

NOT UNANIMOUS AS TO CONSOLIDATION IS THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Later Report Shows That Not All Members Voted to Indorse the Scheme and Some of Them Probably Are Opposed--Gross Exaggerations Made in Statement.

Helena, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The report heretofore given out that the state board of education had unanimously indorsed the proposition for the consolidation of the higher institutions of learning of the state, is an exaggeration of the facts. This statement is made upon the authority of one of the members of the board who was present at the time this matter was submitted.

There are 11 members of the board. Of these Attorney General Galen, Oden McConnell and H. G. Pickett, all of Helena, and Professor Nels of Billings, voted for the resolution. The vote was not by roll call, but viva voce. Two other members, Largent of Great Falls and Leonard of Butte, left the meeting before the vote was taken, but subsequently wired their indorsement of the proposition. Governor Norris did not vote, nor did Harmon of Bozeman, or Hall of Missoula, who were the other three members present. Neither of these three have ever committed themselves upon the question. However, it may be stated that these, together with Mr. Hartman of Bozeman, and Mr. Paul of Dillon, the remaining members of the board, are not to be counted upon in support of the proposition as at present outlined. Messrs. Galen, McConnell and Pickett are of Helena, which is to be an active entry in the list of cities which will want the consolidated institution.

the same class of land, at a price which reduced the average for the two years to a trifle more than \$15 per acre. The sales of the last two years not only aggregate a greater acreage than now remains unsold, but they were of the very pick and choice of all the school lands. The assertion of a \$25 value for the picked-over remnants is of course preposterous. But it is no more so than another statement made in the paper read by the lieutenant governor to the state board of education. To quote:

As to Economy.

"If the four state institutions were consolidated, it would be possible to maintain present efficiency in each of them, and to save money enough for the support of five or six secondary schools." This has reference to the use of the present buildings at Dillon, Missoula, Butte and Bozeman. To maintain technical schools at these four places, and make anything like reasonable use of the equipment there available, would mean an average expenditure of very probably not less than \$50,000 annually in each place. So that the assertion quoted means that a consolidation would effect a saving aggregating \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually. This is, of course, a most ridiculous exaggeration of the amount that might be saved. If for all these years there should have been anything like the loss of this amount to the state, or of its useless expenditure in duplication, the state board of education would be justly open to charges of the grossest dereliction of duty. There has been no such waste by duplication or from any other source.

These facts, together with the old-style political methods which have been invoked throughout in this matter, give warrant for the suggestion that perhaps there is less good faith in this matter, and more of political expediency, than should be found in a matter of such widespread interest and grave importance to the people of Montana.

An Exaggeration.

In the statement presented by Lieutenant governor Allen, the board was told that the four institutions involved still owned 269,823 acres of land, and it was further stated "it may safely be asserted that these remaining lands are worth at least \$25 an acre."

This is as gross an exaggeration as the claim of unanimity on the part of the board which has been spread broadcast over the state. During 1912, 189,258 acres of school lands were sold, which brought an average of \$16.20 per acre. During 1911 there were sold nearly an equal number of acres of

OFFICE IS ASSUMED BY COUGHENOUR

SEVERAL NEW FACES MAKE APPEARANCE AT RAVALLI COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Joseph T. Coughenour, Jr., took up his duties as clerk of the court this morning. Thomas Kane, who has been selected by Mr. Coughenour as his deputy, drove in from his home near Coeurville to be on hand to assist the progressive clerk of the court. Both men settled down to work as though they had been identified with the work of the office for several years. The first day opened up in fine shape for the beginners. The case of Harvey Kolms against Hugh Shields, a suit for damages for the alienation of a wife's affections, came up for trial, but was dismissed by the judge as settled. The jury was accordingly dismissed until Wednesday morning when another case will be up for trial. The new clerk of the court thereby found time today further to familiarize himself with the duties of the office.

Down in the office of the clerk and recorder the board of county commissioners met today with C. W. (Burr) Ward occupying the seat formerly occupied by John Trece. Mr. Ward is no stranger in the courthouse and is also thoroughly acquainted with Ravalli county, geographically and politically, so he fit into the work of the board today as nicely as could be asked. His incumbency on the board is expected to be typical of the man, he being recognized throughout the county as a level-headed and prosperous citizen.

The board organized by electing O. C. Cooper as president and purchasing agent for the county. Sam See, court bailiff at present, was elected as janitor at the courthouse to succeed William Griggs. It was voted to discontinue the deputyship in the office of the county treasurer for the present. Lloyd Heffling is the present deputy. The third of February was set as the date when will be heard the appeal of the patrons of school district No. 16 from the decision of the county superintendent which threw part of that district into the Darby district.

CHILD'S FUNERAL TODAY.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Funeral services over the remains of

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EVANGELISTS GAIN OUT IN THE COLD CONVERTS IS ROOSTER

REV. MR. SMITH AND ASSISTANTS ARE MEETING SUCCESS IN HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—This evening at the Lucas opera house Evangelist Smith spoke upon "The Love of God," which he said was the greatest thing in all the world. One of the features of Mr. Smith's sermons is that they are filled with Bible quotations. It was even more so than usual this evening. Indeed, he called his discourse a sermon Bible reading. Instead of one text he used a half dozen, and from each emphasized some characteristic of God's Love. The points made were that the Love of God is world-wide in its extent, everlasting in its duration, personal in its application, unchanging in its purpose, inseparable from its object and constraining in its power. He closed with God's commendation of His own love recorded in Romans 5:8: "God commendeth His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners (or enemies) Christ died for us." This he used as a summing up of his subject. Said Mr. Smith, "Such love should commend itself to everyone, and the blackest crime in the world is the neglect of such love."

Monday night is always made the musical one of the week in Mr. Smith's meetings. Last evening was no exception. Aside from the splendid chorus singing the evangelistic parody song as a trio, Herbert's arrangement of "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," and a male quartet composed of the evangelists and H. A. Calkins sang "God's Loving Hand," by Shephard.

Despite the terrible cold of the past few days the interest in the meetings is intense. At the Sunday night service 83 decision cards were signed. These included young converts, those who are Christians but not church members, those who desire to renew their covenant, and church members elsewhere, but who are now living in Hamilton. So far the meetings have been confronted with unfavorable weather, but the interest has grown from the first, nevertheless.

MOIESE NOTES

Moiese, Jan. 6.—Robert Sharp returned to Butte Tuesday, after spending the holiday week with his brother, J. F. Sharp.

Mrs. Charles Austin has been ill for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cushing came over from Roman, New Year's day, to visit Mrs. Cushing's parents.

The Moiese club gave a pleasant dancing party New Year's night at the clubhouse.

The Misses Alice and Maud Pumphreys of Tacoma, Wash., are visiting their sister, Miss Winnifred, of the upper valley.

Misses Kries, Fowler and Aldrich gave a large party at the clubhouse Thursday night in honor of the Misses Maud and Alice Pumphreys. All of the young people of the valley attended and enjoyed a delightful evening. Dancing was the feature of the affair and a lunch consisting of hot frankfurters, rolls and coffee was served at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington of Butte are visiting friends in the valley.

John Meredith is at home with his family for a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Hazard has joined her husband in Butte, where he is employed.

The reclamation camp will move to East Flat in a few days and will locate near A. M. Kroll's place.

J. G. Smith drove to Roman Sunday, Earl Smith returned with him.

The valley was greatly benefited by a heavy rain Thursday night which was followed by a light snow. This moisture falling before the ground became frozen will be of great benefit to the winter wheat.

The Misses Pumphreys returned to Tacoma Friday.

BELOW-ZERO WEATHER ENJOYED IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—A decidedly cold wave struck this city Saturday night, the first of the winter. Yesterday morning the government thermometer at the chamber of commerce registered 7 below and this morning registered one degree colder. It was hard to convince some that this morning was colder than yesterday, but the thermometer firmly holds its original showing. Several property owners were busily engaged this morning in getting the frost out of water pipes, which is an unusual experience in Hamilton. It is not expected that the mercury will keep below zero mark for very long.

RONAN NOTES

Ronan, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Devere Jackson, who has been in Dixon, returned to Ronan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Welch left Sunday to make their home in Spokane.

Mrs. W. R. Sheen, who has been sick for the past week, is reported much improved.

Mr. Ross Lemire has returned to Ronan from Missoula.

Cash Coulter spent Sunday on his ranch east of town, improving same.

Mrs. A. J. Brower left Ronan Sunday to join her husband in Helena, and will spend the winter there.

The Good cheer club will meet with Mrs. Fuhrer January 13.

M. E. Caupion and family have moved to Ronan from west of town.

While skating in the west part of Ronan little Edgar McConnell fell and cut his head, and he had to have a few stitches taken in his forehead. It is not reported very serious, but was very painful.

James Raymond has returned from Plains, where he went on business.

Miss Amelia Marjoeau and Miss Marie Adams returned to Missoula last week, after spending the holidays with the former's parents.

STEVENSVILLE NEWS

Stevensville, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Everett Lockridge and George Rice have purchased the Home Restaurant from Mrs. Charles Vansickle. The new proprietors are well known here and will, no doubt, enjoy a splendid patronage.

Ice harvesting has begun here. If the present cold weather continues a week longer, Stevensville will be assured of a full supply. Last night the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero, and many people were obliged to thaw out the water pipes in the house as well as out. The ice is about one foot thick and freezing nicely every night.

Mrs. W. A. Duffield of Baird is spending a couple of days here, visiting and attending to business matters.

Mrs. F. C. Ives of Missoula, sister of the late D. C. Ives, arrived last night to attend the funeral.

Contributions to the penny fund for the relief of the convicted editors in Idaho who believe in free speech are being made in Stevensville and from the sentiment already expressed there will probably be about 785 pennies sent in within the next few days.

HAMILTON CHANTICLEER, OF GENUS TRAMP, AROUSES HAYDEN'S SYMPATHY.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Irwin Hayden, secretary of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, is much concerned over the sad plight of what he called a "tramp" rooster, which for the past week has made his home in the woodpile to the rear of the chamber of commerce building. The rooster, which is a Leghorn with class written all over its physique, according to Mr. Hayden, who is now an authority on chickens, having purchased two blooded cocks at Missoula recently, got along nicely in his adopted home until the recent cold snap struck town. With the storm's arrival, departed much of the rooster's class, and he is today possessed of badly frost-bitten comb and wattles. When the secretary arrived at the chamber of commerce building this morning to start a fire, he found the rooster perched in the doorway, having deserted the woodpile for a warmer nook. Hayden tried to coax him into the warm building, but the bird evidently shied at any rapid thawing-out process. The bird is worthy of better quarters than can be found in Potman's old woodpile, and Mr. Hayden declared he will adopt the bird and take him home to his warm hen roost if no one called to claim him today.

ARLEE

Arlee, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haines of Portage, Wis., are visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haines, west of Arlee. The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil was held at the Arlee schoolhouse on New Year's day. Rev. Mr. Gately of Missoula officiated.

At a meeting of the school trustees of the Arlee district January 3, S. R. Logan was elected supervisor of the schools on the English reservation.

Mrs. W. H. Ferguson and Mary M. Ferguson have returned to Arlee, after spending three weeks in Missoula and St. Regis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. DeMers have been in Missoula for several days, owing to Mrs. DeMers having a serious attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Martz of Arlee spent the holidays in Bozeman with relatives. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Holland spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Missoula.

Robert Holland, who is attending the Saviour school in Spokane, spent the holidays with his parents in Arlee.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet this week with Mrs. John Innes, southeast of Arlee. Refreshments will be served.

Miss Mary Innes of Dillon spent last Sunday with her brother, E. G. Innes of this place.

O. McIntire has erected a dwelling on his property on the south side of town.

POLSON ITEMS

Polson, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Beginning Tuesday, January 7, the farmers in Valley View and vicinity will have the benefit of a rural free mail delivery. This is the first rural route on the reservation and is a credit to the progressive people of Valley View and the postmaster at Polson, whose united efforts have brought about the establishment of this route.

F. H. McDermott and family of Spokane have moved to Polson to make their home. Mr. McDermott has been a prominent attorney in Spokane for the past six years and will open an office here at once.

Traffic on Flathead lake is still open. The Klondike has quit for the winter, but the Big Fork steamer and the Flyer launch have taken up the regular run.

The DeKoven male quartet on the Midland lecture course will favor Polson with a visit next Wednesday evening, January 8. They come highly recommended.

Mrs. W. H. Higham accompanied her son, L. S. Higham, to Fort William, Ont., for a few weeks' visit.

PRESS AGENTS TALK OF THEIR SHOWS

Valeska Suratt.

Straight operaetta will be offered at the Harnois theater Friday, Jan. 10, when the noted beauty, Valeska Suratt, and the Valeska Suratt Operaetta company will be heard in the year-and-a-half New York Casino musical success, "The Kiss Waltz," the two-act melody that has delighted New York and Boston music lovers. Miss Suratt will have a notable company of New York favorites, including a bewitching chorus of Casino girls.

"Queen Elizabeth."

This is the last day in which to see the divine Sarah Bernhardt in the film of "Queen Elizabeth," shown at the Bijou theater in four reels.

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