

STATE OF MONTANA VS. SANDERS COUNTY

SUPREME COURT IN SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF TWO IMPORTANT CASES.

Helena, Aug. 20.—The supreme court was assembled in extraordinary session today for the consideration of two cases in which it was deemed absolutely necessary that the tribunal take immediate action. The first is entitled the state of Montana on the relation of Attorney General Galen against the district court of Sanders county and Judge Myers. One Steele and other Illinois residents filed a complaint in the district court against the state seeking to condemn certain lands for power purposes on the Clark's Fork of the Columbia river. The attorney general applied to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition asserting that the lower court is without jurisdiction on the ground that the only body which can legally transfer state lands in the state board of land commissioners and not the district court. Constitutional grounds are advanced for this contention. The district court does not take this view and threatens to proceed with the condemnation action.

Lower Court Stayed.
The lower court was stayed under the order which fixes September 19 as the date for hearing arguments in the premises. The other case is that of the state of the relation of the Northern Pacific against the district court of Missoula county and Judge Webster, being an application for a directed verdict. Stella Anderson sued the railroad to recover damages for the death of her husband and after deducing the evidence the railroad moved for a directed verdict. The plaintiff thereupon asked that the case be dismissed without prejudice. The court denied the railroad's motion and granted that of the plaintiff's, hence the application for a writ to compel the lower court to act. This case was also set for September 19.

LAST OF PIONEERS IS WOMAN

SOLE SURVIVOR OF FAMOUS PARTY CELEBRATES HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

Spokane, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Catherine Belknap, sole survivor of the Watts wagon train party, which crossed the plains from Iowa to Oregon in 1848, and oldest pioneer woman in the northwest, celebrated the ninetieth anniversary of her birthday at the home of her grandson, Walter Belknap, 2323 East Providence avenue, Spokane, a few days ago. She is in good health and expects to reach the century mark. She has not experienced a day's sickness in 83 years.

Mrs. Belknap is a native of Ohio, born on August 15, 1820. When 19 years of age she married George Belknap and moved to Van Buren county, Iowa, then a territory, where she and her husband joined the Watts party. The train, which was composed of 40 wagons, started for Oregon, in which territory the government then offered a half section of land to every settler. The Belknaps settled 100 miles south of Oregon City, living there 20 years.

The trip across the plains was fraught with danger and troops of soldiers were assigned to guard the emigrants from attack by hostile Indians. Mrs. Belknap says scores of shots were exchanged daily, but few were injured. When the party reached the Oregon plains and there again divided, 10 wagons crossing the Cascade mountains and there again divided, 30 wagons going through to a point 100 miles south of Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Belknap moved to Washington territory in 1879, and settled in the Palouse country, 40 miles south of Spokane, which then had a population of 250 and one general store and a cross-roads postoffice, the mail being brought in by pony express.

"In those days none of us believed that Spokane would ever have more than 5,000 population," said Mrs. Belknap, "and not even the most enthusiastic booster dreamed there would one day be a city of 123,000. But it has all come about in 31 years."

REFERENDUM BILL HAS MORE ROUGH SAILING

REPORTED THAT REPUBLICANS OF COLORADO HAVE DECIDED AGAINST THE MEASURE.

Denver, Aug. 20.—Defeat for the initiative and referendum measure under consideration in the special session of the state legislature is presaged by the action of the senate in a test vote late today. The senate democratic caucus bill was advanced to the third reading by a vote of only 18 to 14. Twenty-four votes are necessary to pass the bill. Senators Skinner and Governor (democrats) did not vote for it. Senator Skinner, who yesterday was forced by caucus agreement to vote against his own bill, introduced by the republicans as a substitute for the caucus measure, left the chamber when his bill was offered again today, and did not get back in time to vote on the caucus measure.

"COOKED," HE SAYS WAS THE NAMING OF SHERMAN

EX-ASSEMBLYMAN HART DECLARES THAT VICE PRESIDENT KNEW OF SCHEME.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 20.—At the Saturday afternoon luncheon of the Republican league in this city today ex-Assemblyman Hart, who has returned from a visit to Colonel Roosevelt in New York, declared that the vote in the state committee that chose Mr. Sherman for temporary chairman of the convention was "cooked up."

In the course of his speech Mr. Hart said: "I assert that Mr. Sherman knew full well that it was Mr. Taft's wish that no move be made toward choosing a temporary chairman without the fullest consultation with Mr. Roosevelt."

"A telegram from Taft to Sherman to this effect appears to have been suppressed, for nothing has been heard of it."

"I ask Mr. Sherman if it is not true that, in spite of knowing that Mr. Roosevelt had shown a willingness to act as temporary chairman and in the face of Mr. Taft's telegram, he possibly solicited votes for himself as temporary chairman on Monday night in New York city."

"Mr. Sherman, by lending himself to this act of pettish politics and by insisting on holding the appointment as convention chairman if he can hold it, has allied himself openly with the Woodruff-Barnes element and has threatened the disruption of the party in the state."

MORGAN TO ASSIST ROAD BUILDERS

SUPERINTENDENT OF FLATHEAD RESERVATION TO CO-OPERATE WITH COUNTY.

Major Fred Morgan, Flathead Indian agent, has assured the county commissioners of his hearty co-operation in the building of county roads in this section, says the Lake Shore Sentinel. A portion of Major Morgan's letter to the commissioners is as follows:

"In case roads are wanted on the reservation, if only white settlers are concerned, the procedure will be the same as for any other road not on the reservation, but if Indian allotments are affected, the consent of the allottee should be secured, and the maps sent to this office to be forwarded to the secretary of the interior. In case a proposed road does not follow a section line or a subdivision line, a copy of the field notes of the county surveyor should accompany the map."

"I am only too anxious to secure good roads on the reservation and I wish to assure you that I will heartily co-operate with the counties of the state in their efforts to secure good roads, for good roads is one of the things that are badly needed on this reservation."

HERE AND THERE.
If the overflowed and swamp lands of the United States were drained, it is said that 70,000,000 acres of productive soil would be regained.

The geological survey believes that the peat in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, would yield 12,000,000,000 tons of air-dried fuel.

A large laundry in New York uses, with good results, an apparatus which produces chlorine bleach electrolytically by the disassociation of sea water.

Sixteen of Ceylon's best gem mines, from which the world's finest rubies and sapphires are taken, have passed into the control of a European syndicate.

The Flint Glass Workers' union, in convention recently at Toledo, Ohio, recognized for the first time the potency of the women's auxiliary movement by adopting a minute urging that all glass workers' locals in the United States put forth efforts to form such auxiliaries.

"IT'S A LIE," FREELY PASSED IN LAND FRAUD CASE

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BLACK DECLARES HE RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—When the senate inquiry into the conduct of criminal law cases by federal officials was resumed today Senator Stone began by questioning Assistant District Attorney A. P. Black, in regard to the instructions which he had received from Washington before the indictment charging Dr. E. B. Perrin with land frauds was returned by the grand jury. Black denied that he had received any instructions either from President Roosevelt, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock or any one in the department of justice in regard to the case.

When Mr. Black offered the report of Special Agent Hunt for inclusion in the record, Dr. Perrin declared that it was a mutilated copy of the original, and when the witness testified that he had identified the exhibits accompanying the report at the Perrin trial, Dr. Perrin interrupted with the declaration "It's a lie."

Did Not Object to Perrin.
Mr. Black declared that he had made no objection to Dr. Perrin appearing before the grand jury which indicted him and that it was through no fault of the federal attorney's office here that Perrin was not permitted to do so. In reply to questions by Senator Stone the witness said that he did not meet Special Agent W. J. Burns in connection with the Perrin indictment until after the trial had been set. Mr. Black denied that he was prejudiced against Dr. Perrin, declaring that he held so little animosity toward them that he stood ready to congratulate him on his escape from a "very ticklish situation."

BANKERS TO GATHER THIS WEEK

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR BOZEMAN CONVENTION.

The seventh annual convention of the Montana Bankers' association will meet in Bozeman, in Elk's hall, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Missoula will be represented. It is not certain yet who will go, but the following named have been suggested: Edward Doulan and E. A. Newton of the First National, J. H. T. Ryan of the Western Montana National, J. M. Keith of the Missoula Trust and Savings, and John Dalgren of the Scandinavian American State bank. The officers of the organization are W. G. Conrad, Great Falls, president; Joseph Kountz, Bozeman, vice president; Harry Yaeger, Lewistown, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Stone, Dillon, C. P. Morris, Havre, and G. A. Banker, Glendive, executive council; A. L. Smith, Helena, W. E. Waldron, Billings, and C. W. Powell, Plains, committee on time locks; Roy Covert, Billings; R. H. Watson, Glendive, and H. V. Alward, Glendive, committee on group system.

The following program will be the order:
Tuesday.
Convention called to order at 10 a. m. Prayer, Rev. O. P. Bishop.
Address of welcome, A. G. Berthot, mayor of Bozeman.
Address of welcome, Peter Koch, Bozeman.

Response in behalf of association, W. F. Meyer, Meyer & Chapman, bankers, Red Lodge.
Report of secretary-treasurer, Harry Yaeger, Lewistown.
Report of executive council, A. L. Stone, chairman, Dillon.

Report of time lock committee, A. L. Smith, chairman, Helena.
Report of group system committee, Roy L. Covert, chairman, Billings.
Address, "Some Experiences of a Country Banker," James T. Wood, cashier First National bank, White Sulphur Springs.

Address, "Bankers—Conservators of Wealth," W. D. Vincent, cashier Old National bank, Spokane.

Afternoon Session, 2 P. M.
Appointment of committees, auditing, resolutions, nominations.
Address, "What the Agricultural College is Doing to Develop the Resources of Montana," J. M. Hamilton, president Montana agricultural college, Bozeman.
Address, "Safe Guards," J. S. Pomeroy, cashier Security National bank, Minneapolis.

Wednesday.
Address, "Factors in the Development of Montana," R. S. Nutt, cashier Farmers' State bank, Sidney.
Address, John A. Keating, vice president Lumberman's National bank, Portland.
Address, J. W. Maxwell, vice president Seattle National bank, Seattle.
Reports of committees, auditing and resolutions.

Report of committee on resolutions and election of officers.
Bozeman will open its doors and extend the glad hand to the visitors, Tuesday, immediately after adjournment, members and their guests will be taken on a trolley ride through the Gallatin valley; that night, at eight, a sweet pea carnival will be given, and a queen crowned.

At 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning, there will be a carnival parade; that

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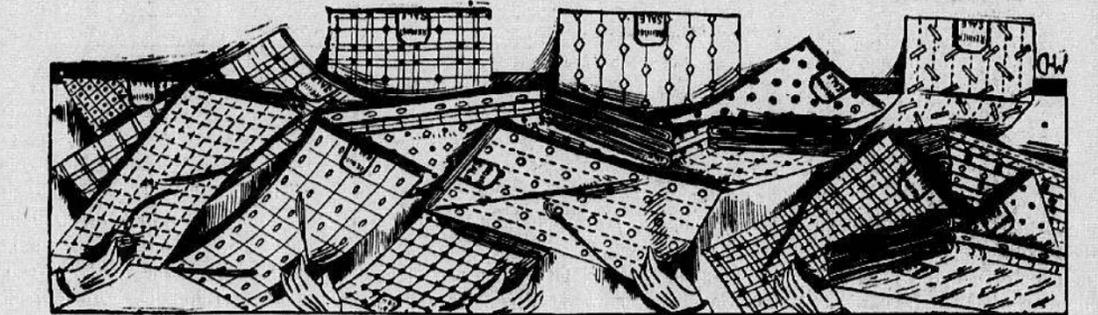
This Week, Beginning Monday Morning

Mme. Petree, the expert corsetiere, direct from New York, will be here to exhibit these latest styles. She accomplishes wonderful figure improvement with the long, shapely lines and wonderful fit of La Grecque Corsets. Come and let her show you how to add to your shapeliness and bodily comfort. With her aid, you will enhance the good lines of your figure and improve any poor one.



End-of-Season Remnant Sale---Half Price

Three Days Only---Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



The final windup of the summer season in our Dry Goods department is represented in this greatest Remnant Sale of the year. Not a kind or quality of Dry Goods but is represented among the thousands of remnants we have accumulated for this event, and we offer choice of them all at

HALF PRICE

In this great collection you will find remnants of Dress Goods, from one to eight yards each, cashmeres, serges, mohairs, batistes, Panamas and all other desirable weaves, in black and all colors, Remnants of Plain and Fancy Silks, of all lengths. Remnants of Domestic of every description, in lengths of from 1 to 10 yards. Remnants of Embroideries, Laces and Ribbons. Remnants of Dress Trimmings. In fact, there is not a want that a remnant could supply but the remnant will be found here to supply it.

Final Closing of This Season's Loveliest Silks

For three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, we are going to let you pick from all our Fancy silks, including foulards, fancy messalines, fancy tafetas, shawl-yard silks, in plaids, stripes and checks and some very handsome Persian silks at a price never before approached. These silks are all of the best quality and were sold regularly at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per yard. Your Choice **59c**

Our Entire Stock of Embroideries at 1/3 Off for Three Days

No woman will willingly miss this grand opportunity to select freely from our entire stock of embroideries at such a saving. As everyone knows, there is not another store in town carrying the quantities, varieties and quantities of embroideries this store does, so it is quite an event when we offer you unrestricted choice of all them, even our finest goods, less than regular prices a full **33 1/3%**

75c Elastic Belts 25c

Choice of a fine assortment of Elastic Belts, in all colors, each with a pretty buckle, **25c** regularly priced at 75c, for only **25c**

8 1-3c Outing Flannel 6 1-2c

Good quality outing flannel in pink, gray and blue striped patterns; regular 8 1-2c goods on Sale Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, at **6c**

35c Children's Socks 15c

Children's plain lace socks, in all colors and in all children's sizes; regular price 35c a pair; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **15c**

Two Corset Bargains

Two lots of dainty lace and embroidery trimmed Corset Covers, in all sizes; **25c** and **35c** regular prices 39c and 53c

PREACHER PREFERS PRINTED PAGE

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 19.—"Get out of Doors," followed by the words, "Bestful, Refreshing Religion, Stayed on the Cool, Comfortable, Careless," is the heading of an advertisement in newspapers and big signs placed by officers of the Dean Avenue Christian church, Spokane, to attract people to a series of popular sermons by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Bruce Brown, who is an advocate of the liberal use of printed ink. Dr. Brown is assisted by a choir and a male quartet. The first Sunday evening service on the lawn of the Bryant school, where Dr. Brown preached upon "Popular Fancies, Fads and Follies," was so well attended that the congregation has decided upon open air meetings the rest of the summer. It may be added that Dr. Brown, who worked in a printing office when a boy, has converted many of his congregation and others to the value of advertising. He believes that the newspaper is the greatest and best medium to reach

GERMANY FEARS CHOLERA.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—An order was issued yesterday calling for the most stringent inspection of German ports of all vessels from Odessa, Russia, owing to the outbreak of cholera in South Russia.

George Little, Jack Johnson's former manager, has started Sandy Ferguson to training, in the hope that the "stubborn child" can get in proper shape to meet the champion.

the masses, and in proof of this he points to the crowds at his meetings at a season when many prefer to pass the week-end in camps and at lake and forest resorts.

The democratic state committee of Montana has decided that no endorsement of a candidate for United States senator shall be made at the coming state convention. The convention has been called to meet in Livingston on the second Thursday in September. The democrats are hopeful of electing one of their party to succeed Senator Thomas H. Carter, republican. The present legislature is republican on joint ballot by only two majority.

THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS



Its great merit alone has enabled the Bitters to continue before the public for over 57 years. You really ought to try a bottle for poor appetite, indigestion, headache, cramps, diarrhoea and malaria.