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TO "WORK" WOLFERS

A Democratic Plot to Get Half of Their '93 Bounty Certificates.

TIMOTHY E. COLLINS'

Name Appears in the Transaction. Together with a Couple of Newspaper Men.

A democratic plot has been laid at Helena to "work" the wolfers and stockmen of Montana for 50 per cent of their 1893 bounty certificates. Mr. H. F. Clement of this city, one of the largest sheep owners of this section, put "The Gazette" "on" last Saturday by furnishing it the correspondence below, which is self-explanatory. The first letter was written to W. N. Sealey of Flatwillow, a teamster in Mr. Clement's employ, and the paper on which it was written contained the names at the top, in bold, black-faced type, of Charles T. Shearer and Albert Hawkins, the latter the city editor and the former a reporter on the Helena Independent. Here it is:

Helena, Montana, Jan. 1, 1900. W. N. Sealey, Flatwillow, Mont.—Dear Sir: We understand by the record at the capitol building that you are the holder of old law bounty claim No. 984, for \$34. If you are tired waiting for provision to be made for its payment, and would like to dispose of your claim, we will give you \$17, which is 50 per cent of its face value, and considering the fact that these claims do not bear interest, and that it is not now known when they will be paid, that is as much as we believe we can pay for them. If the proposition is suitable to you, please sign and date the enclosed assignment and forward it to us, and we will send you a check for the amount. We refer, by permission, to Hon. T. E. Collins, state treasurer, as to our responsibility. Yours very truly, Shearer & Hawkins.

Billings, Montana, Jan. 10, 1900.—I hereby assign to Shearer & Hawkins all my right, title and interest in bounty certificate No. 984, year 1893, (old law claim) issued in the sum of \$34, and authorize them to sign and receipt to the state auditor for any warrant that may be issued for the above; also to receipt to the state treasurer for any money that may be allowed on account of said warrant. W. N. Sealey.

Flatwillow, Jan. 10, 1900. H. F. Clement.—Dear Sir: I received the enclosed letter from Helena. I have signed the assignment and sent the whole outfit to you. I hear they have made an appropriation. If you think it best to wait, I will not send the assignment; if not, have them send the check to you. Yours respectfully, W. N. Sealey.

On receipt of the above, Mr. Clement wrote to Deputy State Treasurer Geo. M. Hays, formerly of this city, asking him when 1893 bounty certificates would be paid, and received the following:

State of Montana, Treasurer's Office, Helena, Montana, Jan. 19th, 1900. H. F. Clement, Esq., Billings, Mont.—My Dear Sir and Bro.: Yours of the 18th inst. to hand. In my opinion 1893 warrants will be paid this fall without doubt. Yours truly, Geo. M. Hays.

That is the whole story, but it is sufficient to prove that a democratic plot has been laid to "work" the wolfers and stockmen to the extent of one-half of their '93 bounty certificates. And State Treasurer T. E. Collins, evidently, who is now down at Washington "purifying" Montana politics in the Clark investigation, is "in" on the deal. If not, why do Messrs. Shearer & Hawkins, who are poor newspaper men working for salaries, refer to Mr. Collins "by permission"? As there must be at least \$50,000 worth of '93 bounty certificates outstanding, Mr. Collins' name in connection with the matter excites the suspicion that he is putting up the money, with the agreement, probably, that he is to get half of the take off.

It is gratifying to note, however, that Mr. Geo. M. Hays of this city is not a party to the transaction. His letter will no doubt save thousands of dollars to the army of men who have been engaged for years in trying to rid the ranges of Montana of stock-destroying animals. Scores of these men live in Yellowstone county, while there are many more of them throughout eastern Montana, and it is hardly necessary to advise them to hold their bounty certificates. These men, no doubt, will gratefully remember Mr. Geo. M. Hays for exposing the plot. And they will also remember State Treasurer T. E. Collins, but probably not so gratefully, while the entire scheme will be charged up to the corrupt democratic party in this state, which already has so much to answer for.

LIKES OUR CITY.

A Glendive Newspaper Man Writes About Billings.

Dawson County Review: Recently we paid the town of Billings a short but pleasant visit, and we discovered that many and beneficial improvements have taken place, enhancing measurably the appearance of the place. The location of the town we have always considered a very handsome and cheerful one, and withal a beautiful place in which mortals might live cozily and enjoy life. We found the people, as on former occasions, energetic, thrifty and enterprising and strictly on the rustic, and to say that the city is in a prosperous condition, as viewed by a casual observer, would be but to say that which is apparently a fact. Notwithstanding this is the season of the year when business is supposed to be to a marked degree in a lethargic state, awaiting the arrival of spring, when the busy season is supposed to open up, it would nevertheless leave one under the impression that we were in the midst of the busiest season of the year. On every hand could be discerned indications of recent improvements having been made. Among the future anticipations as mapped out by the citizens of that place and the Northern Pacific, as worthy of public mention, we might say that the accession of the fine passenger depot, in contemplation by the N. P. R. Co., would add materially to the already beautiful appearance of the city of Billings; besides, a magnificent public library building is already well under course of construction. There are, too, quite a number of business houses in prospective anticipation for next season, and an almost numberless large and smaller residences. But, it might be said, the matter which concerns the "rustling" and alert Billingsite more than any other one topic is, "Will Billings be the terminal point of the Montana railroad?" The impression appears to have fastened itself upon the people of that town that it is a foregone conclusion that it will. If the Montana railroad forms a junction with the Northern Pacific at Billings, it certainly will be a day for rejoicing by the citizens of that town, as it will undoubtedly greatly appreciate the interests of the place commercially and otherwise. The increased trade of the Judith basin country would probably amount to many thousands of dollars yearly. It is to be hoped they will not be disappointed.

TWENTY-TWO CENTS.

Price Per Pound Offered for Montana Wool.

Representatives of Boston wool houses are still abroad in the land, seeking for owners of sheep who have less faith in the wool market than have the Boston houses, says the Great Falls Tribune.

A few weeks ago they were offering 20 cents a pound for wool delivered in July at the railway station nearest to seller's ranch. Few sheepmen would accept this price, and when the bids went up to 20 1/2 cents. Still the responses were not numerous enough to satisfy the eager Boston people, and they have advanced the price to 22 cents.

Senator B. D. Phillips of Choteau county, whose sheep run near Malta, was offered 22 cents a few days ago. He concluded that he had as much use for the advance to come as have the Boston men, and rejected the offer.

George Jones of Malta, was also offered 22 cents and refused to contract at that price. The buyer asked him not to accept any other bid for a month.

Joseph Hirschberg of Helena, whose sheep are run near Chinook, has closed a deal for his entire clip at 21 cents.

William Henson, whose sheep range on Wayne creek, Choteau county, has also accepted an offer of 21 cents.

The Sage Creek Sheep Co. of Fergus county is reported to have rejected an offer of 22 cents for its entire clip, one of the largest in the state.

In Dawson and Custer counties, where the wool always sells lower than in the northern part of the state, several deals at 21 cents have been closed.

All the contracts contain an agreement that if the grower should sell to any other person, he must forfeit one cent per pound; but there does not seem to be anything to bind the Boston people.

A MISTAKE.

Police Magistrate's Report of November Showed the \$10 Item.

In the report of the council proceedings, published in Friday's Gazette, mention was made of a difference of \$10 which existed in the report of the police magistrate and the chief of police. The matter has been solved to the satisfaction of the committee on officers. It seems that the police magistrate makes his monthly report to the council on the Friday preceding the first council meeting of each month and in his November report, made on Dec. 1, he gave the item referred to, and which was given in the December report of the chief of police. The mistake was learned as soon as Police Magistrate Mann's attention was called to it, and this announcement is made in justice to him.

DIDN'T CLOSE STREETS

The City Council Will Act on the Matter Next Thursday Evening.

A QUARANTINE BILL

For \$500 Was Tabled—New Sidewalk Petitions and the City Treasurer's Bond.

The adjourned meeting of the city council Saturday night found all the aldermen present and the mayor in his chair. The city clerk announced the purpose of the meeting, which was called to hear the report of the ordinance committee on the ordinance relating to the closing of streets Thirty and Thirty-one at the request of the Northern Pacific railroad. One or two amendments were added to the ordinance, and final action then deferred until next Thursday night at a special meeting.

A petition for a sidewalk on the south side of Fourth avenue north, from Twenty-seventh to Twenty-eighth street, was referred to the street and sidewalk committee.

J. R. Conway appeared before the council and asked permission to put up a few boards on the side of his saloon room, the east side of which had been burned out by the south side fire a week ago, so as to exclude the cold. The council didn't grant the request, and Mr. Conway went away disappointed.

W. J. Bennett, whose saloon and lodging house was under quarantine for several weeks, presented a communication, in which he stated that his business had suffered greatly in consequence of the quarantine and that he had been at great expense for ice, lights and fuel, and thought that the city should reimburse him to the extent of \$500. The council did not seem to take kindly to the proposition, and unanimously voted to table the same.

Some members asked the mayor if he did not have a communication for the council. His Honor emptied his pockets, but failed to find it. He then announced that he had received notification from the trust company that it had withdrawn or cancelled the bond of the city treasurer. The debate touching on this matter occupied the major part of the council's time and some of the aldermen were quite emphatic in their remarks. Spear moved that the city treasurer be required to furnish and file a new bond in the sum of \$15,000 within five days. Witham wanted to amend the motion to give the treasurer until Monday at 1 p. m., to furnish a new bond. Councilman wanted the bond increased to \$30,000, saying that the receipts were increasing all the time and it was no more than right that the bond should be sufficient. The motion, with the amendments, was carried. Clement thereupon made a motion, seconded by Frizelle, that Spear, as chairman of the finance committee, take immediate charge of the finances of the city, and together with the finance committee check up accounts of present city treasurer. This carried without a dissenting vote.

After a few remarks by Bennighoff and Spear on this subject, the council adjourned to meet Thursday night.

ABOUT CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

Montana's Supervisor Asks for Information as to Employees.

Ex-Governor Rickards, the supervisor of the Montana census, has asked from the attorney general's office an opinion as to whether there is any constitutional or legislative enactment against employing municipal, state or county officers as enumerators.

Assistant Attorney General Loeb, replying to the ex-governor, says that while the constitution prohibits a member of congress or other official from holding a state office, it appears to be questionable whether a census enumerator comes in this class. He is of the opinion that the enumerators can be selected from state and other officers, although he admits it is a close question that the courts would have to decide. In concluding his opinion, he says:

As to the wisdom or expediency of the federal government appointing persons holding office under our state government to assist in the enumeration in this state, I will say that that is a matter resting entirely with them, and with which the state is not concerned, its policy being simply to prohibit federal officials from becoming members of either house of the legislature under the United States. Whether the acceptance of an appointment under you in the census enumeration of this state by a member of the state legislature would operate as a forfeiture of his seat, in strictly speaking, a matter for the courts, which would necessitate also a

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- 100 lbs. Sugar, granulated 6.00
- 50 lbs. Flour, Billings Best 1.05
- 12 oz. can Price's Baking Powder 30
- 2 1/2 lb. can Price's Baking Powder 95
- 5 lb. can Price's Baking Powder 1.90
- 90 lb. Sack Rolled Oats 2.70
- 45 lb. Sack Rolled Oats 1.45
- 2 1/2 lb. Sack Rolled Oats .80
- 9 lb. Sack Rolled Oats .35
- Bulk Rolled Oats, per lb. .03 1/2
- 2 packages Quaker Rolled Oats .25
- 2 packages Pettijohn's Breakfast Food .25
- Sioux Corn Starch .06
- Sioux Gloss Starch .07 1/2
- Standard Tomatoes .10
- Standard Corn .08
- Eagle Milk, per can .15
- Superb Cream, per can .10
- Sweet Pickles, in bulk, per gallon .60
- Sweet Mixed Pickles, in bulk, per gallon .65
- Sour Pickles, in bulk, per gallon .40
- Snider's Catsup, pint bottle .25
- Imported Macaroni .15
- Domestic Macaroni .10
- Fast Mail Matches, per package .15
- Bell Matches, per pkg .15
- Anchor Matches, per pkg .17
- Pearline, 2 packages .25
- 1776 Washing Powder, 2 packages .25

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determination of the question as to whether such an appointment is an office under the United States within the purview of the law.

BUYING OPTIONS.

Col. Waters in Montana for the Big Sheep Company.

Although Colonel E. C. Waters, who has been in Billings a couple of times during the past two weeks, refused to make public any news regarding the big sheep company, which New York men are forming, with a capital of \$10,000,000, it is learned that he is in Montana for the purpose of securing options on sheep and land. During a visit to Great Falls about two weeks ago, he secured options on several thousand sheep and several thousand acres of land. Since coming to Billings, Colonel Waters made a trip of several days into Carbon county in company with Henry Terrell of this city. They also went down into Wyoming to the ranch of James Hogan to look at that gentleman's band of sheep, with a view of purchasing it in its entirety. It is said that should he secure the Hogan outfit he will also get Mr. Terrell's sheep, near Hookvale. Colonel Waters is now in the vicinity of Big Timber and Livingston, apparently after options. He has secured a number of options on sheep around Billings, which are said to expire April 1. Among the options it is said he has one on most of the sheep owned by the First National bank.