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A GREAT FALLS FAVORITE

## BRYAN Washburn

### IN Something To Do

Rich, popular, handsome—yet bored to death and going to seed in his youth.

That's Bryant Washburn in "Something to Do," until—

The girl, the masquerading valet, the bold adventurer, the "papers," the girl's father in an insane asylum—then the rich young man finds more to do than Woodrow Wilson in Paris.

You see, Father doesn't belong where he is and he and the girl and Washburn stage a thrilling getaway.

Graft, cops, love, speeding cars, a kidnapped safe, fights, punch, pep and pushinability—they're all in this corking picture.

Something doing every second in "Something to Do."

ALSO—

### BRAY PICTOGRAPH

The Magazine of the Screen

SEXTON ORCHESTRA

As a tribute to the memory of Lewis E. Freeman, proprietor of the Palace, Gem and Imperial theaters, whose funeral occurs this afternoon, the Sexton theater will be closed from 4 until 5 o'clock.

## WILL MEET FOR LAST TIME SATURDAY NIGHT

### Present City Council Calls Special Session for Purpose of Approving Bond of Fred Saner, Successful Sewer Contract Bidder.

Members of the present city council will meet together for the last time Saturday evening when they are to conduct a special session for the purpose of inspecting the bond of Fred Saner, successful bidder on the \$255,000 south side sewer construction contract. The bond was not ready for submission to the city solons Tuesday night and, even though the majority of the present members, including the special sewer committee, will return to their seats, it was decided the old council should clean up all work commenced under its tenure of office. Should the bond for any reason not be submitted by Saturday night the new council will have to act upon it at its first official meeting next Tuesday night.

While taking care of the Saner bond matter the city clerk was instructed to return the check of the Security Bridge company amounting to \$25,000, which represents 10 per cent of the amount of the bid made by this company on the south side sewer contract. The Security Bridge company was the second lowest bidder and the check was being retained by the city in case the Saner bond should in some manner not meet with the approval of the council.

#### Building Permit Granted.

Kennedy & Duncan, contractors, were granted a permit by the council to erect a building on the lot adjoining the Rocky Mountain Fire Insurance structure and to be of similar structure. The basement and one story are to be erected at once and two or three additional stories later, the building to be occupied by a store on the ground floor and the other stories to be apartment quarters. The building will be 50 by 60 feet in ground dimensions.

A petition signed by Harry R. Ringwald, J. E. Baker and E. R. Dunk, asking the council to create a special improvement district for the purpose of constructing a standard boulevard on First avenue north from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth street was referred to the public improvement committee.

A petition signed by Harry R. Ringwald, E. R. Dunk and G. C. Eakman, asking for the creation of an improvement district for the purpose of installing sewerage in Second alley north from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth streets was also referred to the public improvement committee.

#### Bond Report Received.

The Wells-Dickey company presented a report, thru City Treasurer W. Wren, on the sale and delivery of the city's 255 south side sewer bonds. It shows the principal to be \$255,000 and accrued interest thereon from January 1, 1919 to April 29, 1919 at 5 1/4 per cent was \$4043. The premium amounted to \$5,350 and the total principal, interest and premium, \$244,393.90. On April 1 a certified check was paid for \$10,000 and the accrued interest thereon from April 1, 1919 to April 29, 1919 was \$40.82, making a total of \$10,040.82 and leaving a balance in the bond report of \$234,353.07. The report was ordered received and placed on file.

#### Invited to Return.

City Clerk Harrison has been instructed by the council to write a letter to President J. L. Fuller, of the Pacific Coast Fire Prevention bureau expressing the city's appreciation of the recent fire prevention campaign put on here thru Jay W. Stevens and J. H. Schiever, two members of the bureau. At the time these men were here during the insurance men's convention, they accomplished much good along fire prevention lines. Chief A. J. Trodick, of the local fire department spoke warmly in favor of inviting the men to return to Great Falls for several days this fall, as they expressed a desire to come back for another visit during September. City Clerk Harrison was instructed to extend the invitation in his letter. This fire prevention work does not and will not

cost the city one cent, the Pacific Fire Prevention bureau and insurance interests handling all expense.

#### Want Main Extended.

Two petitions asking the city to extend water mains were received and both referred to the water committee. One of these was from Rev. J. R. Larson, copporteur missionary of the American Baptist Publication society and Mrs. T. Sverdfeger, the latter residing at Cleve Lake. Rev. Larson stated in the petition it is his intention to erect a residence on the northeast corner of Sixteenth street and First avenue south and wants the water main extended east on Sixteenth street. Mrs. Sverdfeger owns the adjoining lot.

The other petition was signed by John H. Corcoran and others and asks the council to extend the water main immediately in front of and adjacent to block 29 of the Black Eagle Falls addition. This takes in two blocks, from Twenty-eighth street and Central avenue east to Thirtieth street and Central avenue.

A resolution of intention, creating special improvement district No. 356 calling for the improvement of Fourth street south from the center line of Fifth to the center line of Sixth streets south was adopted. The improvements will cost \$70 per lot or \$280 all told.

City Attorney John W. Stanton reported he is at present preparing the resolution calling for the division of the city into three warding districts, as outlined at the last meeting of the city council. This resolution will be presented at the next regular meeting of the council.

H. N. Black was granted permission, upon establishment that his plans had been approved by the building inspector, to erect a gasoline service station on lot 7, block 15.

The city marketmaster reported that during April \$109.50 was received from the rent of booths in the market building. He also suggested to the council that a carpenter be employed to repair the market building doors before the next market day. The council authorized the work.

### IT HAS PLACED 1145 SOLDIERS

#### Employment Secretary of Soldiers and Sailors Club Makes Report on Work.

A. G. Hay, secretary of the Soldiers and Sailors Employment bureau in making a report of his department of the city says that in the past two weeks 70 men have been placed and 121 have registered. The total number of men who have registered since the organization of the bureau in January are 1145. Today there are 16 soldiers out of employment, showing that altogether 1129 have been placed.

The federal director of labor reported that the Great Falls office placed more men in the past two weeks than any other office in the state. The department placed more men Tuesday April 22 than any day since the opening of the city's employment bureau. The office placed 13 men and 13 were placed with the city fire department last week. Earl E. Crawford in charge of the men's division reports that last week 182 men were placed and that calls were made for 224. The largest demand last week seemed to be for common labor and 86 men registered, 78 placed and 82 calls for help were registered.

The demand for farm help still exceeds the supply and out of the 57 men asked for but 38 were placed. There was also a big demand for teamsters and deliverymen and 29 out of the 30 asked for were placed.

#### GOERING-BYE

H. M. Goehring of St. Paul and Miss Ha Bye of Great Falls were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 5 by Rev. Virgil B. Scott at the Presbyterian parsonage. The bride and groom left last night for St. Paul, where they will make their home.

### BUYERS DELAY IS ONE HINDRANCE

#### Dealer Thinks Tendency of Consumer to Wait for Lower Prices Complicates.

Since the topic of "The High Cost of Living" has taken a front seat in the list of popular subjects for conversation the long suffering "weather" has been backed right off the mat. There are opinions and arguments advanced about the H. C. of L. but here's some pretty sound logic given out by one of the local dealers.

This Great Falls business man says that one bad feature in the present situation is the tendency of buyers to delay ordering in hope of lower prices. He states that it is true that many commodities are due for a decline. But while the major movement seems to be downward, it is altogether probable that this movement may be checked and certain prices may advance the next few months.

The wage question has a big place in the discussion and it has been repeatedly stated that wages cannot be allowed to slump severely suddenly, as this would invite industrial warfare. Thus it seems probable that the present wage system will be sustained until the reduction can be accomplished gradually and harmlessly.

Therefore in considering lines where labor is a large proportion of the total cost, buyers really have less excuse for delay in placing their orders, as statistics for the war period show that for industry as a whole, the number of workers increased only about 20 per cent over pre-war conditions. The amount of the pay-roll increased 120 per cent. In other words the wage scale advanced \$2 per cent. It will very likely take many months to reduce safely so large an inflation.

### "LION AND THE MOUSE" BOOKED FOR PALACE THEATER

Alice Joyce, it is conceded, scores her greatest screen triumph in "The Lion and the Mouse," a super-feature which has been personally selected by Manager Kernan for a showing at the Palace theater, commencing Friday evening of this week. The story was written by the late Charles Klein, and the picture is adapted from the famous stage success of that name.

## TRAPPERS GET \$1,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR THEIR FURS

### That Is Estimate of Lewis, of Columbia Falls, of What Game Skins Return in Cash to the Hunters.

One million dollars as the value of furs trapped in Montana every year, is the figure fixed by J. E. Lewis, of Columbia Falls and Glacier Park, whose individual operations this year will amount to approximately one-fifth of that sum. Mr. Lewis, who is proprietor of the hotel on Lake McDonald, is in Great Falls closing up the last deals of the season before turning his attention exclusively to the entertainment of summer tourists in the park, and last night made the statement that Montana trappers and hunters annually realize approximately \$1,000,000 for their catch, which consists principally of skunk, mink, martin, muskrat, beaver and coyote. Since he arrived in the city, Mr. Lewis has purchased \$3100 worth of furs from D. Davis, a local dealer, whose offering this spring was an excellent collection of rats, skunk, mink and coyote hides. The Davis furs were bought in two lots, one, consisting entirely of martin, was transferred to Mr. Lewis for \$1000.

These hides, if unimpaired, are worth \$15 each, but after the heads are removed, as required by the state, they will bring only \$7 or \$8, a difference that causes trappers to pass up the bounty entirely except during the summer months. Mr. Lewis believes that a system of marking could be devised that would permit payment of the bounty without injuring the pelts, and also that such a change in the present law would be an added means of the pests that annually destroy many thousands of dollars worth of livestock.

That the annual fur business in Montana amounts to a sum as large as \$1,000,000 is a fact not generally known, but Mr. Lewis asserts that this amount is correct. There is to be seen, without a search, but a small percentage of the annual trapping operations, but as a matter of fact there are thousands of men in the state who devote the greater portion of their time to the beating out of swamps, streams and lake shores for the little animals whose pelts have become so valuable. Fur prices have been advancing for several years, Mr. Lewis states, and a continuation of the present scarcity will cause quotations to contain even larger figures in the future.

#### CHARGED WITH NON-SUPPORT

Dennis Lynch, resident of the West side, is charged with failure to support his three children, one in Great Falls and two said to be at Havre. A warrant was issued Tuesday for the arrest of Lynch who is said to be separated from his wife. He is employed by the Great Northern.

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