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COUNTY FAIR DATES

The 1899 Meeting Will Be Held September 12, 13, 14 and 15.

WILL BE A BIG EVENT

Big Preparations for Its Success. There Will Be Many Attractive Features.

The board of directors of the Yellowstone County Fair association have set September 12, 13, 14 and 15 as the days for the 1899 fair meeting. This was decided upon at a meeting of the directors Saturday. The fair last year was not held until the latter part of September. The change this year was brought about by reason of wishing to get the race horses which will be at the Big Timber race meeting the latter part of this month. Secretary O'Donnell has received word that Big Timber will have between twenty and thirty horses in readiness for our fair, which will insure some splendid races. The directors will put up nearly $3,000 in premiums and race purses. Although no special features have been provided for as yet, the directors promise us that everything will be done to make it the crowning event in the history of Yellowstone county fairs.

The fruit, vegetable and grain exhibit will probably outrival all former attempts. An effort will be made to have the largest representation of Crow Indians that have ever assembled in Billings. This has always been a good drawing card for the fair. It is also likely that a series of ball games may be arranged for two or more days.

From now on the directors will meet quite often to shape the work for the coming fair and the interest which is already being manifested betokens a grand event.

COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT.

Committee to Report on Saloon-Closing Petition—Other Matters.

The city council will meet in regular monthly session tonight at the fire hall. The first meeting in the month is always the most important one and the aldermen will find it so tonight, there being several matters of importance to come before the body.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to report upon the petition asking that the saloons be closed from 12 o'clock each night until 5 a. m., and all day Sunday, will make its report, which will, without doubt, be against the prayer of the petitioners. This matter, when called up in the meeting, will probably produce considerable discussion, which will be interesting.

Another matter of no less importance is that of allowing liquor to be sold in the houses of ill-repute, and it is likely that the council will instruct the city treasurer to collect a city liquor license from those houses. A question similar to this has risen before, but the keepers of the houses have contended that they pay a license for carrying on their business and can not or should not be made to pay a liquor license, but the present council thinks otherwise and will put it to a test. Liquor is known to be sold in large quantities in the proscribed district and the city reaps no revenue from it. The houses will be made to pay the regular city license of $50 per quarter or will be compelled to stop selling liquor. Each house will be treated alike, all being called upon to put up or shut up.

It is barely possible that a report may be made by the committee into whose hands was placed the petition of W. B. George, some three months ago, for a franchise for an electric street-car line. Either the committee has overlooked the matter or it has found a resting place in the pigeon-hole of some alderman's desk. Mr. George says the council treats his petition like childs-play, but he says it is nothing of the kind and that he may "call the turn on" the aldermen one of these fine days as Billings advances in growth so rapidly. Let us hope he may.

Together with these matters will come an unusually big pile of papers, which are known as bills. Each one must have the O. K. of some officer, besides those of the auditing committee. Among these will be one of $800 for the new street sprinkler purchased by the city.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Party from Nebraska and Sheridan Meet Congressional Party Here.

A special train of three cars, comprising a dining car, a Pullman sleeper and the private car No. 198 of Geo. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington railroad, arrived in the city Friday evening, having on board Mr. Holdredge and his guests, United States Senator M. L. Hayward, Congressman E. J. Burkett of Nebraska, Captain Palmer of Omaha, besides Lieutenant C. McK. Saltzman of the First United States cavalry, stationed at Sheridan, Mayor Chas. Lewis of Sheridan, Alderman S. D. Canfield and Superintendent E. E. Gillette of the Burlington surveying corps. The occasion of the visit was that the party had come here to meet the congressional delegation which was returning from a junketing trip to Alaska, and act as an escort for them to Sheridan, where they were to inspect the military post. As the train did not arrive until late and it was not known until some time after that the party was in the city, no attempt was made to entertain them at the club or show them about the city. The Gazette reporter, who enjoys a personal acquaintance with Congressman Burkett, called on the gentleman at his car in the Burlington yards and met the members of the party. All had a good word to say for Billings, being wonderfully impressed with our city's marked activity. Senator Hayward remarked that he could not see how one could fail to like this country when we had such a delightful climate, which seemed to voice the sentiments of all.

Saturday morning the congressional party arrived, composed of the following gentlemen: Congressman Hull, who is chairman of the committee on military affairs; Congressmen Payne and Young of New York, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Warner of Illinois, Heatwole of Minnesota and Colonel Steele of Indiana, who came direct from a tour through the National park. Their car was attached to Mr. Holdrege's train, which left here as a special for Sheridan, where a stop was made until evening, when the party was to continue its journey homeward.

A BIG WOOL SALE.

The Sage Creek Sheep Company Sells at Great Falls.

The Sage Creek Sheep company of Utica, Fergus county, on Friday made the best sale that has been made in the Great Falls wool market this season, and also, it is believed, better than any made last year. Its clip did not bring an unusually high price per pound, but the weight of each fleece was so great that the amount per head was larger than has been realized on any other clip. There was about 220,000 pounds and out of seven bids offered three were a tie at 18⅛ cents and the parties agreed to divide the clip at that price. The fleeces were exceptionally heavy for this year, 27,000 of them running over eight pounds.

The Sage Creek Sheep company consists of L. H. Hammond, who has active management, and Rev. Jacob Mills of this city. About sixteen years ago the company was started by Stoutenburgh, Hamilton and Barney, with 1,000 sheep and no working capital. Stoutenburgh afterward sold out to Rev. Mills and Barney to Mr. Hamilton. It is now one of the wealthiest sheep outfits in the state and so careful and skilled is its management that each year the buyers are eager for the clip to come in, knowing that it will be a good one.

GOVERNOR STANLEY IN TOWN.

The Chief Executive of Kansas and Party Visit Here Over Night.

His excellency, Hon. W. Eugene Stanley, governor of Kansas, the state of Funston, accompanied by Mrs. Stanley, George A. Clark, secretary of state, and George E. Cole, auditor of state, accompanied by their wives and Mrs. R. D. Pollard of Omaha, and sister, Mrs. Wilson of Ontario, arrived in Billings Friday evening over the Burlington in car No. 15, the private car of Mr. R. D. Pollard, general tax agent of the Burlington, whose guests the party was.

The party left Topeka, Kan., July 20 and spent several days among the fine scenery of South Dakota, around Deadwood. The evening of their arrival here was spent in a brief walk around the city, their coming not having been announced in time for Mayor Yegen and our citizens to greet them. They were met here Saturday morning by Mr. Pollard, who had gone to Helena, and the party left on the regular train for Sheridan and Edgemont.

ROOM FOR POSTOFFICE.

Bids to Be Received for a Five Years' Lease.

P. R. Lance of Washington, D. C., an inspector of the postal department, is in the city today, and while here will make arrangements for advertising for bids for a building in which to locate the Billings postoffice, the present lease having expired. The bids will be received at the postoffice here for the next thirty days and the time of lease wanted is five years. The present quarters are entirely too small, but new improvements and additions to the room are contemplated, in which event it would not serve the purpose. It is to be hoped that the department will not feel called upon to change the location, as the present one is centrally located and gives universal satisfaction. Mr. Lance will return to Billings about September 1, when the bids will be opened.

TWO GOOD BALL GAMES

Helena Won Them Both, but Had to Work to Do It.

BAD TEAM WORK DID IT

Billings Bunched Her Errors and Got Rattled—Disgraceful Rowdyism on the Field.

Billings had another virulent attack of baseball enthusiasm on Saturday and Sunday, about 700 people turning out to see the first game with Helena, and nearly 1,000 spectators being present on Sunday, notwithstanding a threatened rain storm, which no doubt kept many away. And the people saw two good games and are still enthusiastic, even though Billings did lose. She cannot expect to win every game and, as said by The Gazette last Friday, the home club had not yet been pitted against a real ball team. But Billings was up against it good and hard with Helena and, considering the lack of practice and almost utter absence of team work on the part of the home club, it did remarkably well to hold the champions from the capital down to two close games. They demonstrated that Helena has the best club on account of its team work and constant practice; the individual playing of the visitors was little or no better than that of the Billings boys. But the champions played steady ball and did not get rattled, outfielding their opponents and proving to be superior base runners. However, they had to work very hard to win, notwithstanding that they had strengthened their team by the addition of Butte's best pitcher, Anaconda's crack infielder and various other players from different points of the compass. But Billings did the same thing and has no kick coming on that score. She was outplayed by Helena; the capital has the best club on account of the practice it has had and its team work. And if Billings expects to play winning ball with such teams her club must practice constantly, study the points of the game closer and get down to team work. Otherwise she will have to drop back to the Miles City class of ball playing and admit that the company of the western Montana clubs is too fast for this town.

The First Game.

For five innings and a half it was as pretty an exhibition of ball playing as one cared to see, the score standing 2 to 1 at that time in favor of Billings. None of the runs had been earned and the safe hits had not been plentiful, but both teams had been hitting the ball and the fielders had had plenty to do. The strikeouts had been few, yet both pitchers were doing good work, especially McNeeley for the home team. The visitors, while they hit the ball, either knocked it into the air or hit short grounders to the infield, and to a greater or less extent the home team did the same thing. The few errors made up to this time had been almost excusable, too, but in the last half of the sixth inning the Billings boys went to pieces and off of but one safe hit, allowed the visitors to score four unearned runs. That settled the game; Billings had bunched most of her errors in this one inning, but left a few for the eighth, when she allowed the visitors to score two more unearned runs, the only earned run of the game being made in the ninth on a three-bagger by Hines and a single by Wells. The hits, it will be observed by the score, were six and six, but Billings had made eight errors while Helena had made but two; that tells the tale. Billings would have won the game if McNeeley had been properly supported, but the team had not had sufficient practice and could not give it to him. The main features of the game were Flannery's fielding at third base and his beautiful single in the fifth, bringing in two runs; Scott's work in left field, Catcher Freeman's throwing to bases and the pretty work of Helena's second and third basemen and shortstop. The visitors had won through their superior fielding and were entitled to the victory, although, as the Helena Independent well said, they had to work like hired men to do it. The score:

Billings—	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E
Scott, lf	2	1	0	3	0	0
Rose, 2nd	3	0	1	1	2	2
Flannery, 3rd	4	0	1	0	5	0
McNeeley, p	2	0	0	1	3	0
Harrity, 1st	4	0	0	11	0	0
Freeman, cf	4	0	1	1	0	1
Smith, ss	4	0	0	4	0	5
Hines, c	4	1	2	2	0	0
Wells, rf	3	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	31	3	6	24	11	8

Helena—	AB	R	BH	PO	A	E
Arneson, ss	4	0	1	0	3	0
Lloyd, cf	4	1	0	2	0	0
Hammond, 3rd	5	0	1	2	3	0
Burton, 2nd	4	1	1	4	5	1
P. Ryan, 1st	4	2	2	12	0	1
Goodyear, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
T. Ryan, rf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Freeman, c	4	1	0	6	2	0
St. Vrain, p	4	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	37	7	6	27	15	2

Billings	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1—3
Helena	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	*—7

Earned run—Billings 1. Bases stolen—Scott 2, Hines, Arneson, Lloyd, T. Ryan, Freeman (Helena). Two-base hits—Hammond. Three-base hits—Hines. Sacrifice hits—McNeeley, Arneson, St. Vrain. Double plays—Wells to Harrity, Burton to P. Ryan. Bases on balls—Scott 2, McNeeley, Lloyd, Burton. Hit by pitched ball—Scott, Wells. Balk—St. Vrain. Struck out—Rose, Harrity 3, Wells, St. Vrain. Passed balls—Hines 2, Freeman 2. Left on bases—Billings 7, Helena 8. Time of game—1:50. Umpires—Mains and Kempsey.

The Second Game.

Billings opened it by pounding out three runs in the first inning, two of which were earned, whitewashing Helena in her half and again in the second. Then Helena earned a run in the third by lucky hitting and good base running, repeating the performance in the fifth. Billings had drawn blanks in the second, third and fourth innings, but in her half of the fifth also earned a run and the score was 4 to 2 in her favor. Both sides were retired without scoring in the sixth, Billings also being shut out in her half of the seventh, and up to this point the game was a prettier one than that of Saturday. The fielding had been sharp on both sides, the game had been almost errorless and Billings had been hitting the ball hard and often. Harker was pitching in good form and getting good support and while the same could be said of Ryan, he was being hit more freely. Then the expected happened. Billings went to pieces in the last half of the seventh, bunched her errors again and Helena

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