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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1909.

THE COUNTY'S AFFAIRS.

The Missoulian yesterday morning presented an interesting summary of the distribution of the funds received from the taxes of Missoula county this year. These figures show that Treasurer Kennedy will have more money in his charge next month than has ever been paid in one year by the people of Missoula county. In detail the figures represent substantial progress in the county; they show an increase in valuation which is gratifying; were the assessment made closer to the real value of property, the showing would be better and the tax rate would be lower. This is a matter which has received a good deal of consideration during the past year; the chief difficulty in the way of an increase of this sort is found in the fact that, unless other counties adopted a similar plan, Missoula would pay more than her rightful share of the state expense. In all other respects the higher assessment is desirable.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT.

The commission form of government for cities is finding new advocates all the time; it is a noticeable fact in connection with the discussion of this matter, that those most enthusiastic over this method of city government are those who know most about it. We believe that Galveston was the first American city to adopt this system; the experience of the Texas city, after its disastrous experience with storm and tidal wave, was such as to commend its form of government to the consideration of students of municipal politics. Under the commission form of city administration, the management of the city's affairs is placed in the hands of a comparatively small body of men, who are well paid for their services. The testimony of such cities as have tried the plan is that the municipal business receives more careful attention and that its affairs are handled much more promptly than under the old form of government. Certain it is that the commission plan is receiving much attention lately.

TIMELY OBSERVATIONS.

The current weekly letter of Henry Clews was written prior to last Saturday. At that time we had no intimation of the formation of the big copper merger and the gigantic telegraph-telephone combine. Perhaps Mr. Clews, in New York, may have had an idea of what was coming; certainly he was properly inspired when he made these timely observations:
"Of late the stock market has shown more or less weakness owing to the approaching session of congress and an undercurrent of uneasiness regarding President Taft's attitude towards corporations. The president has just finished a tour of 12,000 miles throughout the country, traversing the populous districts of all sections. He has thus come in close touch with political sentiment, and has evidently found the so-called 'Roosevelt policies' popular. Having been elected on promises to carry out these policies, it is to be expected that he will more or less favor legislation unacceptable to corporations, and that agitation on these lines will be renewed when congress opens. To the disinterested observer this is not altogether surprising. A strong hostile public opinion has unfortunately been created against our large corporations, chiefly because of abuses incidental to their recent rapid growth. It will be conceded that these corporations possess enormous power, and that by means of further combination they might be able to exercise an influence that would by corruption or other means threaten supremacy of the government itself. The placing of such vast interests in the hands of a few men, who absolutely control the destinies of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of our population, cannot

reasonably be expected to be permanent. The people will rule. They will insist upon the open field and a fair chance. That is the foundation of our government, and no power that is able to seriously interfere with that object will be tolerated. The threatened control of our industries and our railroads by small groups of men, organized for purely selfish purposes and having little or no regard for public welfare, has awakened a deep-seated feeling of uneasiness among the masses and is really the chief incentive for most of the socialistic propaganda which is spread broadcast today. Mr. Harriman was a man of vast ability and undoubtedly achieved great results, but the system of excessive centralization in industry for which he pre-eminently stood is in violent conflict with all the principles of this government, which aims at equality of opportunity to all. Roosevelt's tremendous popularity in this country was based upon his clear recognition of the fact that public welfare was being frustrated by our great railroad and industrial combinations. His method of cure may not always have been the wisest, but his purpose was sound and his policy will prove a winning one, although in the rough and tumble of battle more or less injurious agitation and legislation may have to be endured. President Taft has evidently sufficient political sagacity to recognize these conditions, and it is quite likely that he will vigorously carry out the Roosevelt reforms. Should he not do so, there is little doubt whatever that Mr. Roosevelt himself will be recalled to perform the task. Therefore, our captains of industry and railroad magnates may as well choose as to whether they would prefer to have congress devise a scheme of wholesome regulation of corporations under Mr. Taft's moderate and kindly hand, or whether they would rather take the chances of dealing with Mr. Roosevelt, who would undoubtedly be less gentle and more radical. The choice is with them now; later on it will be with the people if they do not act."

The more the situation is studied, the more apparent becomes the need for a sewer system and the more certain it is that the Swearingin plan is the right one.

If you haven't prepared for winter, you'd better hurry up. There is good advice as to how to do it in the advertising columns of The Missoulian.

Cairo people want it understood they were willing the courts should do the work, but the courts were not willing to do it.

Missoula county's contribution to educational work for her youngsters is large and its distribution is commendable.

The sugar trust is a bit late getting into the limelight, but now that it has arrived, it is in the brightest spot.

The Bitter Root is well advertised by its friends, and its friends become more numerous every day.

Mrs. Stetson evidently believes that individual brilliancy should be subordinated to team work.

If the new reservation towns live up to the expectations of lot-buyers, they will be hummers.

The Pennsylvania railroad's order for 26,000 freight cars indicates confidence in the future.

There is something suggestive in fashion's decree that "bridge frocks" must be sleeveless.

The navy gets a coal station, at least, out of Alaska's bituminous wealth.

Mr. Ballinger gives further evidence of his conversion to conservation.

The new trust had to be a big one to absorb the Western Union.

The booster finds a heavy harvest and a shortage of reapers.

When the taxes are paid, the county will be on the sunny side.

This year's answer to "Does farming pay?" is easy to read.

Happy is the man whose coat is in the bin and paid for.

The secretary of agriculture is the real Santa Claus.

SHAHAN A DOMESTIC PRELATE.
Washington, Nov. 17.—Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic university, has just received from Rome the papal brief creating him domestic prelate of the pontifical court with the rank of monsignor.

ERICSON KNEW RINGS EXISTED

CHICAGO ENGINEER MAKES DAMAGING ADMISSIONS IN CASE AGAINST CONTRACTORS.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The special commission investigating charges of fraud in the letting of municipal contracts drew admissions today from City Engineer Ericson, the principal witness, that he had been informed of the alleged contractor's rings to defraud the city, that he had disregarded information concerning the alleged frauds, given him by a subordinate, and that he had at one time practically been deposed from his position through the political influence of the clique of contractors.
Waiter I. Fisher, who is conducting the inquiry, questioned M. Ericson, District of Subordinates was given by the city engineer as the reason why he did not act on information given him. He admitted he had been told that material being excavated was classified and paid for at a high rate as "shale rock," although it is contended it was common clay. He said other city inspectors, in whom he had confided, had insisted that the material was "shale rock."
Mr. Ericson said that under the administration of Mayor Dunne he had been asked to resign because of the importunities of the alleged contractors' clique. He said he had refused to resign, and that for a year he had been merely a figurehead, subordinates signing his name and performing all the executive functions of his department. The commission is investigating contracts in which large amounts were allotted for inferior work to favored contractors.

YACHT VARUNA WRECKED.

Funchal, Madeira, Nov. 17.—There was no loss of life when the yacht Varuna, owned by Eugene Higgins of New York, was wrecked on the north-west coast of the island. The yacht was driven ashore during a severe storm. All of the members of the yachting party and the crew have been accounted for. They found refuge on the north coast. The Varuna is full of water and it is believed she will go to pieces.

WOUNDED MAN PLEADS FOR WILLIE M'KAY

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 17.—Willie McKay, the 15-year-old Jacksonville, Fla., bandit, was arraigned before Judge Means of the juvenile court here today charged with robbing the Eudora State bank in company with Earl Bullock, who suicided when surrounded in the woods near Eudora.
Young McKay repeated to the court the confession he made following his arrest, to which he added the declaration that Bullock had threatened to kill him if he deserted.
"I would rather have been killed myself than killed someone else," said the youthful prisoner.
Fred Starr, the bank cashier whom Bullock shot in the jaw, appealed to the court for leniency for McKay. McKay, Starr said, was too scared to have shot when he (Starr) entered the bank, and he added that it was his opinion that Bullock had not really intended to shoot him.
Judge Means finally continued the investigation indefinitely until he could hear whether or not Jacksonville had a juvenile court.

THREE FROZEN TO DEATH.

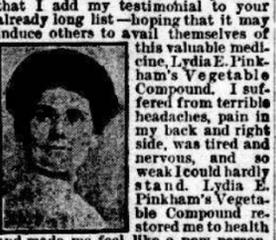
Leadville, Colo., Nov. 17.—The bodies of Frank Loftus, William Hasty and James Hays were found today four miles west of the Hill Top mine, in the Horseshoe district, on the line between Clark and Lake counties. The men had been frozen to death. They started for the mines Monday, taking an express wagon to the end of the trail, four or five miles from the mine. Evidently they had been caught in the blizzard and had gradually succumbed. All three were residents of Leadville and were unmarried.

GIRL FOUND MURDERED.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 17.—The body of Hattie Zinda, 14 years old, was found this afternoon in a deserted lane shed here. The girl had been assaulted and murdered. Detectives had been seeking the girl for several days.

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SINGULAR ACCIDENT ON CANADIAN ROAD

North Bend, B. C., Nov. 17.—Engineer Gough of Kamloops, B. C., was killed and two trainmen were badly injured in a wreck on the Canadian Pacific railroad last night, a few miles west of here. A snowslide struck the engine of a freight train just after it had emerged from a tunnel, and carried the locomotive and four cars off the embankment and down 200 feet into the Fraser river.
The engineer was not seen again. Fireman MacKay jumped and suffered a broken arm and brakeman Foster, of Kamloops, was severely crushed.
A blinding snowstorm was raging at the time. The slide missed the east-bound passenger train by half hour.

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RAIN AIDS FIRE FIGHTERS.

Campton Lake, N. J., Nov. 17.—Rain came today to the help of the fire fighters on the mountain sides near here, and the blaze started by the explosions in the Du Pont Du Mours Powder company's plant yesterday was extinguished before great damage had been done. The explosion had occurred at the top of the working face, but quit work for the day. The packing house and several smaller buildings were wrecked.

MERELY FABRICATION SAYS PINCHOT

CHIEF FORESTER SO CHARACTERIZES STORY ABOUT HIS QUESTIONING PRESIDENT.

Washington, Nov. 17.—"The story that I have issued an ultimatum to the president is like the recent conspiracy story, merely a silly fabrication. Of course I have done nothing of the kind, nor anything that could be twisted into that meaning. The president was good enough to express his satisfaction with my work and I am going ahead with it."
Gifford Pinchot, the government's chief forester, in a statement issued today thus disposed of the reports published this morning that he had sent a letter to the president threatening to resign if Secretary of the Interior Ballinger remained in the cabinet.
Secretary Ballinger was one of the cabinet callers at the White House today and when he left the executive office displayed his usual good humor in listening to many questions as to the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot feud. The secretary said he had merely taken up routine departmental matters with the president.

MAUD GECK DISCHARGED.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 17.—Maud Geck was discharged from custody at her preliminary hearing on the charge of being an accessory to the murder of R. D. Gannon, whose body was found on the roof of an office building two weeks ago. Miss Geck was arrested in Seneca, Mo., last Friday.

Forced Into Exile.

Wm. Upchurch of Glen Oak, Okla., was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought, would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes, "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infallible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and Sore Throat, Cures Grip, Bronchitis, Hemorrhages, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, 50c and \$1.00, trial bottle free, guaranteed by Missoula Drug Co.



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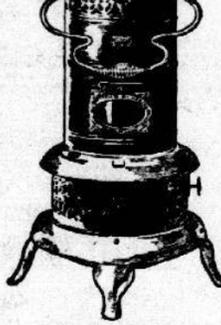
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The Sign of the Hand

Some pleasant afternoon you must take a walk down the west side of Higgins avenue as far as Pine street and, when passing between Cedar and Pine streets, look for the Sign of the Hand, follow it and see where it leads you. Then tell your friends about it, for they may be anticipating taking a trip and will want just the article you saw at the only Exclusive Trunk Store in Missoula, where they can buy the very best trunk in town.

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PRIVATE CONCERN MAY NOT SERVE NEGROES

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 17.—The supreme court today handed down a decision that a private business concern under the Iowa statute could legally refuse to serve a negro.
Mrs. Susie Brown, a negro, sued the J. H. Bell Coffee company for \$1,000 damages because she was refused a cup of coffee at a pure food show in Des Moines a year ago. In the lower court the woman won out, but the supreme court today reversed the decision, holding that the Bell company, being a private concern, had the right to refuse to serve anyone it wished, even though the person had paid an admission fee at the door.
Chief Justice Evans and Justice Weaver filed vigorous dissenting opinions.

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REX FLOUR

Advertisement for REX FLOUR featuring an illustration of a woman and a flour sack, with text: 'The flour that opens the way to more delicious bread, cake or pastry. Good cooks owe their reputation to it. One sack will prove it to you. At All Grocers. "/>