

# BITTER ROOT NEWS

## STEVENSVILLE ODD FELLOWS OBSERVE NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY OF ORDER

Stevensville, April 24.—(Special).—The ninety-second anniversary of Odd Fellowship was observed by the local lodge, Garden Valley lodge No. 17, here yesterday afternoon by appropriate exercises, which were held at the Baptist church. The address of the afternoon was delivered by John McLaughlin. The Stevensville lodge has about 86 members, while the auxiliary order, the Rebekahs, has a membership of over 40 and they were both well represented at the services.

### The Address.

The members of the lodges assembled at the Masonic hall at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and marched in a body to the church, where the exercises were held at 1:30. Following is the address delivered by Mr. McLaughlin: "Brother Odd Fellows and sister Rebekahs, we have assembled here with friends and neighbors to celebrate the ninety-second anniversary of Odd Fellowship. We feel proud of our honorable and noble institution. We look with pride upon her achievements and growth from a mere idea until now her members would encircle the globe many times.

"Odd Fellowship is not a religious institution in the spiritual sense; it does not desire to enter that phase of life, and may I be permitted to say that our order is doing more for the cultivation of the ethical side of man's nature and the alleviation of humanity's temporal burdens and physical needs than any other individual organization on the earth. Odd Fellowship has often been accused of usurping the place of the church, when, as a matter of fact, our order has never attempted to arrogate its functions or supervise its teachings, unless it may be we have endeavored to fulfill that part of the Redeemer's mission on earth when he said, 'Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' 'For I was hungry and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me.' No matter where a true Odd Fellow may go in this old world where there is an organization or an Odd Fellow, they will meet as brothers on a common level. Should he be sick or hungry, or in trouble, he need go no further than to make his wants known, and a true, loyal Odd Fellow responds with a willing heart.

"I believe, brethren, when the Redeemer of this world comes again, He will find Odd Fellowship among—and I might be permitted to say in the lead of—those forces of the earth who have helped to make it better. And I have no doubt it will be said of the Odd Fellow as it was said of the Redeemer, 'He was going about doing good.'

"A good deacon once prayed very earnestly to God to help a poor widow in his community. As soon as he had said amen his little boy asked him for the key to the smokehouse, and when asked what he wanted with it, he said, 'I want to help God answer your prayer.' Brethren, the basic principles of our order is benevolence and fraternity, and the indestructible foundation upon which our grand superstructure is built is friendship, love and truth. The inspired writer said pure and undefiled religion is to visit the widows and orphans in their affliction. Brethren, are we doing this? But visiting won't suffice entirely, we must find out if there is any bread in the pantry. If the children are clothed, if they are sick, and if the rent is paid. Then, brethren, we will be fulfilling the principles of true benevolence; then will we be helping God to answer our prayer. Our benevolence must reach out further than within the ranks of our own lodge or organization. It must touch the life of every man, every friend and foe alike; for if our good deeds and kindness are only extended to our brothers in our order and our friends, it will savor of more or less selfishness. But as the good Samaritan whose enemy was traveling to Jericho and fell into the hands of highwaymen, who robbed and stripped him of his raiment and left him in a precarious condition, poured the oil into his wounds and placed him on his beast of burden, took him to the nearest inn, where he told the innkeeper that he, the Samaritan, would pay all bills, so we Odd Fellows, wherever we find a friend or foe in distress must extend our benevolence and kindness without partiality.

"True Odd Fellowship is certainly an invaluable asset in the life of every man. It is easy to assume a friendly demeanor or interest in our neighbors in the hour of prosperity, but when adversity comes our professed friends are put to test and are called upon to reveal their depth of sympathy and attachment. Here he is called upon to make some sacrifice of pleasure or contribute of his means or defend character wrongly assailed. Here a friend in need is a friend indeed, for it is the test of true friendship. Let us take a lesson and emulate the life of Jonathan and David, or shall we be indifferent to the woes of others and not remove the thorns from the pathway of life and scatter seeds of kindness and strew flowers of friendship along the rugged pathway of life. I am glad, brethren, that Odd Fellowship has exemplified to the world that true friendship we endeavor to inculcate in our lodge rooms. So has our noble and honorable order grown from a handful to a membership of 2,000,000.

"Brethren, the aim of Odd Fellowship is to teach the world true fraternity. The old world today, brethren, is groaning for your sympathy and recognition, and right here in our own little community your neighbors are looking for a sincere hand grasp, a pleasant smile and a kind word. We make a grave mistake, brethren, when we think

our order teaches fraternity only to Odd Fellows. Any Odd Fellow who thinks he must be fraternal only to Odd Fellows has mistaken the teachings of our order. The wounded Jew, who was on his way to Jericho, was a hated enemy of the Samaritan who extended a helping hand in his distress. In this beautiful parable the Lord taught the greatest of all lessons, the brotherhood of man. The fatherhood of God and a universal brotherhood of man, as taught by Christ, has founded hospitals, orphanages and rescue homes, and Odd Fellowship, inspired by that principle, has added countless numbers to its ranks until our order has grown to be the largest fraternal order in the world. You can do more for humanity by demonstrating to him that you love him and have sympathy

beautiful ranges of mountains in the far-famed Bitter Root valley, where peace ought to flow as quietly as the beautiful Bitter Root river, and where friendship, love, truth, faith, hope and charity should live in the hearts of all its people."

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

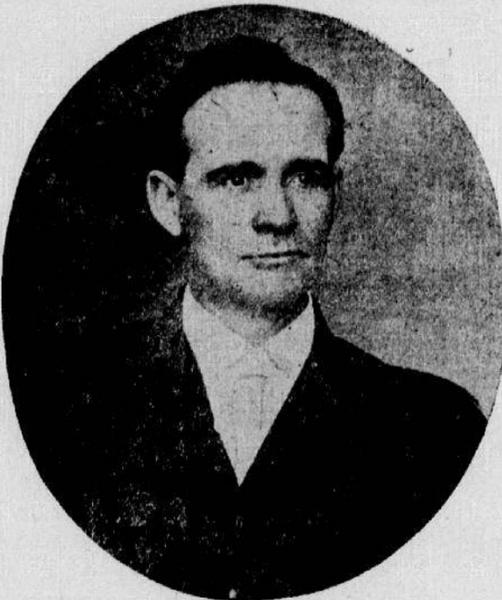
Stevensville, April 24.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Paulds were at home to a number of their friends Saturday evening, the occasion being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present and Mr. and Mrs. Paulds were the recipients of a number of silver pieces in honor of the silver wedding. Refreshments were served.

### GOES TO WORK.

Stevensville, April 24.—(Special).—J. P. Miller arrived in Stevensville yesterday from Hamilton and has taken a job as foreman of the Northwest Tribune here.

### THOMPSON RETURNS.

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special).—Sever Thompson, cashier of the Durby bank, returned home this morning after a short visit in this city.



JOHN M'LAUGHLIN.

for him and that you are sincerely interested in his moral and physical welfare than you can by giving him financial assistance.

"Brethren, do you know what is destroying our fraternal brotherhood in the world today? And it is the greatest curse to humanity. It is our eagerness for money, and society is largely responsible for this. There is more intrinsic value placed upon the dollar than there is on character. But there are exceptions to this rule however; the general rule is attention, and preference is given to wealth rather than to worth and intellectual attainment. I am glad, brethren, that by the profusion of the principles taught by Odd Fellowship and kindred organizations we are rising above those sordid conditions, and the day has begun to dawn when honesty, virtue and benevolence are to be the real test for positions of trust and admission into society. Brethren, by our daily lives we shall be known. A tree is discerned by its fruit. If we have incorporated into our moral being the exalted principles of Odd Fellowship, we will be as beacon lights, illuminating the dark and rugged pathway of those poor mortals who have never learned the sublime lessons of true friendship, true benevolence and true brotherhood. The principles and lessons we are taught in our lodges will be reflected in our community, and will either leave a good impression of a noble order, or a bad one, as we mingle with our fellowmen, and we will be responsible for the impression we have made.

"Brothers, don't be too hasty in passing judgment on one another until you have weighed all the evidence carefully and thereafter held your decision until you have conferred with your brethren. Be careful in criticizing your brethren outside, because your criticism may be so distorted that you yourself may be misrepresented. Brethren, indulge me to say, rather than character of your brother or sister is being assailed, defend them at the peril of your own life.

"There are a great many strangers coming into our midst. Let us not look on them with suspicion, but rather greet them with heart in hand and invite them to meet with us and give them a hearty welcome, so that our good cheer and genial association may drive whatever gloom or discouragement may have come into their lives by separation from home, ties, and brethren. In so doing we will demonstrate our sincerity, also enlarge our sphere of usefulness.

"I know we want to see Odd Fellowship keep pace with the growth of our community, and in manifesting that spirit of usefulness we will be giving the best that is in us for the propagation of the best in human life, thus adding glory in mind that no man liveth unto himself, but that we are our brother's keeper.

"In conclusion let me say that Montana Odd Fellowship is destined to act an important part in moulding character, and in the development of this great and beautiful mountain state, the greatest in the galaxy of states, 800 miles from its eastern border to its western border. Its valleys are as fertile as the valleys of the Nile, its copper mines are richer than any in the world, its mountain scenery is as beautiful as the mountains of Switzerland, and here is Garden Valley lodge No. 14, located in the beautiful little town of Stevensville, nestled between two

## PARK-TO-PARK ROAD STILL BOOSTED

### KALISPELL MOTOR CLUB WILL AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGHWAY.

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special).—The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of the following letter from Frank D. Strupp, secretary of the Kalispell Motor club, regarding the proposed park-to-park highway:

"We note that you are boosting a national highway from Yellowstone national park to Glacier national park, which, I think, would be a fine thing, and, as secretary of the Flathead Motor club, will render any assistance I can in the matter, but before we can expect much support from the automobile men we must have the restrictions prohibiting automobiles from entering Yellowstone park removed. I do not know whether this can be brought about at present or not and whether it would conflict with the lease or privileges given the stage people. It seems to me that the strength of automobile clubs and automobile owners in general has grown to such a point that enough pressure could be brought to bear to get the government to allow us to use the highways within the park.

"We are working hard on an auto road from here to Glacier park and hope to have it completed by the middle of this summer and have the assurance of the park officials that we will be allowed to enter the park with our machines. It will be one of the finest drives in the United States when it is completed. We are raising money by subscription, and the county is also helping out in the matter. We would be glad to hear from you."

## STEVENSVILLE MAN MARRIES IN OKLAHOMA

### Announcements were received in Stevensville this morning of the marriage of Clara D. May of this place to Miss Ivaella Carpenter of Hobart, Okla., the marriage taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, on last Wednesday. They will be at home to their friends in Stevensville after May 1.

Mr. May is a well-known young man of this place, and is the junior partner of the Valley Drug company. He has lived in Stevensville for many years and has a host of friends here. Mrs. May is also known in Stevensville, having spent several months here last year.

### SENATORS TAKE OATH.

Washington, April 24.—William S. Konyon of Iowa and Nathan P. Bryan of Florida took the oath of office in the senate today as senators.



## A Stupendous Sale of Waists

The Cream of a \$5,000.00 Waist Stock Placed on Sale at a Big Discount—A Waist for Every Woman in Missoula

### \$2.50 Tailored Waists \$1.75

Tailored waists, made of fine lawn or soft batiste, in three different styles, one with large pleats and lovers' knot embroidery, one with open work insertion and one with the daintiest maderia work on front. A great waist bargain.

### Extra Size Waists \$1.75

Waists designed especially for stout women, cut in sizes from 44 to 50, made of lawn with soft cuffs and collar, embroidered fronts. They make a most attractive garment for the stout woman needing a really dressy waist.

### A COMPELLING BARGAIN

\$2.50 Waists for \$1.49

Four styles of waists that we have cut to almost cost for this sale. They are simply bewitching in loveliness. Cotton marquisettes with colored design on yoke and sleeves, fine lawn and batiste styles, hand embroidered, with high, low, square or round necks. This offering should simply crowd our waist section on Monday.

### \$2.75 Waist Values for \$1.75

This line of waists is an exceptionally good one, several beautiful styles, square neck or round neck, some with heavy crochet insertion, others with colored embroidery work.

### Crepe Waists \$4.50

Some extremely new and stylish novelties in waists. They are made of soft crepe that does not require ironing, they are made with small pin tucks, all over front, back and sleeves, with Gibson pleat effect. A dainty waist creation.

### \$6.00 SILK WAIST VALUES \$3.98

Several dozens of the sweetest silk waists out. They are made of all pure silken fabric in taffeta or soft, lustrous mesaline. Some of them plain, others with pin stripes. The style of sleeve is right up to the minute, being either mikado or long, and they are either trimmed or plain pleated or tucked. ALSO SOME SPLENDID VALUES IN WHITE OR BLACK CHINA SILK WAISTS

### Beautiful Marquisettes \$9.50 and \$15.00

We think the handsomest there are in town.

Made of fine marquisette, high necks and three-quarter sleeves, all hand crochet eyelet work on front, elaborate with crochet buttons and square medallions. TRULY THEY ARE WONDERFUL CREATIONS

### WAISTS WORTH \$1.25 TO \$1.50 FOR 98c

Some really serviceable waists; they are just as good as lots you'll see on display for much more money; they come in a full range of sizes; the colorings are both medium and light, also a large assortment of pretty white lawn waists, that are attractive and pleasing.

### Royal Linen Waists \$3.75

We say worth as much as \$5.00 because we have marked them out with very little profit specially for this sale. They come in three styles, hand embroidered scooped fronts, Gibson pleats or small tucks. They are a slightly lot of waists.

## Donohue's ALWAYS RELIABLE

### ODEA'S MESSAGE

Someone has said, in speaking of Babel, the confusion of tongues and the unfinished tower, that the whole trouble arose in the disposition of the Babelites to debate among themselves over the best way to build their tower. It seems that the whole citizenry modeled in the great project. There was no building committee, or, if there was, it was handicapped, like so many of its successors, by being curtailed in power. I do not remember of a Greater Babylon association.

Babylon—the first city built after the flood—is an example to all modern commercial organizations. It had ambitions. Its famous wall was an example for other cities. Its tower, which was to reach to heaven, was a worthy and stupendous project. Perhaps it had further ambitions. But its citizens would not cooperate. They wrangled. They wanted off organization. Town disputes over that tower created factions. So furiously was this communal war waged that the climax came in the confusion of tongues and the decending of the civil spirit. Babel died. Its wall crumbled. Its tower became a pile of dust. Among modern town-builders B-a-b-e-l spells dissension.

## EAGLES ARE CAUGHT IN COYOTE TRAPS

Stevensville, April 24.—(Special).—Two mounted golden eagles are attracting a great deal of attention in the lobby of the Hotel Stevensville. One of the eagles, which measures seven feet from tip to tip, has been in the hotel for several weeks, but the second, which measures seven and a half feet from tip to tip, was only put in the hotel this week.

The pair were captured by Hugh and Selmon Eldridge east of Stevensville several weeks ago in steel traps which had been baited with sheep for coyotes, and when the boys visited the traps on one occasion they found the eagles had beaten the coyotes to the traps. The eagles were in good shape, and the traps had not broken their legs, nor had they been in their long enough to spoil their feathers. They were sold to the Whaley brothers, who had them mounted.

### HAMILTON WINS.

Stevensville, April 24.—(Special).—The Stevensville high school team was defeated here by the Hamilton team Saturday afternoon, the score being 9 to 5. The game was a good one and attracted a large crowd. The Hamilton team was accompanied to Stevensville by about 25 roopers.

## WAGON IS UNLOADED IN HAMILTON

### NEW FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS PLEASES PEOPLE OF VALLEY METROPOLIS.

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special).—The combination hose wagon and chemical engine was unloaded this morning and taken to the city hall and placed in position in the fire apparatus room. M. M. See, agent for the Northwestern Fire Apparatus company of Spokane; J. M. Higgins, chief of the local fire department, and Chief of Police Dave Bishop were present to see that the trip was made in safety. Chief Higgins handling the reins as the fire department horses took the apparatus through the business streets at a gallop. A fine appearance was made, as the team easily handled the heavy machine. The wagon is a fine piece of workmanship and was the object of much favorable comment when seen this morning by the public for the first time. The wagon will be loaded with hose and made ready for a possible fire as soon as several small attachments can be adjusted. The harness has arrived for the team, but the plaster will need to be covered with boarding before it can be suspended from the ceiling. There is possibility that the incline in front of the department doors will have to be altered, as the drop is so sudden there is danger of the tongue being driven into the ground.

Mr. See was much impressed this morning when he saw the department team in action. He declared the team of horses was one of the finest in the northwest and was much better than those found in many larger cities and used for fire purposes.

## HAMILTON BREVITIES

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special).—County Attorney H. C. Packer was called to Stevensville this morning by business connected with his office. An examination for the teachers of Ravalli county will be held in this city Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. W. N. Hassler returned this morning from Missoula, where he spent Sunday with his family.

H. C. McLane, a local painter, arrived at his shop early this morning just in time to keep his pet bear from escaping from the cage in which it is imprisoned. Brain was well along with a scheme for his escape, one of the boards to the cage being almost chewed in two. The bear was captured last fall, close to the southwest edge of the city. The local high school baseball team defeated the Stevensville scholastics in that town on Saturday, the score being 10 to 5. That victory makes three victories and one defeat for the locals.

**Going to paint this season?**

If you are thinking of painting your house, or any of your out house buildings this season we want you to come in and talk to us about our paints and supplies. We know just how many gallons of paint you'll need, how much oil and white lead. In short, we are in a position to suggest and furnish you with ideas that will go a long ways toward cutting down your cost.

Please remember, also, that we carry a complete stock of household needs, from kitchen utensils to lawn mowers. All at prices unrivaled, quality considered. See our complete new stock of stoves and ranges before you buy elsewhere.

Interior decorating cannot be done right without ALABASTINE—the beautiful coating for walls. We sell and recommend it to you for all your interior finishing.

**MISSOULA MERCANTILE COMPANY**

## COURT UNPOPULAR WITH FARMERS

### SO MANY EXCUSES ARE ALLOWED THAT SPECIAL VENIRE IS ORDERED IN VALLEY.

Hamilton, April 24.—(Special).—The present term of the district court seems to come at a time strictly unpopular for jury service with Bitter Root farmers. When the April term of the district court was convened here this morning, Judge R. Lee McCulloch found the court with a depleted jury panel, following a hearing of valid excuses from many of the jurymen. Such inroads were made into the list that the court found it necessary to call a special venire. Twenty names were taken from the box, the venire to report at the courthouse tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The following were drawn: Thomas Hall, M. P. Bright, Van D. Martin, Sam Bowen, A. L. Johnson, W. L. Shovel, W. B. Prentice, D. R. Jones, J. P. Fitzgibbons, W. B. Leibel, C. T.

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Long, S. A. Hatfield, Frank Jones, F. H. Bailey, J. N. Long, F. V. Hoagland, Lee Leonard, P. C. Stevens, W. V. Seaward and H. H. Spaulding. The following jurymen were excused from the original panel by the court: Ben Plummer, W. G. Byers, S. B. McNett, Albert Ridley, James T. Smith, George Lancaster, Herman Knack, Miller Humble, L. F. Pritz, T. P. Gibbons, A. H. Dowling, Chris Habi, J. A. Brennon, Neis Shuland, J. L. Mills, L. F. Carey and J. G. Hower. The case of T. E. Appleburt against E. E. Swygert, a suit on a debt, is being tried before a jury today. O'Hara and Edwards are attorneys for the plaintiff, Baker & Madsen for the defendant.

## EXPLOSION IN COURTROOM STARTLES CHICAGO COURT

Chicago, April 24.—An explosion of gunpowder in a cuspidor during a session of the criminal court caused considerable excitement today. Judge William E. Dever had just opened court and an attorney appearing for the defendant in an Italian murder case threw a lighted cigarette into the cuspidor. There was an explosion, breaking the cuspidor and setting fire to woodwork in the courtroom. The source of the gunpowder in the cuspidor is not known.