

NEWS OF BITTER ROOT VALLEY

MISSOULA DEBATERS DEFEAT HAMILTON

JUDGES' VOTE TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF VISITORS IN HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST.

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—The debate held at the Lucas opera house here today between Missoula and Hamilton high school teams was won by the Garden city trio, Clarence Street, Lulu Wright and Percy Stone. The judges stood two to one in favor of the Missoula team. Hamilton was ably represented by James Higgins, Lloyd Roberts and Edna Voigt, and the debate proved very interesting, although Missoula plainly had the best of the argument. The question debated was: "Resolved, That the Government Shall Own and Control the Telegraph Systems of the United States." Hamilton had the negative side of the question. After the debate the visitors were entertained at a reception and dance, which proved an enjoyable affair.

The winning team tonight was presented with a beautiful loving cup, provided by the faculties of both schools. The cup has three handles and is to be engraved with the name of one member of the team on each handle. The debate tonight was the first annual contest which the two schools plan to hold. The Missoula team will leave for home on tomorrow afternoon's train.

HAMILTON BRIEFS

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—F. D. Nichols and wife of University Heights came down last evening to attend the dance at Burns' hall and stayed over night at the Ravalli.

Guy D. and William D. Hazelton of Three Mile also stopped over night at the Ravalli.

A. D. Maxfield and wife of Mason City, Iowa, who recently purchased a 20-acre tract near Corvallis, were out on their first trip to their new home, being very well satisfied with their purchase and delighted with the scenery and weather.

F. H. Hoagland of the Hug Clothing company is the happy father of a fine baby daughter who arrived Friday evening. Mother and child are doing well.

A marriage license was issued Friday to Edward A. Kimberly and Zula I. Tickard, both of Corvallis.

The Missoula baseball team was unable to get in any practice owing to rains this morning and the condition of the grounds this afternoon.

Several carloads of fruit trees are being unloaded this week at the different points in the valley. Among those making large plantings this spring are: The Tiedt Orchard company of Darby, C. H. Hill Orchard company, J. O. Reed, George Thatcher, the Allen Orchard company of Hamilton, Sloan & Walters, Bennett and Hillschone Fetz company of Stevensville, and the Bitter Root Land and Orchard company and the Nash orchards at Victor.

There is a strong tendency to favor the Bing and Lambert cherries in the plantings this spring.

The Bitter Root valley looks like a different country today, so great is the contrast since yesterday. The rain last night and this morning has brightened the vegetation and there is a spring odor to the air. The fruit-growers say the moisture came at the right time and they, as well as the orchards, are looking better.

The dance given last evening at Burns' hall by the ladies of the Sewing club in honor of the Assembly club was one of the finest social affairs of the season. A crowd that filled the floor kept time to the strains of the orchestra until 12:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckwith of St. Ignatius is visiting at the J. E. Totman home until after Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hughes are in town from Missoula, visiting Hamilton friends.

Miss Isabel Gilray and Miss Palk came here from Three Mile yesterday and attended the dance last night.

DINSMORE'S FATHER OF POPLARS

CONVERSATION BY OLD-TIMERS BRINGS OUT FACTS CONCERNING HAMILTON TREES.

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—It was just 7:30 Thursday evening and the thermometer registered 70 degrees. Five of us were seated on the veranda of the Ravalli hotel—Charles Dallman, Sam Dinsmore and Swan Johnson of Missoula, Mayor Paulds of Stevensville, and myself. We had just finished a thoroughly satisfying dinner in the Ravalli and were comfortably seated in the big armchairs on the spacious porch. The day had been warm for April—one of those charming days characteristic of the Bitter Root spring, when one's blood tingles with fervor to be out of doors, making a garden or examining the fruit buds or starting the year's work with expectant anticipation; for the orchardist's season has arrived, when the day's work begins early and continues late—spraying must be done and cultivation begun; there is no time to lose when once the buds begin to open and the ground begins to bake.

Commenting upon the marked improvements which Manager Read has been making in the park around the hotel, and upon the beauty and symmetry of the poplars which are clustered about this beauty-spot, Dinsmore asked Dallman if he could guess how old the poplars are.

"Fifteen years," estimated Dallman quickly. "Yes," said Sam, "that's about right. Marcus Daly built this hotel in '96 and the row of trees in front was planted in '97. The next year, I myself set out the row around the side and over across the way in the park. It seems but yesterday, but how wonderfully they have grown."

Yes—wonderfully, indeed. As I sat there, drinking in the inspiring ozone, thrilled by the strains of a stirring march played by the boys' band on the common, inspired by the beauty of those great trees and charmed by the twitter of the robins in their branches, the relaxation of this comfortable, homelike atmosphere in that mellow twilight gave me happiness that seemed complete.

As I sat there, thinking of what had been said, it occurred to me that here was a man who was really a hero, a man who had accomplished something philanthropic and benevolent—who had really succeeded in making the world happier and better by his work. He had contributed to the contentment of his fellow men by providing that beautiful shade.

As the Bitter Root would be without its climate—so would the Ravalli be without its trees. All credit should be given to Marcus Daly for his inspiration and to J. O. Reed for his capable management of the hotel and for his marvelous care of its surroundings, but I'll take off my hat to the man who planted those trees—he is a public benefactor and he has made himself famous.

WELCOME RAIN.

Stevensville, April 13.—(Special).—All hopes of a ball game for today went a-glimmering when the fans woke up this morning and smelled the cool fresh rain that started to descend about 3 o'clock. As though to make a thoroughly good job of it, the rain started in early enough to satisfy the most optimistic that there would be no game today. Stevensville likes good ball games as well as any of the towns in the valley, and is disappointed today on account of the rain. Nevertheless, rain was needed, and today's fine shower will be more than welcomed by the farmers and gardeners.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—The Republican Central Committee of Ravalli county will meet Friday afternoon, April 19, to set the dates for the primary election and the county convention.

SOMEBODY SHOOT AT THE ELK

UNKNOWN PERSON NEAR STEVENSVILLE HAS SPORT WHICH IS NOT VERY POPULAR.

Stevensville, April 13.—(Special).—Forest Ranger D. L. Beattie received word today that somebody was shooting at the time elk which were taken to the range near this place recently. Mr. Beattie immediately got busy and efforts were made to catch the vandals who showed so little regard for the wishes of the community and who evinced their lack of sportsmanship by shooting at animals which stood still and waited. Tracks of the individual who had done the shooting were followed as far as the timber and lost. There were no signs of blood to be seen and therefore it is presumed that the vandals were frightened away before any elk were killed.

It is safe to say that anybody caught killing elk in these parts would find living made unpleasant by the residents. The sportsmen are hoping that, in the event a special session of the legislature be called, a law will be passed which will prohibit the killing of elk at any season of the year.

AMATEUR POLITICIANS BOOSTING ROOSEVELT

Stevensville, April 13.—(Special).—Politics is looking up a little in Stevensville. Each morning the congregation at the postoffice awaiting the distribution of the mail thrashes out the political issues, arguing and flaying standpatter, progressive, majority and minority. It's all the same, each man has his say and chance. But if the most noise counts, these little conventions will decide in Roosevelt's favor. The "rah rah's" of approval are plainly evident when the morning papers arrive that tell of the states that are instructing for Teddy. Monday night in Paulds' hall, a meeting will be held by the Progressive Republican club for the purpose of discussing political matters of interest, but it is likely that the meeting will wind up in a justification meeting over the Roosevelt victories in Illinois and Maine.

AT FLORENCE

Florence, April 13.—(Special).—B. J. Townsend is visiting his sons, Guy and Paul, at Lewistown.

W. J. Duffy has accepted a position at Paradise.

Mrs. H. H. Townsend is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Duffy were visitors in Stevensville Tuesday.

J. J. McLaughlin expects to leave Sunday morning for Florida, where he has purchased land.

L. A. Carver spent a few days this week at Missoula and Frenchtown.

John Vass spent Monday in Missoula.

Miss Daisy Bond of Hamilton is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. A. Herbert.

The Ladies' Thimble club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Card Friday afternoon.

P. W. Wagner was a Missoula shopper Thursday.

Robert T. Peterson has sold his ranch to Butte parties. Mr. Peterson and family expect to go to New York state, to make their home.

Several cars of hay have been shipped from here during the week to Chicago markets.

P. W. Wagner was a business visitor in Missoula Thursday.

PARADISE NOTES

Paradise, April 13.—(Special).—Edward Wilson, son of W. A. Wilson, went to Missoula Sunday.

The plant has closed its doors preparatory to moving its force to Brainerd, Minn. This will take about 20 men from town.

Mrs. Walter Ramsay and Mrs. J. A. Lukantich of Ramsey and Rathdrum, respectively, are visiting at the homes of Mrs. Julia Morley and Roy Holister.

J. A. Blair, dispatcher from Spokane, who came to Paradise a few days ago to take the place of F. W. Hoffman, was recalled to Spokane. Dispatchers E. L. Morley and F. W. Hoffman have returned from a few days spent on the road between Spokane and Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Blanc left on No. 4 Saturday for their home in Brainerd, Minn. Mr. Le Blanc is employed at the tie plant and makes the trip twice a year when the company shifts its employees between Paradise and Brainerd.

Mrs. J. W. Sahr and little daughter arrived in Paradise to join her husband, who came several days previous. Mr. and Mrs. Sahr are moving here from Big Stone, S. D.

Miss Caroline Erickson is home from her school work at Tycor, for a week's vacation.

A new society was organized at the church last Wednesday evening, when about 20 young people gathered for a social time. The society will be named at the next meeting, which will be held two weeks from the date of the last meeting, with Miss Bess Barr, as chairman and Miss Margaret Johnston, Mrs. John Hague and L. M. Linden as committee on entertainment. The object of the meetings will be to promote sociability among the young people.

The Protherwood of Carmen gave one of their successful dances at the

Erickson hall Friday night. I've Christensen assisted by Mrs. E. Morgan of Thompson, furnished the music.

Mrs. Charles Willett and Mrs. Fred Johnston were very agreeably surprised last Wednesday afternoon by their numerous friends at the home of Mrs. Hardenbrook.

Miss Edna Tilton, Mrs. Nelson Morgan and Mrs. Christensen of Thompson came on Friday to attend the carmen's dance.

R. F. D. NO. 1

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—The D. No. 1 runs out of Hamilton on the east side of the river to the south through the various additions of the old townsite and on down through Granddale over the bridge to the Camas prairie and back again up the west side to the Mill bridge and thence to town. I counted about 150 mail boxes on this route, and out of all that number I think about six had the owners' names on them. They were not even numbered.

It is through a mighty pretty country and if I owned a ranch there I certainly would put my name on the mail box and be proud to have it there so that everyone would know I was fortunate enough to live in one of the loveliest spots in all the Bitter Root valley.

R. F. D. No. 2 covers the country on the west side to the north as far as Woodside, and here also was a deplorable lack of names or numbers. A few notable exceptions prevailed though and conspicuous among them were Leo Wolgemuth and Charles Glick. Both of these men have elegant homes, and it seems strange to me why others in the beautiful homes along that road don't follow their example and let the public know they live there.

Some of the slickest patent gates I have ever opened was met with in this locality and these ingenious devices are the source of much pleasure to me, for they denote a progressive spirit which make the farm more attractive in eliminating many of the unnecessary weeds which exist on the farm today. Too many of our industrious ranchers overlook the little things, such as swinging gates, which will not require a Hercules to drag open and shut.

DRUMMOND NEWS

Drummond, April 13.—At the regular school election at the school house, H. T. Cumming was re-elected for trustee for a term of three years. Mr. Cumming and John Bergman were the nominated candidates.

Ed Wells spent Saturday and Sunday in Butte.

Hadley Morrison, Jr., went to Three Forks Saturday, expecting to go to work on the Morrison ranch there but he returned Monday, stating that he was going to run the Morrison ranch here this summer.

Mrs. Noel McPhail visited friends in Deer Lodge Saturday.

Paul Dana came up from Bearmouth Friday evening, remaining all Sunday evening.

Mrs. Shannon of Bonita and her father, Mr. Taylor of St. Paul, were in town Saturday.

Miss Kate Periman of Pioneer, who was brought here ill from the hospital in Deer Lodge, where the doctors had given her case up, is recovering rapidly. She is able to be up now.

Miss Grace Hanifen of Granite is the guest of her uncle, T. J. Hanifen, and family.

Mrs. Pearl Dyrick of Helena and Miss Hazel Nazoin of Deer Lodge are guests of Mrs. Noel McPhail.

Misses Eva and Susie Waldbillig returned from Phillipsburg Tuesday morning, where they went to attend the Easter Monday dance.

Miss Susie Waldbillig returned Tuesday to Dillon, where she is going to school, after spending the Easter vacation with her folks.

P. C. Aller went to Phillipsburg Monday and returned Tuesday.

Dr. C. W. Young of Phillipsburg is in town for a week.

Miss Margaret Ray, operator for the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, went to Albion Monday to attend the dance that evening, and returned Tuesday.

Tom Dooley and his sister, Mrs. Ira Dadow, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Periman of Pioneer and little daughter, Lucie, came down Wednesday to see their daughter and sister, Miss Kate Periman.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clawson Tuesday, April 9.

COMING BACK.

Stevensville, April 13.—(Special).—J. J. McLaughlin, formerly agent here of the Northern Pacific, sold his household goods at auction today, and expects to leave soon for Florida. Mr. McLaughlin states that there isn't much done about them getting to Florida, but says he don't expect his "McIntosh babies" will be satisfied away from the Bitter Root, and after he works a while in the southern country and can get enough household goods together again so he can have another auction, he will be satisfied and come back.

Mayor James C. Dahlman, Omaha, Neb., often called the "cowboy mayor," writes of the benefit he derived from Foley Kidney Pills and says, "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them." Smith's Drug store.

PROGRESSIVES, MONDAY.

Hamilton, April 13.—(Special).—The Hamilton Progressive club will hold an important meeting Monday evening at the city hall, according to a call issued by Secretary McLaughlin. A large attendance is desired, as matters of importance are to be considered.

Don't be surprised if you have an attack of Rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all dealers.

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Women's Aprons 50c Made in many different styles of good quality materials—the big sleeve apron—the waist kind—the shoulder-strap robe—and many others all priced at 50c. On special sale at 50c

Good News About Women's Clothing

Suits Worth to \$19.50 Suits Worth Up to \$25

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We want to make up for the days when winter refused to give way to spring and made the selling of spring suits much slower than ordinary. The result is apparent today in our stock. We have more on hand than ordinarily and we are going to reduce them at once, so that whether you want the very highest grade suits, or the less expensive but stylish made garments, you can buy them now at a goodly saving from early season prices.



We never before offered such matchless opportunities in seasonable garments. Study the stylish materials, the perfect workmanship, the chic and daintiness of these garments. Then note the wonderfully low prices. We've put the prices lower than you've ever known them to be so early in the season, and we are giving you the handsomest ready-to-wear in the city. Come in and make selections now, while the range of styles is at a maximum and the prices are the lowest.

Sheets Deal old-time bargains, 72x99 sheet, our 65c value; heavy flat seam, good quality muslin, the best bargain ever offered you. Monday at 29c each

Bleached Muslin Full 36 inch, wide, our best 10c grade, fine, soft, beautiful finish. Come Monday and buy as much as you like; it's an extra good bargain at 6c yard

Percalé 36-inch percalé, in light and dark patterns; a cloth of the best quality to be had at 15c a yard; on sale here Mon' 6c day at, per yard, only 6c

Bath Towels 19c Our regular 36c towel, extra large size, a ready absorbent towel

Huck Towels 7 1/2c Huck, an extra quality linen huck and nothing better about them, but the price.



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PRESS AGENTS TALK OF THEIR SHOWS

At the Bijou. Sunday's program includes the latest release of Pathe's weekly, the world renowned picture showing all the important happenings of the world. This issue also shows the burial of the remains of 38 men of the United States ship Maine in Arlington cemetery with full military honors.

and the rich man's mansion. The story is founded on the saying by the famous author Lyttleton, that "Women, like princes, find few real friends." The drama is produced by the Selig company whose perfect photography and excellent acting is well known in the motion picture world. For a laugh producer "Burnt Cork" will be presented. The fun in this Vitagraph production is fast and furious, like a good minstrel show. A fourth photoplay entitled, "Fashionable Races" is bound to be a winner. This sport has become very popular at Los Angeles, Cal. At times the racing becomes very exciting and introduces some very comical situations. "Driftwood" is a tale of mistaken identity in the stumps, the bread line

tionally pretty music selected for Sunday and the illustrated song line is well filled by Mr. Hoefler. JUST LIKE A BOOK. Spokane, April 13.—A romance that began in a heroic rescue from drowning on an Idaho lake will culminate in San Francisco April 20 when Miss Cleely Hogan of Spokane and John F. Clark, son of Patrick Clark, millionaire mining man of Spokane, are to be married. Young Clark swam to Miss Hogan's assistance when her canoe overturned at Hayden lake, Idaho, in 1910, and kept her above the surface for over an hour until help arrived.