

BANQUET OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION A FEAST FOR RARE GOOD FELLOWS

W. M. Bickford, "Master of the Rolls," Carries the Affair Through a Maze of Briefs and Arguments Until "Night's Candles are Burned Out."

After partaking of a menu, which had been carefully prepared, with its various courses proportioned so as to suit the stomachs of each individual diner, the members of the bar association were in a most receptive mood last night and it was with keen delight that they listened to the after-dinner speeches, the "briefs" and "arguments" which were so successfully engineered by Judge W. M. Bickford, who presided as "Master of the Rolls." The occasion was the annual mid-winter banquet of the bar association, and from start to finish it was one of the most pleasant affairs which had ever been held by the organization. The members gathered about the banquet tables promptly at 8 o'clock, but it was two hours later before the meal was finished and the speech-making was started.

"I find on the program here," said Judge Bickford, in opening the list of toasts, "this little sentiment: 'All is not gospel that thou dost speak. That is right. I do not expect to speak the truth tonight and I do not expect anyone here to do so.' This court will over-rule any motion or demurrer that may be offered against you tonight. We will be in accord with you and your moods and so far as the master of rolls is concerned, you may go as far as you like without danger of being fined for contempt."

A. L. Duncan, who was to have given the president's address, was prevented from being present and the new president, H. J. Burleigh, was called upon. Mr. Burleigh demurred, stating that he had been promised that if he came to the banquet he would not be disturbed in the enjoyment of his meal. "Anyway, I am too full for utterance," said Mr. Burleigh, "I can only express from the bottom of my heart my sincere pleasure in being with you."

In response to the toast, "Montana School of Law," Dean H. W. Ballantine first expressed his thanks and appreciation to the local and state bar for its generous reception of the law school at the university and the professors of assistance that had been made. "There are yet two courses sadly lacking in our curriculum, concerning which I am sure our young students would like to turn to you older practitioners for advice," said Mr. Ballantine. "One of these is, 'How to Get and Hold Your Clients,' and the other is, 'How to Charge and Exact Fees.'"

The speaker stated that the university aims to make its law department practical and that its graduates will be impressed with the fact that they are dedicated to the interests of the state and will be called upon to take their place in upholding the dignity and just administration of the law within the state. Mr. Ballantine referred to a story in yesterday's Missoulian concerning some work which the law department had accomplished, stating that the faculty of the school disclaimed any credit of "usurping the functions of the attorney general or overruling the supreme court," and that he wished to hasten the imputation. He concluded with a number of good stories.

"Mastering the Lawless Science of Our Law" was the toast assigned to Justice Holloway of the state supreme bench. He said that he had demanded an explanation of this subject, but not having been satisfied he would proceed to interpret it to his own satisfaction. "As long as justice is upon earth," he said, "the law will continue to be the epitome of the ages. To live honorably, to wrong nobody

and to give everyone his due are the precepts of the law, now and forever." Justice Holloway said that he believed that a major part of the criticism of the law was either maudlin in character or bred in ignorance or politics. "Notwithstanding this," said the speaker, "there is, perhaps, some just reason for the attack upon the administration for there are some defects in our system that are vital. One great obstacle in the administration of justice is the almost countless number of useless and unintelligible statutes. Another is the attempt of legislatures to fix the rules of court proceeding, the delay caused by the method of selecting a jury, in cross-examination of witnesses and the number of cases appealed on the barest technicalities. Trial judges should take a more active part in the trial of cases while appellate courts are equally responsible for much of the law's delay." The speaker talked at length, citing important cases and circumstances to illustrate his points and expressing much of the same sentiment as was contained in his speech before the university students the previous evening. His talk was greatly appreciated by the attorneys present.

Harking back some 23 years and bringing up the events between that time and the present through a chain of interesting reminiscences, H. C. Stiff was entertaining in his response to the toast, "The Missoula County Bar." He spoke the names of some half dozen men and firms which composed the local bar when he first came to Missoula and of those old-timers only four—Judge Stephens, Judge Bickford, J. M. Evans and Mr. Stiff—were at the banquet last night. The Missoula bar of today, however, with its progressive members, filled with courage and resourcefulness, was the object of his most pleasant comment.

"The case before your honor is 'The Ladies of the Bar,' and the cause of action as I find it here on this program, is as follows," said T. J. Edwards of Hamilton, when called. "When stars are in the quiet skies. Then most I pine for thee." After pleasant comment and some pretty sentiments had been well expressed in a lighter vein by Mr. Edwards, he said: "I believe there is a wide range of subjects and a good clientele awaiting the ladies at the bar. We should welcome them joyously. They can give us a different point of view and I am sure you can all say with me: 'Ladies, we welcome you at the bar!'"

"There is no profession in this country whose members extend more courtesies to each other and where such good fellowship reigns as the Missoula county bar," said W. L. Murphy in his response to "Amenities Among Lawyers." "With all of this good feeling I do not believe that we are sufficiently sociable. We need more gatherings of this kind. I hope the good feeling will always exist and increase and that whenever it has expression it will be from the heart."

H. C. Schultz, who was booked against the toast, "Sanders County Bar," was not present and when it came to this subject and the toastmaster hesitated for a moment, H. J. Burleigh of Plains arose to the occasion. "I am not so full as I once was," said Mr. Burleigh, "and it will give me pleasure to speak a word for the Sanders county bar. We consist of six members, one of whom I am which. We are all young and I guess I am the youngest in the bunch. Sanders county attorneys are a jolly, companionable and earnest set—as much so as those of Missoula county, and this is saying a great deal."

Judge F. C. Webster was tendered an ovation when he was called upon by the toastmaster, and his talk rang true and strong. "Truly, the bar looks good to me whether on or off the bench," said he. "Most of you attorneys came to this county after myself and some of the other old-timers. I have watched you arrive and from the bench have become familiar with your faces and your work. As I sit and watch you in those court dramas day after day and year after year, I have marveled at your work and your enthusiasm. One must go a long way to find a better bar than that of this district. The bar looks good to me when I find the attorneys prepared on the law; and it looks good to me when you boys keep up with the calendar. I appreciate very deeply the wonderful courtesy and kindness of this bar to the court. I like this bar. I have spent the best part of my life here and expect to remain here for the rest of it. I want to thank you all for your kindness while I have been on the bench."

GROWERS OF FRUIT NAME OFFICERS

R. N. SUTHERLIN, GREAT FALLS, PRESIDENT—M. J. ELROD OF MISSOULA HONORED.

Great Falls, Feb. 22.—(Special).—The fifteenth annual convention of the Montana Horticultural society came to an end today with the selection of Bozeman as the next meeting place and the election of officers as follows: R. N. Sutherland of Great Falls, president; E. B. Linfield of Bozeman, H. C. B. Colville of Missoula, W. J. Crisman of Joliet, A. V. Platt of Como and Richard Greig of Kalispell, vice presidents; M. J. Elrod of Missoula, Fred Whiteside of Kalispell and C. C. Willis of Plains, members of the executive committee.

The committee presenting the nominations consisted of W. B. Harlan, W. J. Crisman and A. L. Stone of Missoula. Mr. Sutherland made a speech accepting the honor of the presidency and pledging himself to every honorable effort to promote the welfare of the society for his term of office. He is one of the veterans on the roll of members and has attended almost every meeting since the organization.

Apple Show Prizes.—Prizes in the apple show were awarded by Professor L. G. Schermernorn and William Melick as follows: Chief prizes—Missoula Mercantile company's \$15 prize for general display, to Plains exhibit; same for best two boxes of Rome Beauties, to J. C. Wood of Big Fork. Missoula Nursery company's \$35 in stock for best box of Delicious, to E. J. Cramer of Summers; same firm's \$10 for best box Black Ben Davis, also to Cramer. Hamilton Nursery company, \$15 in stock for best box of Wagners, Cramer; same firm's \$10 for box Black Twig, Cramer.

Loving cup by W. E. Chamberlain of Great Falls, for best plate display of apples, also to Cramer. Prizes by plates—Best plate of McIntosh, two specials to H. Clapp & Son of Como; of Wagner, Wood and Cramer; of Spitzenbergs, Colbeck; of Kings, Wood; of Alexanders, Cramer; of Black Ben, Cramer; of Rhode Island Greenings, Wood; of Wealthys, J. H. Srich of Kalispell.

Prizes for displays—For best display of winter apples, Ben Kress of Hamilton; of boxes of Rhode Island Greenings, C. D. Hayworth of Missoula; for four best plates display, to win Plains Valley Corn club's silver trophy, Wood; best display of boxes of Bolken, Platt & Pollinger of Como; box of Twigs, Cramer; of Gravensteins, Clark's orchards of Missoula; best display by lady, Mrs. I. Q. Roberts of Missoula; greatest variety of one exhibitor, Cramer; two boxes any variety, Bolken, by Platt & Pollinger; best box Fallowater, Hayworth; best display of Jonathans in boxes, M. St. Jermaine of Missoula; best box display McIntoshes, Clark's; box display Kings, also of Bolken, Platt & Pollinger; box Rome Beauties, Wood; Northwest Greenings, A. E. Johnson of Hamilton; box display of Ganos, Curlew orchard of Victor; second prize, same, to E. A. Johnson; best box Wagners, Kress; best display Delawares, Kress; best box Hubbards, L. H. Pennoyer of Hamilton; best box Davis, Kress; best McMahons, Kress; best White, W. Poorman Pennoyer; Huseth's loving cup for best box Northern Spy, Kress.

Where names of donors do not appear the prizes were either subscriptions by farm and horticulture journals or contributed by Great Falls people. The donors of prizes from the Bitter Root and Flathead countries, unless in the journal class, are mentioned. The country life discussions came up today and occupied all the time. Among the speakers were J. S. Shoen, maker of Helena, Herbert Strain, Edward H. Cooney, Rev. E. E. Flint, Mrs. Harry B. Mitchell of this city, Editor A. L. Stone of Missoula, E. P. Mathewson of Anaconda, Mrs. Sara A. Morse and I. D. O'Donnell of Billings, Miss L. A. Harkins of Bozeman, W. B. Harlan of Como, W. C. Pickering of Sunny-side, Wash., R. N. Sutherland of this city, Rev. W. N. Sloan of Helena and Rev. L. J. Christler of Havre.

LOCAL SOCIETY
Martha Washington Tea. Dainty and beautiful were the colonial dames who received and served the guests at the Martha Washington tea given by the Lend-a-Hand society in the parlors of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon. The quaint old-fashioned costumes and the powdered hair were very becoming to the ladies. A large number of guests came to hear the program and in partake of the salad and coffee and cake offered. The program was rendered as announced except that Arthur Dennis read "Aux Italiens" in place of Mrs. McAllister, who was ill and unable to take part. The numbers to be given by the ladies' quartet were also omitted on account of Mrs. Mc-

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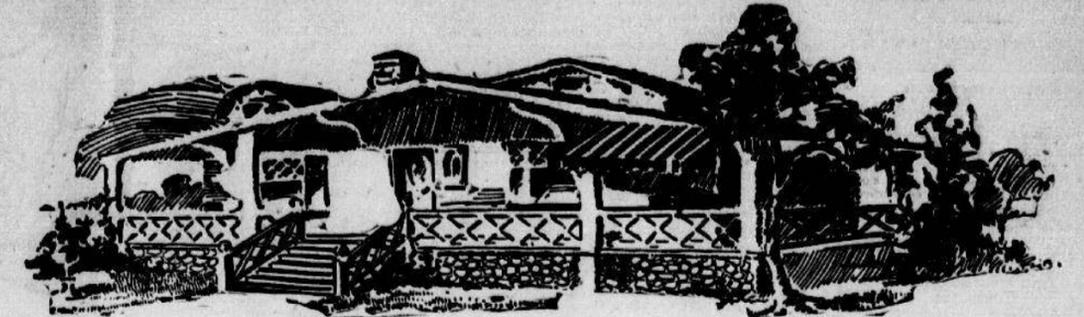
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DEBATE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT EIGHT

The debate at the university this evening between the University of Montana and the agricultural college will be held in University hall at 8 o'clock. The contest will be handled promptly and at its conclusion the visitors will be entertained at a dance and reception to be held in the gymnasium. This is the first time that a debate has been held between the two state institutions and the rivalry is keen. This and the fact that the question is one of such great importance will combine to make the debate tonight particularly interesting.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.
Seattle, Feb. 22.—Munroe J. Palmer, a mill employee aged 40, shot and mortally wounded his wife as she lay in bed early today, shot and killed Mrs. Mazie J. Carr, his wife's companion, and then killed himself. He was enraged because his wife had started divorce proceedings. Mrs. Carr also was separated from her husband.

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A Colonial Tea. Members of the Alpha chapter of the Young Women's Christian association in the high school gave a pretty colonial tea yesterday afternoon at the association home on East Cedar street. All the girls of the high school were invited but the guests of honor were the freshmen girls of the midway class. The hostesses were gowned in the fashion of old colony days and all details of service were in keeping with the anniversary. The Misses Anna Bennet and Gazella Schlossberg met the guests at the door, Misses Edna Chadwick and Elizabeth Klebe made them at home in the parlors and Misses Angie Andrews and Katherine Sloan served tea and wafers. Games and music were thoroughly enjoyed by the 35 girls assembled.

U. S. W. V. Military Ball. Truly befitting the anniversary sacred to the soldier-hero, Washington, was the splendid military ball given last night by Owen H. Rowlands

Much praise is due to the vigilance and efficiency of the committees in charge for the unbroken success of this second annual ball. The committees included:
Arrangement—C. E. Dodge, H. H. Montgomery, E. C. Mulrooney, Frank Whitehead, John McCarthy.
Reception—Louis E. Kennedy, Fred Reibold, William Anthony, J. M. Osborn, Thomas Fowler, J. O. Moo, W. H. Mace, P. G. Farrell.
Floor—C. W. Hedger, Paul Altmann, James H. Teevan, W. H. Nipps, Alex. Benson, J. T. B. Cameron, N. D. Mills.
Refreshments—F. L. Whitehead and Fritz Koopman.

EXAMINATION TODAY.
County Superintendent Mrs. Pearl T. Marshall announced last evening that the regular teachers' examination will be held today. Those taking the tests should be at the examination room next to the superintendent's office in the courthouse and ready for work promptly at 9 a. m.