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## BRIEF TASTE OF LIBERTY

ALLEGED SHEEP STEALERS DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY.

## ARRESTED AGAIN AT ONCE

Motion for Dismissal Granted—Served With New Warrants—Statement by Smith.

Much to the surprise of the officers who arrested them, Arthur Smith, Eugene Grimes and Welford Woods, the three alleged sheep stealers arrested last week in the vicinity of Columbus, this county, were discharged on preliminary hearing before the justice of the peace at Red Lodge before whom they were arraigned. While they were apprehended in Yellowstone county they were taken to Carbon, the sheep they were charged with having stolen having been removed from there.

Only two witnesses were examined by the prosecution and when the state announced that it rested, the attorney for the defense moved that the accused men be discharged for want of testimony sufficient to warrant holding them to the district court. The motion was granted. But for only a few moments were the defendants free. Before they could leave the court room they were rearrested on new warrants.

The second complaints lodged against the men charged them with grand larceny. The first merely charged sheep stealing, which was practically the same. As soon as they had been rearrested the defendants were arraigned and in the case of each bond was fixed at \$300 cash or \$500 in case that realty was given as security. Grimes immediately produced the required amount of cash to secure his release from custody and said he would send back the amount necessary to obtain Woods' release. Smith is still suffering from his wounds and is at the hospital. He said he did not care for bail.

The second hearing of the men was fixed for August 26.

In the opinion of the physician who is caring for him Smith is very likely to lose his foot. If the man is eventually acquitted his lawyer says Carbon county will find itself the defendant in a suit for heavy damages for personal injuries.

### Statement by Smith.

Although Smith had been cautioned by his attorney not to speak to any one about his case, he talked freely about the shooting and the cause he claimed led up to it. To a reporter for the Picket he denied absolutely that he or any of his party had stolen or attempted to steal any sheep from McKay or Wescott. He said the whole trouble was due to the fact that Deputy Sheriff Holt of Columbus had it "in for him" because he had several times gone to Columbus and got drunk. Smith furthermore said that Holt had attempted to kill him and his partner, Griffith, without the least provocation.

"I don't care if they hang me, or what they do with me," Smith declared, "as long as they give that man Holt what he deserves. After he shot me, he kicked me five times and was swinging his rifle around his head to brain me, when he saw a man looking at us from the railroad track and stopped. He fired at Griffith when he had his hands up and was only 25 yards away."

Smith says his home is in Chicago, but that he has been in Montana off and on for 17 years and about Columbus for four or five months, having worked for Al Thomas and Eugene Grimes.

"I had been on the other side of Columbus," he said, "and was going back to camp. I was the one that picked up the sheep that Wescott claims. I was on the upper herd ground when they came into my hand and I kept them there. I asked a sheepman whose brand they were and he said he didn't know. If the brands were changed, it was done long before we saw them, and I can prove that they were in my hand long before the 28th. I am positive, too, that those

sheep do not belong to Wescott at all."

Smith denies that his partner, Griffith, stole the horse he had, declaring that he borrowed it.

### SPELL IS BROKEN.

Billings Team Finally Manages to Win a Game.

Whether permanently, or merely for the purpose of obtaining a strangle hold cannot be told, but the fact is that the large, hard working, energetic "hoodoo" that has been following the Billings ball team all season relaxed its grasp long enough last Sunday to enable the local men to win a game. The men over whom they put it came up from Forsyth and they beat them by one little up and down stroke on the tally sheet.

The game was interesting and exciting at times because of the manner in which the score continued to change until the last. Neither side played a very poor game, while neither played an exceptionally brilliant one. There was a little of both so sandwiched that it prevented monotony either way and the spectators were kept guessing until the final run as to whom would beat. Corcoran made his usual display of peevishness by throwing the ball over the grandstand. He seemed to be in need of a nerve tonic as he apparently was suffering from lack of sleep. But for all that he did some very good work in front of the plate.

Whelm and Kersten were the battery for the visitors and Corcoran and Platt for the home team. Score, 10 to 9.

### PLEASING EVENT.

Logan Orchestra Complimentary Concert Proves Highly Entertaining.

Friday evening the Logan orchestra made its first appearance before a home audience since the return of the members from their study at the Chicago conservatory of music, the occasion being a complimentary concert tendered by the orchestra to the Elks and the eastern wool buyers in the city. It took place at Elks' hall and proved to be a highly enjoyable and successful event.

The programme was in two parts and during the intermission the Elks served refreshments, a portion of the gustatory diversion being a "Dutch" lunch and some of the ladies present had their first experience with Elk hospitality.

In addition to the members of the orchestra the Misses Bennighoff took part in the musical entertainment, petite Miss Julia singing a couple of songs in a charming and clever manner, her sisters accompanying her on the violin and piano.

The concert was greatly enjoyed and the marked improvement noticeable in the performance of the Logan children was much commented upon. Since their last appearance they have been strengthened to the extent of the addition of one member, little Grace, who presides over the "traps" and plays the different instruments of that part with the ease and skill of an old musician.

### CAUSED BY DRINK.

Old Colored Woman Dies Suddenly and Alone.

Last Saturday Coroner Rinehart was notified of the finding of the dead body of Mrs. Indiana Armstrong, an elderly colored woman, who lived in a small house on the south side, well down toward the flats. He empaneled a jury and after viewing the remains the jurors heard the testimony of several witnesses, among them Lake Bryant, son of the dead woman.

Bryant testified that his mother had been very sick Friday night and that he remained up with her most of the night. Saturday morning she seemed to be much better and he went to work. Shortly afterward a boy told him that something was wrong with his mother and he went back to the house and found her lying dead on the floor.

Other witnesses stated that the woman had been a hard drinker, testimony that was to an extent corroborated by the son.

Doctor Lindsey, who performed an autopsy, said that death was caused by cirrhosis of the liver, superinduced by excessive use of stimulants. The stomach had also given evidence that the deceased had drunk to excess. A verdict was rendered accordingly.

## ASK FARMERS FOR SAMPLES

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

## WILL MAKE IT PROMINENT

Desire That State's Showing Shall Be as Complete as Possible—Yellowstone's Opportunity.

As has been previously published, the Montana world's fair commission has delegated to the state agricultural college the work of collecting the state's agricultural exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The responsibility has been accepted and already the gentlemen at the head of the college are engaged in the task of gathering and preparing the exhibit and in order that it may be as complete and thoroughly representative of the state's possibilities in the way of the production of the fruits of the farm, garden and orchard as possible they are asking the co-operation of the farmers of every part of Montana. Realizing the difficulty of personal request to each of the many hundreds whom they wish to reach, Professor F. B. Linfield, acting director of the experiment station, has appealed to the newspapers of the state to lend their help in reaching those whose assistance is desired, with the request that they publish a list of the samples that are wanted and general directions as to their selection and mode of shipment. Those who desire to contribute to the exhibit will be to no expense, except that of the time and little labor connected in selecting and packing their samples, as the cost of freight to Bozeman will be defrayed by the state.

All samples should be sent by express, collect, to the experiment station, Bozeman.

Following is Professor Linfield's letter to The Gazette, and he hopes that liberal response will be made by the farmers of Yellowstone county, the center of the farming industry of Montana:

We wish to get samples of every variety of hay, clover, alfalfa and grasses of all kinds used as hay, also samples of grain in the sheaf, of every kind of grain grown in the various localities. In addition, we desire to get samples of the threshed grain of various varieties, about two quarts in each sample, and samples of clover, alfalfa and various kinds of grass seeds, grown in the state. We would like as full an account as possible of the variety, giving especially the yield per acre, kind of land upon which grown and whether irrigated or not. Photographs illustrating agricultural scenes of all kinds would also be very valuable.

In collecting the samples of grain in the sheaf the following points should be noted:

### Hay and Fodder Plants.

1. Separate samples of first, second and third cutting of alfalfa or clover should be sent and each separately labeled. Send separate samples also from dry and from irrigated land.
2. Cut the samples before the plant gets ripe and dry it perfectly without weathering.
3. Cut the sample close to the ground so as to get the full height of the plants. Select a good sample.
4. Send a small sheaf, about a double handful to each sample, pack carefully in a cardboard or wood box with paper around the sample.
5. Properly label each sample with the name and variety of grass, time when cut, the yield per acre in tons and the name and address of the sender.

### Grain samples.

- Under this head come wheat, oats, barley, peas, rye, corn, beans, and grass, clover and alfalfa seeds, etc.
1. Send separate samples of grain from dry and irrigated land.
  2. Cut the sample before the plant gets fully ripe so as to avoid the danger of the grain threshing out. We want a perfect sample.
  3. Cut the sample close to the ground, so as to show the full length of the plants, and select clean, bright straw.
  4. Send a small sheaf, about a double handful to each sample, pack care-

fully in paper, and send in a small cardboard or wood box by express. Do not crush the head of the sample.

5. Properly label each sample with the name of the variety, the time when cut, the grain yield per acre in pounds, and the name and address of the sender.

The threshed grain and grass and clover seeds should be put in a strong cotton sack for shipment.

Send two quarts of each variety of grain and one quart of seed. Send plump seed only.

Put a label in each sack giving the name of the variety of grain, or seed, the yield per acre in pounds, the kind of land upon which it was grown, and whether irrigated or not. Give also the name and address of the sender.

The grain should not be shipped in the same box with the sheaf grain or hay samples.

We are anxious to get samples of grains and fodders from the unirrigated farms of the state as well as from the irrigated land. It is very important that the samples of hay and grain in the sheaf reach us in good condition.

## COUNTY LEVY IS REDUCED

REDUCTION OF ONE MILL MADE BY COMMISSIONERS.

## ELEVEN MILLS THE FIGURE

List of All Taxes, State, School, City and Special Ordered Levied.

Reduction of the county tax levy is getting to be a regular proceeding of the county commissioners. Last year a reduction from the levy of the preceding year was made and now a reduction of one mill has been made from last year's levy, making the taxes for the ensuing year 11 mills.

The board met yesterday for the purpose of fixing the levy for the state, county, city and the different school districts of the county. Only in the matter of the county levy has the board any discretion, the other taxes being fixed, either by law or by the action of different bodies, which vote for their imposition and it becomes the duty of the commissioners to make the respective levies.

Following are the different taxes levied:

State.	State.
State general.....	2½ mills
Fish and game.....	10 mill
Stock indemnity.....	10 mill
Stock insp. and indemnity.....	1½ mill
Sheep insp. and indemnity.....	¼ mill
State bounty.....	3½ mills
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7.95 mills</b>

### County.

General fund.....	3 mills
Contingent fund.....	1½ mills
Poor fund.....	½ mill
Sinking fund.....	1 mill
Road fund.....	1½ mills
General school fund.....	2 mills
Bridge fund.....	½ mill
Bond interest fund.....	¼ mill
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>11 mills</b>

The general school tax is fixed by law.

### City of Billings.

City of Billings special.....	10 mills
City of Billings fire.....	1 mill
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>11 mills</b>

### Special School Taxes.

District No. 1.....	4 mills
District No. 2.....	9 mills
District No. 5.....	3 mills
District No. 6.....	8½ mills
District No. 7.....	3 mills
District No. 8.....	3 mills
District No. 10.....	5 mills
District No. 11.....	3 mills
District No. 14.....	1½ mills
District No. 22.....	2½ mills
District No. 23.....	7 mills
District No. 26.....	2½ mills

### Poll Tax.

In addition to the foregoing special and regular taxes the board voted to levy a special poll tax of \$2 upon all males within the county who are no less than 21 and no more than 60 years of age, exempting only paupers and Indians.

## CROWS WILL ATTEND FAIR

PLANS FOR EXHIBIT BY THEM AT HELENA.

## IDEA BELONGS TO BILLINGS

Paul McCormick Originates Plan by Which Yellowstone May Contribute Unique Feature.

If plans now maturing terminate successfully Yellowstone county will contribute what will undoubtedly prove the most unique and one of the most interesting features of the state fair. It is nothing less than the temporary domiciling on the fair grounds of a large band of Crow Indians, a hundred or thereabouts.

The distinction of originating the idea of such an exhibit belongs to the Honorable Paul McCormick of this city. Already he has gone to the extent of securing the permission of the agent of the Crows for their participation in the fair and the promise has been made of earnest co-operation. Only the details remain to be worked out.

As now outlined the plan is to take a band of the Indians, men, women and children, to Helena, the honor of representing the tribe to be given to what may be termed the "aristocracy" of the tribe, that is only the best dressers, those who will make the best and most imposing appearance when lined for parade before the people of all Montana.

### Women Will Enter.

If the band goes it will take along a carload of the fleetest horses of the tribe for entry in some of the races in which whitemen's fast ones will compete and possibly it can also be arranged to have races specially for the Indians. It has not yet been decided as to whether there will be any exhibitions of the games and sports of the redman, but very likely there will be, as that would be an added and highly interesting part of the programme. Even if there will not be, it is already settled that some of the women will enter in the women's relay race of five days that the fair management is advertising as one of the stellar attractions.

One of the young women of the tribe is noted for her skill as an equestrienne and as she will enter it is said that the pale faced contestants will have to look very sharp or they will occupy only a place in the "also ran" column.

Plenty Cones, the old chief of the Crows, has had several talks with Mr. McCormick and not only expressed himself highly pleased with the suggestion of an exhibit by his people, but also promised that he would do all in his power to make it a success.

As the Crows long ago emerged from their old state of savagery and are among the most progressive and highly civilized Indians of the continent, they are bound to create a sensation among the visitors to the fair. They will be able to give satisfactory proof of the assertion often made, but not always believed, that if properly managed Indians can to a certain extent at least "travel the way of the whiteman" and adopt some of the good as well as all of his bad customs, manners and habits.

### Boy Cured of Colic After Physician's Treatment Had Failed.

My boy when four years old was taken with colic and cramps in his stomach. I sent for the doctor and he injected morphine, but the child kept getting worse. I then gave him half a teaspoonful of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and in half an hour he was sleeping and soon recovered.—F. L. Wilkins, Shell Lake, Wis. Mr. Wilkins is book-keeper for the Snell Lake Lumber Co. For sale by all druggists.

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