belt of the northern part of the state conditions are different. Land is owned in larger bodies and farming is carried on in a very different manner. Wheat, oats and barley are the principal grain crops in this region, and until within the past few years it was believed that nothing but grain could be grown throughout Idaho, Nez Perce and Latah counties, but experience has taught differently.

While the agricultural conditions in the humid and the irrigated sections of the state are entirely different, it is a noticeable fact that the industry in all sections is very promising.

Commercial conditions in China and the position of the United States in reference thereto are discussed in the official report on the foreign trade of China for 1908, a copy of which has been received by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce.

That the United States has, in the import trade of China, fared better than most other parts of the world, is indicated by a table showing the value of the direct trade with principal countries and grand divisions, for whereas net imports into China during 1908 decreased \$15,000,000 from the figures of the preceding year; those from the United States increased about \$2,000,000—from \$24,171,777 in 1907 to \$27,015,936 in 1908.

The increase of \$3,000,000 in the exports from China during 1908 was due entirely to larger shipments to countries other than the United States, since the value of exports to this country decreased from over \$17,000,000 in 1907 to about \$15,000,000 in 1908.

The countries of origin of the principal articles imported into China are given in the report for a few commodities only, but insofar as they are stated they present an encouraging exhibit of continued recovery in those lines of American goods which had been especially depressed. Of cotton goods, the report shows that imports of plain gray shirtings from the United States increased from 35,589 pieces in 1907 to 291,788 pieces in 1908; while English shirtings of similar grade increased from 2,888,607 pieces in 1907 to 4,222,087 pieces in 1908.

in 1907 to 110,598 pieces in 1908, and the latter from 251,889 pieces in 1907 to 258,312 pieces in 1908. American kerosene oil is rapidly occupying the Chinese market to the practical exclusion of Russian oils, imports of kerosene from the United States having been, in 1908, 121,742,688 gallons, compared with 43,447,643 gallons from Sumatra, 18,923,632 gallons from Borneo, and but 2,779,586 gallons from Russia.

The improving condition of the export trade of the United States to China in cotton goods is further illustrated by figures of the Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance for June, 1909, which shows the exports down to the middle of the current year. For the month of June, 1909, exports of cotton cloths from the United States to China aggregated 25,500,000 yards, against 8,500,000 yards in June of the preceding year.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 13.—President Taft gave up his golf game and an official business today and devoted himself to preparing for the long western trip which will really have its beginning when he motors into Boston tomorrow afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce banquet.

Mrs. Taft expects to remain in Beverly until November 12, when the president plans to arrive here to take her back to Washington.

The executive offices will close immediately the president leaves Beverly. All the clerks and attaches will go to Washington at once.

ALLEGED LEPER FREE FROM CONFINEMENT

Washington, Sept. 13.—John R. Early has been struck from the pension roll at the pension office, as he has been found to be entirely free from any disease, having recovered from the skin eruption which was declared by eminent physicians to be leprosy.

ORGANIST IS ACCUSED OF DESERTING WIFE

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 13.—Alois Beller a young church organist and music teacher, is in the city jail charged with having deserted his invalid wife and three children in Jasper, Ind., and eloping with a young woman of wealth of that city.

SCHOOLS OPENED.

New York, Sept. 12.—The public schools of the five boroughs of Greater New York opened today with 60,000 children unable to gain admittance for the full course.

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