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513 S. Higgins. Bell 20
Spratt's dog food, pkg., 45c
The balanced ration for the dog.
Home bird seed, 2 pkgs. 25c
All the natural seeds for the bird with cattle bone.
Alfalfa, per 100 lbs. 90c
Second cutting, green.
Alfalay, 50 lbs. \$1.75
The mix that makes the hen lay eggs.

National Socialist Children's Day
Will be celebrated at Barber & Marshall Hall today at 2:30 p. m.
Splendid Program
Consisting of music and recitations by children and a lunch given by the women's committee.
Come everybody and take part in the good work.
Admission Free

\$120,000,000
Is the interest paid annually by the savings banks to the people of the United States. DO YOU GET ANY OF IT?
Open a savings account that pays you 3 per cent interest.
The First National Bank
Missoula, Montana.
TOTAL RESOURCES \$2,000,000.

Just Received. Several Hundred Goldfish, 15c Each
While they last. Also imported Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries. Come and select your bird.
135 East Main Street
Mail orders filled promptly.

If you can't Be FAIR BE FAIR as you can. AND BUY SHORT MILL WOOD
The Cheapest and Best Fuel
Green, per load \$3.75 (While the mill runs)
Dry, per load \$4.50
The Polleys Lumber Co. (City Sawmill)
Phones 414

A good move—Coffee to POSTUM
"There's a Reason"
Use Smith's Cough Balsam for Colds and Coughs, at SMITH'S DRUG STORES
Agent Eastman Kodaks

HOW IS YOUR FIRE INSURANCE?
Houston Realty Co.
116 Higgins Avenue.



LAUGHING ABOUT TOYS
If you'll solve this problem for me, you'll confer a blessed boon—I want to know what's right for kids on Sunday afternoon; if it's right to go out walking, it should be right to skate, 'twixt buggy-ride and auto, the difference is but gait; if it's right to walk, it's right to run and also right to play, a laugh on Sunday should be right as on another day, the morning problem is easy with church and Sunday school; but for the hours after these, it's hard to make a rule; it doesn't seem exactly fair to make a kid sit still, when he might be happy out of doors, coasting on the hill; distinction fine and difference, 'twixt these things there may be; but where and how to draw the line is what perplexes me; the heritage of every kid is the right to wholesome play, and he surely needs it Sunday more than any other day.

Yesterday morning was what our youngsters call a "Christmas-card day." The fog had rolled up from the river during the night and the frost had fastened it to every branch and twig on the trees and shrubbery. To look down Our Street yesterday morning was to behold a pretty picture. The honeysuckle and spruce bushes were masses of filmy lace-like frost-work. The lilacs and rosebushes showed heavier lines. The maples and elms and poplars looked like fairy trees. The evergreens might have been sentinels before the shop of Santa Claus. There are some veteran Lombardy poplars in front of the Verdon house, planted there by the man who founded Missoula, and to whose love for these trees this city owes its early start toward becoming a city beautiful. These giant Lombardies were veritable frost pillars in the morning light, and when the first sunshine struck them they glistened like gem-studded monuments. In the Bernhard yard there is a big spruce bush which in early summer is the most beautiful thing in town. Yesterday morning it was more daintily beautiful than it ever was in its summer dress of white blossoms. Changing was the picture which Our Street presented as I walked along, toward town, while the day was yet young. It was a scene not to be forgotten. It started the day just right.

But the frozen fog had played havoc with the footing. It was slippery on the walks and on the street pavements. And on the streets which were not paved, the freezing had made a crust of ice which afforded little foothold for the horses. I saw some of them slipping painfully. Later in the day one of the good women of the humane society telephoned a request for a notice to drivers. She said somebody's attention should be directed to the fact that it isn't fair to the horses to load them heavily and not show them properly to negotiate the slippery footing. There was ample opportunity yesterday for the exercise of the authority which the law gives regarding the treatment of dumb animals. There were many horses drawing loads yesterday which should have been shod before they were put at work for the day. This is not an ad for any farrier, but yesterday was a day when the horse-shoer should have been well occupied.

A Butte dispatch, which has been printed very generally during the past week, announced the death of Orlando B. Barber, one of the old-fashioned pioneers of the state. This Butte dispatch gave to Mr. Barber the credit for building the old Hope mill, the first quartz mill in Montana. This is not a correct credit. The famous old mill at Phillipsburg was built by Horace Countryman, father of Mrs. Frank H. Woody of Missoula. There have been a good many fortunes founded out in the stamps of the old Hope mill; it has been in almost constant operation for a long, long time. Some of the most noted names in the history of metallurgy in Montana are associated with the record of this structure. But it was first built by Mr. Countryman and the record should be kept straight.

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FOR DAMAGED BULL JOHN NORRIS SUES
Alleging that the Milwaukee railroad "so far and managed its locomotive cars and train as to run against and over" a thoroughbred Jersey bull that had strolled "casually" onto the track, John B. Norris of Clinton yesterday brought suit against the road for \$250, \$200 for the bull and \$50 for his attorney, who was not, however, concerned in the disaster. The accident is alleged to have occurred on October 6, because of the railroad's failure to keep its fences in good repair.

TO ORGANIZED LABOR.
To all members of organized labor and their friends:
This is to officially notify you that all the difficulties with the Golden Rule store have been amicably adjusted and we would respectfully request that you give the Golden Rule its share of your patronage.
D. W. FITZPATRICK, Secretary-Treasurer Missoula County Central Trades and Labor Council.

ATTENTION, WOODCRAFT.
Special meeting at L. O. O. F. hall Monday evening 7:30 o'clock. General business.
BY ORDER OF G. N. —Adv.

SLEEPING SOX
An inexpensive luxury that all may enjoy
Two Pairs 25c

HAIR INSOLES
Worn in the shoes will keep your feet dry and warm
Two Pairs 25c

Missoula Drug Co.
Wholesale and Retail
Missoula, Montana

MISSOULA BUCKING MIGHTY TOUGH GAME

CITY'S INDEBTEDNESS LIMITED BY ACTION OF STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

The city of Missoula is now facing, and last summer escaped only through strenuous methods, an injunction suit based upon the fact that the city's indebtedness is now in excess of the legal limit. The law allows a city to bond itself to the extent of three per cent of the value of its taxable property. Officially, Missoula is now past that limit, but actually it indebtedness exceeds, not three, but only one per cent of the value of its taxable property. And the state board of equalization, according to the men with expert knowledge, is to blame for the peculiar situation. Missoula is prevented from initiating extensive improvements because the state board of equalization refuses to break away from tradition.

Kroone Explains.
N. P. Kroone, former assessor of Missoula county and one of the ablest men that ever held that office, yesterday explained the situation in detail during the course of a discussion concerning the injunction suit brought against the city. It is the custom of all county assessors in Montana to make their property valuation approximately one-third of the real value of the property. No objections have ever been made, because such a system has no effect upon taxation, the levy rising as the valuation drops. But when Montana cities began to make municipal improvements, trouble started. The valuations made by the county assessor are the only ones which the court can consider. Thus it comes that cities are unable to issue bonds to the extent of more than one per cent of the value of their taxable property, though the law makes three per cent the limit. As long as assessed values amount only to one-third of the real values, the city will be cheated out of two-thirds of its tax.

Attempts to Rectify.
At the first state convention of county commissioners and assessors, held during Mr. Kroone's term of office, the matter was taken up. It was agreed that if the assessors would base their assessments upon the real value of the property, the commissioners would reduce the levy in inverse ratio. But the convention attached a little string to its action. "We will make full valuations on the property under our jurisdiction as soon as the state board of equalization does the same with the railroads," it said.

The state board of equalization makes its report in November and the assessors do their work in the spring. The state officials declared that they were bound to precedent, that what the assessors did on the preceding spring they would do in the fall. Such procedure would mean that the railroads would escape full taxation for one year and the assessors refused to listen to it. Mr. Kroone is an expert and an enthusiast on the subject. "It isn't right," he says, "for the city to be crippled. I tried hard to get the co-operation of the state, but I couldn't. Until the state officials will work with the county assessors in straightening out this mess the cities will have to suffer as Missoula is now suffering."

NORTH SIDE NOTES
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Danforth entertained at a Christmas dinner and a week-end party at their delightful country home near DeSmet.

The dining room and living room were made beautiful with poinsettias and holly, intermingled with beautiful and fragrant fir boughs. The table was laid with places for 15. These partaking of Mr. and Mrs. Danforth's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Curran of Miller Creek, Mrs. Fannie Templeton, Ralph Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woods and Robert Woods, Jr., of Stevensville, Grover Danforth, Mr. and Mrs. Wear and his daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Parks of Frenchtown.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
The Acme Coal company wishes to announce that "MR. ACMEZ OLD KING KOALES" is handled exclusively, retail, in Missoula by the O. W. Perry company, 306 Higgins Ave., Bell 400, and cannot be secured elsewhere in Missoula.
FRANK L. WOODS, State Sales Agent, Butte, Mont. —Adv.

ON AND OFF AGAIN IS CLERKS' BOYCOTT

INQUIRY BY BUSINESS MEN RESULTS IN CLEARING UP LOCAL SITUATION.

Wo, the executive committee of the Trades and Labor council, hereby notify all union men that the grievance, which the Clerks' union held against the Golden Rule store, has been satisfactorily adjusted and that this company is now fair in every respect.

The above statement was issued by the executive committee of the Missoula Trades and Labor council last evening after a practically continuous, all-day session. Friday afternoon President M. M. Donoghue of the State Federation of Labor and E. Schields, state representative of the International Clerks Alliance, arrived in Missoula and started at once to investigate the grievance which had led to the placing of a boycott on the Golden Rule store. The trouble arose over M. J. Coen's refusal to compel his clerks to join the union. Mr. Coen stated at the beginning of the difficulty that he had no objection to his employees affiliating with the union, but that he would not use his influence to force this action. The boycott was thereupon placed and the store declared unfair.

The fact that a boycott had been placed on the Golden Rule store was not learned definitely until the afternoon session with the state officials and the local executive committee of the trades and labor council. Several local labor leaders had not been apprised of the fact that the store was unfair and did not know the reasons for this action. In fact, the president of the trades and labor council received this information from a communication sent him by the chamber of commerce. This developed at a meeting of the merchants held in the Masonic temple yesterday morning at which the situation was gone over in detail. It was decided at this time to ask the executive committee of the chamber of commerce to meet with the local and state officials for the purpose of ascertaining just what the reasons were for boycotting the Golden Rule.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting was held with the union officials and the matter given a thorough discussion. The reasons for the clerks' refusal to join the union were given in consideration and Mr. Coen again stated that he had never denied his clerks the right to join the organization if they so desired. President Donoghue and Mr. Schields stated that they would interview the clerks themselves and see just how conditions stood. In case they made no progress the meeting was to have been continued last evening. However, they were able to persuade the clerks of the advisability of joining the union and, as a consequence, no evening session was held and the executive committee was notified that there was no longer a grievance against the Golden Rule store. The trades and labor committee issued the above statement and the case was dismissed as settled.

COAL! COAL! COAL!
Best Carney lamp, \$6; Sunset, \$6.50; Roundup, \$6.50; Bear Creek, \$6.75. Terms, spot cash. M. R. C. Smith, Montana Bldg. Phone Bell 323—Adv.

SALVATION SOLDIERS ENTERTAIN CHILDREN
There wasn't breathing room in the Salvation Army hall last night when Santa Claus made his appearance before a big audience of children and commenced the distribution of his gifts. The aisles and every other bit of standing room were full of people. At the head of the hall a great Christmas tree, gleaming with hundreds of lights and burdened down with gifts held the eyes of all. Santa Claus, the real old saint himself, superintended the whole affair. The children remembered by him on this late visit were the army youngsters and scores of poor children on the army list. It was a happy affair, of great credit to Captain Bryant and his battalion.

THANKS TO THE PUBLIC,
Says Anderson, I sold every cut flower in bloom Christmas and even the buds went. This was the greatest Christmas I ever had in Missoula; sold clean out on all cut flowers. I have tried to win the confidence of the public and now I am pleased to state that my efforts are appreciated. I will have an abundance of fresh cut flowers opening up. Carnations 75c per dozen, roses from \$2 to \$3; lilies, \$3; Marguerites and Snapdragons, etc.; potted plants, decorations.

I have no uptown store; no big expense; you get the benefit. Bell phone 729; Ind. 2726. Express and parcel post orders solicited. A. C. ANDERSON—Adv.

REMOVAL NOTICE.
Dr. M. H. Kuhl, deputy state stock inspector and deputy state veterinary surgeon has moved his office from J. A. Nagle's livery to his residence, 1326 Howell street, until suitable office room can be had. All calls must be wired direct to 557 red and all chronic cases can be taken care of at Howell street residence barn. L. L. Kuhl, assistant, may be reached by "boning \$5.41 red.—Adv.

Annual New Year's Eve Ball.
Given by Daughters of Hermann at Elite hall, Dec. 31.—Adv.

Monday -- Tuesday -- Wednesday

These days, the last three of the year, we have set aside for a sensational bargain event. To wind up the old year, we desire to "clean up" a lot of "odds and ends," therefore, BARGAINS, the like of which you have never seen.

Prices Reduced Less Than Cost

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, Value. Coats Worth \$12.50 \$5.95, Coats Worth \$20.00 \$8.95, Coats Worth \$25.00 \$11.95, Suits Worth \$15.00 \$7.50, Suits Worth \$22.50 \$10.50, Suits Worth \$35.00 \$15.00, Dresses Worth \$10.00 \$5.95, Dresses Worth \$17.50 \$8.95, Dresses Worth \$22.50 \$13.65

Entire Stock of Afternoon, Evening Dresses and Furs - 1/3 Off

THE LEADER

See Window Display

HEALTHY INCREASE IN RANGE USE THIS YEAR

FIGURES PRESENTED TO SHOW SUCCESS OF EFFORT OF SERVICE TO GET MORE STOCK.

Considerable has been heard during the past few weeks of the increasing use that is being made of the national forest ranges in the west and of the efforts of the forest service in turning over every available acre of range land to the stockmen, especially those handling sheep. The range problem has been one of the most interesting of the service this year, and much special work has been done along this line, the forest officers realizing that the settling of lands throughout the west, where the former stock ranges have been turned into successful dry farms, has crowded the stock back into the rougher country and has made necessary the use of areas that have until now been lying idle and thought unfit, or at least not well adapted to stock.

A Publicity Stunt.
The forest service last year even went so far as to prepare a prospectus on its available ranges throughout northwestern Montana and Idaho, showing available range for 400,000 head of sheep, and these were given a wide distribution in the hopes of bringing the desired information to the stockmen. A careful inspection has been maintained this season concerning the results of such a course, and at the end of the season the figures show a very material gain in the use of the ranges.

Comparative Figures.
All of the figures are not completed, but those sent in from the three principal forests in Idaho, and announced yesterday, give a good idea of the success that has followed the foresters' efforts. The figures in the table give the number of sheep which had range on each forest in 1912, and then the increase in the number that used the forest in 1913:

Table with 3 columns: Forest, 1912, 1913. Pend d'Oreille 14,500 17,700, Coeur d'Alene 4,800 12,750, Clearwater 4,400 7,417

Suggest Helpful Things.
Every convenience that could be thought of to assist the stockmen in bringing their sheep to these ranges has been suggested by the service, especially in the matter of transportation facilities. The railroads have gladly co-operated in this, and at their several unloading stations have provided the necessary counting chutes where the sheep are counted as they enter the forest ranges. To further help in the work a special train has been detailed early in the coming year to make a trip through eastern Oregon and meet the stockmen and arrange with them for a summer range on some Montana or Idaho forest.

TO PROBE MEAT PRODUCTION.
Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston tonight announced the appointment of a special committee of experts to conduct an inquiry into the unsatisfactory meat production conditions in the United States. The announcement prescribes that the committee will investigate especially in reference to beef, with a view to suggesting possible methods for improvement.

January Records ON SALE NOW Ask Us to Play Them for You



"...house of quality" Hoyt-Dickinson Piano Co. Higgins Avenue

YOU MAY BUY VENISON WITHOUT FEAR PRONTO

It is contrary to the laws of Montana to buy or sell venison, but next Tuesday the bars are down, momentarily at least. Because Al Dessy shot two deer without going through the formality of securing a license, the animals will be sold at public auction next week, probably on Tuesday. Dessy was arrested by Harry Morgan on the headwaters of the Blackfoot. He was hunting and trapping through that nearly virgin country without a permit from the state. Yesterday he was tried before Justice of the Peace Small and drew a \$25 fine, which he is now serving out in the county jail. When arrested Dessy had two fine deer in his possession. They were confiscated and will be sold at public auction.

LOS ANGELES \$54.15 ROUND TRIP.
Montana special right through to Los Angeles leaves Butte Jan. 21. Make Pullman reservations early. Ask for particulars.
E. A. SHEWE, Gen'l Agt., O. S. L., Butte, Mont. —Adv.

"JOHNNIE WALKER"—BORN 1820 —STILL GOING STRONG—
A record to be proud of. Nearly a century of marked success; a proof that quality in Scotch Whisky is observed by those who want the best. VERRICK'S, Distrib., 121 W. Front.—Adv.

TWO LICENSES ISSUED TO WESTERN MONTANANS

Still in time for the conjunction of wedding bells and holly wreaths, though Christmas day itself is passed, two western Montana couples who applied to Clerk of the Court Conlon for marriage licenses yesterday. Ralph Ray and Esther La Rose, both of St. Ignace, were the first two applicants. Later in the day Charles W. Buell of Dixon and Miss Anna M. Holyfield of Piper, Kan., were given a marriage license.

FREE OSTEOPATHIC CLINICS.
The osteopathic physicians of the city will treat without charge children needing care whose parents are unable to pay for same, if they will appear at rooms 321 and 322, First National bank building, Mondays, from 4 to 5 and Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8.—Adv.

Guarding Against Croup.
The best safeguard against croup is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. P. H. Ginn, Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup." Missoula Drug Co.—Adv.