

PREPARE TO FIGHT LA FEAN BILL

BITTER ROOT FRUIT GROWERS OBJECT TO MEASURE NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—The La Fean apple box bill, described as a discrimination against the northwestern growers, will be the subject of a meeting to be held in Hamilton on December 22, at 1 o'clock in the Lucas opera house. This meeting will be under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, which in keeping with its policy to create a greater Bitter Root, is now interested in every subject pertaining to the welfare of the valley, town and country alike.

Commercial organizations in Wootchese, Hood River and Yakima have asked for the co-operation of Montana growers, and the Bitter Root is taking the first step in a united effort to defeat the bill. When in Spokane, William Trent was elected as a delegate to represent the Bitter Root valley in Denver at the Western Fruitgrowers' association, which will meet in that city in January. Representatives from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah and Montana will assemble in Colorado and gain the assistance of growers from that section. Later prominent men from the northwest will visit Washington, D. C., to labor for the defeat of the bill.

Perhaps no measure has created more interest among fruitgrowers than the La Fean box bill, which is now before congress, and which if passed, will cause an entire change in northwestern boxes, pack and grading. At Spokane the bill was unanimously condemned and resolutions adopted to send to Washington. On every side the measure is found lacking for the northwestern fruitgrower, and many claim that it was originated by eastern buyers and growers. If the bill passes it will mean the abandonment of the present box and pack, otherwise our present box will be marked "short box" and fines will be imposed if the details of measure are not carried out. Already many Bitter Root growers have familiarized themselves with the bill and pronounce it dangerous to fruit raising, one of Montana's important resources. The business men realize the point raised by the growers and have shown their willingness to join in expressing the Bitter Root's disapproval to Senators Carter and Dixon. The resolutions adopted at the meeting will be sent broadcast, and further co-operation will be effected with the other northwestern fruitgrowing districts.

With this meeting, the one held by the fruitgrowers' association, and the coming fruit school, the orchardists of the valley are receiving much attention, and the outlook is particularly satisfying. Many topics will be covered during the month which will lead to better fruit and better prices. It is thought that at least 200 will attend the fruit school.

NOT GUILTY PLEA OF ALLEGED HOLDUPS

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Victor Keips and John Dick, the men arrested at Stevensville Saturday evening on two robbery charges, pleaded not guilty before Judge Henry L. Myers yesterday afternoon. Their trial was set for today at 10 o'clock.

Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as Night Watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle" he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe colds, stubborn coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, hemorrhages, croup and whooping cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free, guaranteed by Missoula Drug Co.

NECKTIE SOCIAL.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—There will be a necktie social given at Smith and Brown's hall on Thursday evening, December 23, by the Fraternal Order of Mountaineers. An oyster supper will be served after which dancing will be indulged in. E. W. Puckett announces that there will be various amusements provided for both old and young.

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Hamilton, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—"The Mikado" was repeated last evening to a capacity house, and, in spite of several bad colds in the cast, the performance was fully as creditable as the one on Saturday evening.

Much credit is due F. O. Hopper, who has drilled the cast in the lines, and Miss Clare Shannon, who has labored nightly with the chorus, making them familiar with the beautiful but difficult music of the opera. The two performances will leave pleasant memories in the minds of those who were able to witness them, and it has been no common occurrence since Saturday evening to hear the airy music of the choruses whistled on the street.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all dealers.

CONVENTION TO BE HELD.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Ravalli County Sunday School association will be held in the Baptist church at Stevensville, January 26 and 27. The program will be participated in by all the pastors of the county, who will be assisted by Rev. T. A. Alford and Rev. D. V. Price of Helena. The executive officers of the association are as follows: W. C. Harbin, president; Rev. T. H. Barker, vice president; Rev. F. N. Cockcroft, secretary and treasurer; W. T. Tyler and R. D. Miller, associate members.

OWENS VISITS HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—J. V. Owens, an insurance man of Missoula, is in Hamilton looking after business matters. Mr. Owens was until last summer a resident of this city being principal of the city schools before he launched into the insurance business.

GOES TO ST. LOUIS.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Sid M. Ward left yesterday for St. Louis, where he will look after business interests. He expects to be away from the Bitter Root a month.

TO VISIT IN MINNESOTA.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—William Griffith left this morning for his home in Minnesota, where he will visit for some time. Mr. Griffith will be remembered by his fine voice in the musical numbers of "The Mikado."

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Coeur d'Alene and Montana Copper Mining Company.

Pursuant to the requirements of the by-laws of the Coeur d'Alene and Montana Copper Mining company, the annual meeting of the stockholders will be convened at the office of J. M. Evans, Missoula, Mont., Monday, the 3d day of January 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing five directors to serve for the ensuing year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought to the attention of said meeting.

A. G. SOMES,
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