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OLD AND LIVELY.

The first official census returns from Montana were given yesterday morning, when The Missoulian's Washington correspondent wired the figures for Stevensville. The oldest white settlement in Montana, Stevensville, is entitled to precedence in receiving the returns.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH.

The press dispatches from Wallace tell of the splendid work done by the men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry in the fight against the fire last Saturday and Sunday. One story says it was the efforts of the colored soldiers which saved the town from complete destruction.

RESTORATIVE EFFECT.

The regular weekly trade review of Henry Clews maintains this week its optimistic tone in its consideration of the general business situation.

The greatest betterment has been in the monetary situation. Owing to recent pressure exerted by banks in all parts of the country, prospects of a money squeeze this autumn, which once caused considerable apprehension, have now been reduced to a minimum.

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excessive enlargement of producing capacity. This readjustment between production and consumption, or supply and demand, cannot be immediately accomplished, but the evil is fully recognized and the curative process is now fully under way.

BIG AND LITTLE.

For a long time the only classification in the egg market has been the distinction between good eggs and bad eggs and, too often, the line has not been closely enough drawn.

It is obvious that the effect of this policy will be to produce better egg-laying strains of hens and to eliminate the layers of small eggs, which on account of deficiency in weight will command so much less per dozen.

The objection that the smaller eggs are apt to be fresher fails to convince, since the freshness of the egg is contingent upon the promptness with which it is sold, shipped and consumed.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is evidently not a friend of the Spanish pretender. It says Don Jaime has as much show in Spain as William J. Bryan has in this country.

Our old weather friend, Professor Hicks, has just lost out in a campaign for the mayoralty of his town.

Senator Gore says he can make \$150 a day on the Chataqua platform. But, surely, that would be worse than taking money from the Oklahoma Indians.

Sombody is going to establish a bungalow colony at Esopus, N. Y. The excavation work may disclose some historic remains, dating back to 1904.

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The German Advance XX.—The Burden of Taxation. (By Frederic J. Haskin.)

The German people are crying out in painful protest against the ever-increasing burden of taxation imposed upon them by the imperialistic policy of their government. The political control of the nation is in the hands of the property owning classes who heartily support the world-empire campaign initiated by their emperor.

As in the United States the revenues of the federal government of Germany are derived from indirect taxation, and the state governments raise money by means of direct taxes.

When the empire was formed there was two propositions for raising imperial revenues. One proposed to give the federation the power of direct taxation; the other proposed a system of federal support by which all the expenses of the imperial government were to be contributed by the several states in proportion to population.

In the first few years of the life of the empire the federal revenues, although amounting to less than a hundred million dollars annually, were more than sufficient to meet all demands and the surplus actually was divided among the states in proportion to population.

The greater portion of the federal revenue, in fact practically all that is applicable to military and other general expenses, is derived from the customs and excise duties, precisely as it is in the United States.

In Prussia the income tax system is well nigh all-embracing. The gross taxable income includes all receipts of money, all payments in kind, the rent value of houses occupied by the owners, and so on.

Liability for the payment of the tax begins when the annual income reaches \$225 a year, and all of the incomes of every member of the family is counted together in assessing the taxes upon the head of the family.

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Above \$25,000 a year there is no increase in the rate of tax. The annual direct taxation per capita in Prussia is about \$25. This falls upon rich and poor alike, but as 90 per cent of the total taxes collected comes from tax payers with incomes of less than \$500 a year it is apparent that the poor pay a great deal more than the rich.

The imperial government, by which is meant the emperor and his councillors and their immediate associates, has recognized the danger of continuing to increase the levies upon the states, which inevitably increase the burden of direct taxation in the states.

But the inequitable apportionment of seats in the reichstag which gives the agrarian landowners an unequal share of the membership in that body, prevented the adoption of the government measures. The bill as first introduced provided for raising \$125,000,000 additional revenue, which would more than wipe out the \$100,000,000 deficit annually made up by contributions from the states.

The result was that the reichstag refused to pass the bill and the imperial chancellor practically was forced to resign his office. The conservative and clerical parties combined in the reichstag and passed a bill of their own making, which is expected to provide about \$60,000,000, thus reducing the levies upon the states for this year to about half of what they were for last year.

Of all the taxes proposed by the government bill to fall upon the land owning classes, only one was left, and that was a stamp tax upon real estate transfer documents. But to offset this the landlords in the reichstag put into the bill a provision paying a bounty to distillers of spirits, all of whom are landlords, by which of the new taxation more than \$10,000,000 annually will be paid over to the landowners.

(Tomorrow—The German Advance, XXI—Newspapers and Public Opinion.)

L. D. McLEAN IS HEAD NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Butte, Aug. 23.—L. D. McLean, formerly general commercial superintendent of the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone company, with headquarters at Dallas, Texas, has arrived in Butte to assume his new duties as general commercial superintendent of the Interstate Consolidated, the Montana Independent, the State Telephone & Telegraph and other of the Lane telephone properties.

Mr. McLean will establish headquarters at Butte and Spokane, where he will divide his time in the interest of the Interstate Consolidated Telephone company, of which Thaddeus S. Lane, president of the Montana Independent and nine other telephone companies, is the executive head.

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SECTION FOREMAN TELLS OF FIRE

FRED WENCE OF DEBORGIA RELATES DESCENT OF FIRE ON THE TOWN.

Fred Wence, section foreman for the Northern Pacific, who left DeBorgia on the last train Saturday night, was an anxious watcher of the bulletins regarding the state of affairs in the St. Regis valley yesterday. When he left DeBorgia the flames were on the edge of the town and he feared the worst for the little village.

"The dust and cinders and sand went through the air like snow and I couldn't keep my eyes open on the street. The wind didn't come from any one direction, it blew first this way and then that, whirling everything around and around. The fire jumped across the ditches almost before the men could get out of the way and came down toward the town with a roar."

"I saw them that it was no use to try to fight it any more and all of us but one fellow that had a water tank and a fireproof house took the train. He stoop up there with a lantern and a hose in that wind and watched the train go out. I left my speeder there and told him to use it if he had to, and that night he came into St. Regis. He had an awful trip through the fire and was scared stiff."

"I have been in DeBorgia for 20 years and I never saw anything like it before. It was terrible."

MEN ARRIVE SAFE IN ST. REGIS

CONDUCTOR VANDERCOOK AND 165 MEN SPEND MONDAY EVENING IN TUNNEL 27.

H. B. Vandercook, a conductor on the Puget Sound, arrived in the city yesterday. On Sunday he and his crew had been detailed for steam-shovel duty, but were again assigned to watching bridges and putting out the fires on them. They were working on bridge 226 when the fire came down on them.

At the bottom of the gorge, they made an attempt to extricate him, but were unable to do so. Before he lost consciousness he gave a timekeeper, who was in the party, checks amounting to \$600. He is thought to have been a truck walker. Vandercook arrived in the city yesterday morning.

THREE KILLED IN COLLISION.

Hagenstown, Md., Aug. 23.—Three men were killed and six injured in a head-on freight collision on the Western Maryland railroad near Edgemont last night.

AUGUST SPECIALS

Closing out and discontinuing all men's shoes and clothing. Prices are an inducement for purchasing now.

All About the Store Every summer Article has been marked down for quick clearance.

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A Telephone Accomplishment

For the first time in the history of the telephone industry in the United States a telephone exchange has been opened for service at full capacity. The Automatic plant right here in Missoula holds this record.

Success never comes without a cause. Success in this instance is attributable to two causes—pride in a home enterprise and a widespread appreciation of a service which, aside from its modern advantages, has shown Missoula telephone users the difference between public service and private service.

Missoula is now connected by long distance lines with Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Stevensville, Helena, Great Falls, Bozeman, Livingston, Billings and intermediate points—all Independent and all better.

MONTANA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE CO.

RANGER WARNS WOMEN AWAY FROM ST. REGIS

The Missoulian received a telephone message from Ranger Beal at St. Regis yesterday in which he asked that all women and children be warned to keep out of the town until the danger had passed. "Everything is safe," he said. "The old town and the junction are both all right and the nearest fire is at Buford. The fire is still bad in Mullan Gulch, but we hope to stop the fire there soon. There are 98 men working south of town and 150 men from Buford on the north and an eight-mile fire line will be dug from Buford to Mullan Gulch as soon as we can do it. Ribberdy's mill and Buford are both safe. There is no danger in St. Regis, but I wish you would say that we do not want the women and children back until we give the word."

WRIGHT AND BUNDY MEET IN MATCH

Newport, R. I., Aug. 23.—Beals C. Wright of Boston and Thomas C. Bundy of California will meet in the final match for the thirtieth annual all-comers' national lawn tennis tournament here tomorrow to determine who shall have the privilege of playing Champion William A. Larned for the national title.



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