

GREAT DEMAND FOR FARM LAND

MANY SECURE HOMESTEADS IN THE LAKE BASIN.

RUSH JUST STARTED

Real Estate Men Have Crowds of People Who Are Hungry for Land in Town—Murphy and Thomas Tracts Being Sold at Retail.

Crowds of land buyers in Billings this week and the rush experienced at the local land office yesterday morning when 100,000 acres of public land in the Lake basin was restored to entry bear out the truth of the assertion that never since the Crow opening was there such a demand for land in this part of the state.

In the land office yesterday morning 13 homestead entries on 160-acre tracts near Broadview were received and it is safe to say that this week there have been at least 75 men in Billings who are after Lake basin lands in both large and small tracts.

Since the sale of the Murphy and Thomas tracts to eastern syndicates, the demand for land in the Lake basin has never before been equalled. Included in those who contemplate purchasing are men seeking tracts of from 160 to 15,000 acres and a number of big deals have been closed recently.

Those who made entry on homesteads in the vicinity of Broadview yesterday were Edward D. Vickers, Rex Spendiff, Richard H. Briggs, M. H. Mammen, F. C. Bauer, J. H. Stewart, Joseph Vogel, A. Morse, George A. Waterman, Granville Hollishead, M. L. O'Dea, D. W. C. Lenihan and Knute S. Knutsen. Those who entered on lands yesterday are for the greater part from the Mississippi valley, and they say that hundreds of homeseekers from the farming states of the middle west intend coming to this section within the next few weeks.

M. O'Neil was in Billings yesterday with a party of 15 homeseekers and accompanied them on a trip over the land in the Thomas tract which was recently purchased and is being retailed by a syndicate.

Grant Robinson of the American & Canadian Land company of St. Paul accompanied a large party to this city and will show them over the Trogen & Fratt lands in the Little Hay basin. M. Little of the Feldhouse Land company of Minneapolis was in the city yesterday with a party of prospective buyers of the lands in the Murphy tract.

Party of Wisconsin Men. Knute Knutsen of Blair, Wis., brought a party of Wisconsin men to Billings this week and will show them over the lands near Broadview, and George A. Waterman of LeMars, Ia., accompanied a party of Iowa men here and will also try to interest them in the Broadview lands.

T. C. Tolrud, who has 8,000 acres of Milwaukee land in the Lake basin to retail, left Monday for the northern part of the county to meet a party of colonists who will come over the Milwaukee in search of homes.

Dr. W. X. Sudduth declares that people are "crabby for land," and Secretary Decker of the chamber of commerce declares that from 35 to 50 people visit the chamber of commerce every day and that most of them are in quest of homes.

W. A. CLARK BUYS COLO. COAL LANDS

PURCHASES 12,000 ACRES WEST OF TRINIDAD.

Trinidad, Col., April 23.—Former United States Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, left here for Jerome, Ariz., today after returning from a trip of inspection to the coal property in this vicinity on which he had had an option for two years.

"I have closed a deal with Charles Francis Adams of Boston for 12,000 acres of coal lands, 20 miles west of Trinidad," said Mr. Clark today. "I don't care to name the consideration, but it was around the million mark."

PURDY NOMINATED DISTRICT JUDGE

PRESIDENT SENDS TWO NOMINATIONS TO THE SENATE.

Washington, April 23.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations: To be district judge for the district of Minnesota, Milton Dwight Purdy of Minnesota; captain to be rear admiral, William S. Cowles.

has had special charge in the department of justice of all cases relating to the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act and the interstate commerce laws. He has argued before the United States supreme court many important cases for the government, among his most recent victories being the two cases of the Great Northern Railroad company and the Armour Packing company against the United States in which the government was successful.

Through Mr. Purdy's work important principles of law applicable to the interstate commerce act were established.

JAPS CONTRIBUTE TO FUND.

Give \$2,476 Toward Entertainment of the American Fleet.

San Francisco, April 23.—The Japanese of this city today contributed to the fleet entertainment fund the sum of \$2,476. This amount was raised through the efforts of the Japanese Association of America by popular subscription, the contributions coming from many Japanese in this city and other parts of the state.

ITALIAN WOMEN ASSEMBLE.

First National Congress Meets in Rome Under Auspices of Queen.

Rome, April 23.—The first national congress of Italian women was opened in this city today. The congress is held under the auspices of Queen Helena, Minister of Education Rava and Signor Nathan, the mayor of Rome. The opening address was delivered by Countess Spalletti, who said that the aim of the gathering was to lift the social standing of women rather than their political status.

GOV. HUGHES CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

WANTS RECOMMENDATIONS IN MESSAGES ACTED UPON.

Albany, April 23.—The legislature of 1908 closed its regular session this afternoon. The echoes of its closing hours had hardly died away before Governor Hughes caused to be filed a proclamation summoning an extra session to begin on Monday, May 11, at 8:30 a. m.

The governor would make no statement on the subject tonight. The general expectation that he will recommend for further consideration the propositions of his annual and special messages of this year which the legislature failed to enact.

LUMBER DEALERS ARE RESTRAINED

CANNOT ELIMINATE COMPETITION IN SALES.

Lincoln, April 23.—The Nebraska State Lumber Dealers' association was today perpetually enjoined by the state supreme court and restrained from all operations calculated to eliminate competition in the sale of building materials.

The association was accused of attempting to fix prices in the state. It was also alleged that the organization, in conjunction with other state associations, conspired to punish wholesale lumber dealers who sold to unauthorized persons. The state alleged that the Nebraska association communicated with associations in Washington, Oregon and a number of other states.

NO TRACE TO MEN WHO PLACED BOMB

AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING EXPLOSION IN OAKLAND.

Oakland, April 23.—No trace has yet been found of the men who perpetrated the outrage at the home of ex-Supervisor Gallagher.

Detectives Are at Work. The whole detective department of Oakland assisted by many of the best members of the San Francisco force are busy in Oakland this morning trying to solve the mystery connected with the blowing up of the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher last night.

So far nothing tangible has been discovered by the police. The damage far exceeds the estimate given last night, as window lights were broken in for half a block from the scene of the explosion.

In a search of the debris this morning the detectives located some wire and fuse caps, which would indicate, according to Chief Wilson, that a bomb of some sort had been used. This morning Mayor Mott very positively declined to cause a reward to be offered for the apprehension of the persons, who committed the crime, and said that he would have nothing at all to do with the case.

"It is a matter," said Mayor Mott, "for the police alone to handle, and in my judgment they are perfectly able to do it. The city will not offer any reward."

BALL SEASON NEAR AT HAND

CITY LEAGUES AND INDEPENDENT GAMES ARE SCHEDULED.

ARE MANY GOOD TEAMS

Commercials and Sugar Factory Teams of City League Will Play Sunday at Central Park and Park City and Country Club at Country Club Park.

The summer baseball season in Billings will open next Sunday afternoon with two games, one at the Central park grounds, under the auspices of the Billings Baseball league, which furnished such excellent baseball last year, and the other at Country Club park, where the Country club team will play a team from Park City, augmented by players from Red Lodge and Columbus.

Sugar Company vs. Commercials. The Sugar factory team and the Commercials will cross bats at Central park, in an exhibition game, so that the local fans may have an opportunity of sizing up the two teams, previous to the beginning of the season, which will start with a double header one week from Sunday at Central park, which has been engaged by the local enthusiasts who are back of the league for all official games this season.

It will be a difficult matter to recognize the two teams as being members of the league last year, so many changes have been made. Both teams have been strengthened by securing outside players and several men, who have played professional baseball will be in the lineup. Manager Wilson of the Commercials and Manager Logan of the Sugar Factory team assert that their teams will put up a class of baseball equal to that played in minor leagues.

It is not expected that a special train will be run to Central park this Sunday, but arrangements have been made for such a train with a fare of 25 cents for the round trip. The league is now stronger than ever. J. Collins West has been chosen president and under his leadership it is anticipated that the fans in Billings will be furnished with some excellent baseball.

Country Club Park. Andrew Thorine is captain and manager of the Country Club team, which will play the Park City aggregation at Country Club park. With the exception of himself and his pitcher, Brown, Manager Thorine has not made public his lineup. The team has no connection with the city league, but is backed by Austin North, who intends to bring out of town teams here to play games at Country Club park, which is owned by him. It is said that Manager Thorine has a good team. The Park City team is an unknown quantity.

Schedule for the Season. Secretary Lineberger of the Billings Baseball league has prepared the schedule for the teams this season. The schedule begins May 3 and ends September 20. The first three Sundays double header games will be played. There are three teams in the league, the Commercials, the Sugar Factory and the Mitchells. Following is the schedule:

- May 3: Sugar Factory vs. Commercials vs. Mitchells.
May 10: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
May 17: Mitchells vs. Commercials; Mitchells vs. Sugar Factory.
May 24: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
May 31: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
June 7: Mitchells vs. Commercials.
June 14: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
June 21: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
June 28: Mitchells vs. Commercials.
July 5: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
July 12: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
July 19: Mitchells vs. Commercials.
July 26: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
August 2: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
August 9: Mitchells vs. Commercials.
August 16: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
August 23: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
August 30: Mitchells vs. Commercials.
Sept. 6: Commercials vs. Sugar Factory.
Sept. 13: Sugar Factory vs. Mitchells.
Sept. 20: Mitchells vs. Commercials.

NATIONAL SOCIETY MEETS.

Daughters of American Revolution Gather in Convention.

Washington, April 23.—This was the most important day of the continental congress of the daughters of the American revolution, not only because it was "election day," but because of the interest attached to the reception accorded the daughters by President Roosevelt at the white house.

This is an off year and the president, Mrs. Donald McLean, will hold over, but there were 10 vice presidents general to be chosen. An electoral and business managers of the official publication also were voted for.

MAY TAKE DEPOSITION.

Orchard's Statement to Be Used by Adams.

Gunnison, Col., April 23.—District Judge Shackelford today granted to O. N. Hilton, attorney for Steve Adams, authority to take a deposition from Harry Orchard to be presented when Adams is placed on trial for the killing of Arthur Collins at Telluride.

ADMIRAL TAKES AUTO RIDE.

Doctor Pleased With Commander's Progress.

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., April 23.—This afternoon Admiral Evans enjoyed another automobile trip and returned feeling very well today. Some time was spent in the sun room with Mrs. Evans, Dr. McDonnold and Lieutenant Evans meeting friends. Dr. McDonnold is more than pleased with the admiral's progress.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEAD MONARCH

KING MANUEL AND QUEEN DOWAGER TO ATTEND CREMONY.

Lisbon, April 23.—A memorial service for the late King Carlos and the crown prince of Portugal who were assassinated February 1 last will be held April 25 at Jeronimos convent and will be attended by King Manuel and Dowager Queen Amelia.

This will be the king's first public appearance on the streets and the greatest precautions have been taken for his safety. Troops will line the route followed by his majesty to and from the convent.

RISKED HER LIFE BUT ALL IN VAIN

GIRL ONLY SURVIVOR OF FAMILY IN PRAIRIE FIRE.

Vancouver, B. C., April 23.—A dispatch from Battleford, Saskatchewan, says:

Anna Matthews is the only survivor of a family of five as a result of prairie fires in the Tramping Lake district. The father went to fight the flames, which were creeping down on their little home, and perished. The house took fire and Anna Matthews, 18 years old, with her clothing ablaze, carried her 5-year-old brother and sister to a place of safety, returned for her mother, but was too late. She fought her way again through the sea of fire only to find that the other children had wandered into the fire and perished.

BARNES RECOVERS PART OF MONEY DUE

WANTED NEARLY A MILLION FOR CONCESSIONS.

New York, April 23.—Thurlow Weed Barnes, who sued the American Development company and the members of the Chinese Railway Syndicate to recover \$900,000 which he said was due to him for obtaining certain concessions for the syndicate of the Chinese government through Wu Ting Fang, its minister at Washington, has obtained a judgment for \$398,481 against the company.

Among the members of the syndicate who are responsible for the payment of the judgment is the Carnegie Steel company.

RUSSIAN GENERAL DIES OF PNEUMONIA

AIDE DE CAMP OF CZAR FAILED TO SURVIVE OPERATION.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—Lieutenant General Linevitch, aide de camp to Emperor Nicholas and commander of the first Manchurian army, died from pneumonia this evening. He had been ill for a little over a week, and on several occasions serious symptoms of heart failure had manifested themselves.

On Tuesday he had a serious attack of heart failure, from which, however, he rallied slightly. Yesterday it was found necessary to perform an operation, after which the patient gradually became weaker.

TO REORGANIZE DOCTORS.

Washington, April 23.—The president today signed the bill providing for reorganization of the medical department of the army so as to provide for a medical corps and a medical reserve corps.

PRINCE HELIE IS DESPERATE

REPORTERS STILL ON HIS TRAIL IN SUNNY ITALY.

STUNG BY CAB DRIVER

Leaves Theater in Disguise Saying He Thought It Impossible to Be Worse Treated Than in America—Engages Magnificent Apartment.

Naples, April 23.—Declaring that he had been driven almost to desperation, Prince Helie de Sagan tonight left the hotel at which he had been staying and took an apartment on the Corso Vittorio, Emanuele under the name of Louis Perigord. He expressed regret at the delay of the steamer Friederich der Grosse on which Mme. Anna Gould is a passenger and which, although due to arrive today, will not arrive here until 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. Its arrival, he said, would mean "protection from being victimized by damned reporters of two hemispheres."

In trying to escape the close watch the newspaper men have placed on him, the prince drove along the sea front, but soon discovered that his driver was in league with the cab drivers of his pursuers, signals passing between them by means of their whips. This was early in the day and he returned at once to his hotel where he found several telegrams awaiting him.

Wants Trusty Chauffeur. Later he discussed with the hotel director the possibility of securing for Friday after the arrival of the Friederich der Grosse an automobile with a chauffeur whom he could trust not to be signalling his movements to "spies."

The prince went to the theater in the evening, but soon realized that all the convenient places near him were occupied by reporters. He left in disgust, exclaiming "Thought it impossible to be worse treated than in America."

The prince has engaged a magnificent apartment dating from Friday at Bertonio's Palace hotel, which dominates Naples and from which a splendid view of the gulf and mountains and Mount Vesuvius may be had. It is presumed that the apartment has been engaged for Anna Gould.

GREAT NORTHERN SUFFERS BIG LOSS

CAUSED BY WATER WASHING AWAY TRACK.

(Special to The Gazette.) Helena, April 23.—General Manager Gruber of the Great Northern reached Helena this afternoon after having spent a week at the scene of the flood occasioned by the bursting of the Hauser Lake dam.

The tracks have been repaired and traffic resumed. Mr. Gruber estimated the loss to the carrier at \$75,000.

BRYAN STOPS OVER IN HARRISBURG, PA.

NEBRASKAN VISITS THE NEW STATE CAPITOL BUILDING.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 23.—W. J. Bryan visited the new state capitol today, having stopped off here for several hours because his daughter left him in this city to take a train for Virginia to attend school.

His wife and family were with him, and J. S. Black, president of the Pennsylvania Bryan league, met him by appointment.

STATE LIBRARIANS MEET IN BOZEMAN

WILL TALK ON SUBJECTS DEALING WITH LIBRARIES.

Today and tomorrow the Montana State Library association will convene at Bozeman for its third annual gathering. Librarians and trustees of the libraries throughout the state will attend. The meeting of the association is held for the purpose of discussing subjects dealing with libraries, their organization and proper maintenance. New ideas are promulgated and the librarians are brought into closer relationship with one another.

A very interesting program has been arranged which will consist mainly of addresses on library topics. Following is the program: Friday morning, 10:30, at the college:

Assembly addressed by President Hamilton and several of the visiting librarians. 12:30, Luncheon, domestic science rooms. Friday afternoon after visiting the college the guests will be driven to

the fish hatchery, by invitation of the trustees of the public library.

Friday, evening, 8 o'clock, at the library:

President's address. "Public Libraries of Montana," Granville Stewart, Butte public library.

Address, "The Trustees and the Library," Rev. Frank B. Lewis, Bozeman.

Address, "The State Historical Library," Rev. W. S. Bell, Helena.

Address, Hon. Walter Cooper, Bozeman.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, at the public library:

Business meeting. Election of officers.

Paper, "Rules and Regulations in Library Administration," Miss McCord, Bozeman public library.

Discussion. Library round table.

Saturday afternoon, 2:30, at the public library:

Paper, "Relation of the Public Library to the Public Schools," Mrs. Laura E. Howey, Helena.

Paper, "Children's Department," Miss Thompson, Anaconda public library.

Saturday evening, 8:30, reception by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Livingston.

MARTS OF TRADE

Treasury Statement.

Washington, April 23.—Today's statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$250,141,725; gold coin and bullion, \$21,796,582; gold certificates, \$18,388,800.

New York Money Market.

New York, April 23.—Money on call easy, 1 1/2 to 2 per cent; ruling rate, 1 1/2 per cent; closing bid, 1 1/2 per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans, quiet and steady; 60 days, 2 1/2 per cent; 90 days, 2 3/4 per cent; six months, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87.25 for demand and at \$4.84.80 at \$4.84.85 for 60 days.

Commercial bills, \$4.84 1/2. Bar silver, 54 1/2. Mexican dollars, 47. Government bonds steady, railroad bonds steady.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered, 103 1/2. U. S. refunding 2s, coupon, 104. U. S. 3s, registered, 100 1/2. U. S. 3s, coupon, 101 1/2. U. S. new 4s, registered, 119. U. S. new 4s, coupon, 122 1/2.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 23.—Prices of stocks underwent a comprehensive uplift today, the movement showing a certain soberness and restraint. Though trading was not animated, stocks were absorbed with determination and the bidding up of prices went aggressively on, through such obstacles as arose. The Pennsylvania bond issue was the main topic of consideration.

It developed today that the price of 96 mentioned yesterday, is that which the bond is offered for subscription and the deductions to be made for bankers' compensation are understood to bring the price realized by the railroad company to below 95. The premium over the allotment price immediately established in the outside market where the bonds, when issued, hold as high as 99 1/2 was a reflection of the confidence inspired by the powerful auspices under which the issue is made.

The selection of a first mortgage bond to effect the Pennsylvania financing is significant of the necessities which are recognized in the present investment consideration. Early in 1907 Pennsylvania stockholders authorized \$100,000,000 each of new stock and convertible bonds and large portions of this authorization remain unused. The present situation calls for a first mortgage bond with fixed interest ahead of all stock and junior bond issues in order to attract the requisite means. The stock affected by the Pennsylvania incident was Union Pacific. The obvious explanation is that the Union Pacific's banking affiliations are the same as those which have enlisted the powerful foreign aid which has secured the success of the Pennsylvania bond flotation.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

New York, April 23.—Butter, easy; creameries, specials, 29 to 29 1/2; extras, 29 1/2.

Cheese, quiet and unchanged.

Eggs, steady; state, western fairs, fresh, 18 to 18 1/2; seconds, 15 to 15 1/2.

Prices ended at the highest of the day and with some heavy buying in progress.

The bond market was firm in tone. Total sales, par value, \$4,252,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, April 23.—Wheat opened strong with the May delivery showing a gain of one cent compared with last night's close. The July and September options were a trifle higher at the start in sympathy with May, but later weakened somewhat because of the favorable outlook for the new crop. May wheat opened 1/4 to 1 cent higher at 96 1/2 to 97 1/2, advanced to 98 1/2 and closed at 98 1/4 @ 98 3/4. July opened 1/2 to 3/4 higher at 87 1/2 to 88, sold off to 87 1/2 and then advanced to 89 1/2, where it closed.

Corn opened dull but the market later became active and prices advanced nearly one cent from the low point. The market closed strong at the highest point of the day. May opened a shade higher at 66 1/2, sold off to 66 1/4, then advanced to 67 1/2. The close was at 67 1/2. July opened unchanged at 62 1/2 and sold at 62 1/4 @ 62 1/2 and then advanced to 63 1/2. The close was at 63 1/2.

Trade in oats was dull. May opened 1/2 cent higher at 53 1/2, sold between 53 1/2 and 53 3/4 and closed at 53 1/2. July opened 1/2 higher at 45 1/2, advanced to 46 and closed at 45 1/2.

Provisions were firm the greater part of the day, notwithstanding the 5 to 10 cent decline in hogs. At the close July pork was up 30 cents, lard was up 17 1/2 cents and ribs were 15 cents higher.

Boston Mining Stocks.

- Amalgamated (ex. div.) 58 1/2
Bingham 50
Calumet & Hecla 62 1/2
Daly West 8 1/2
Montana Coal & Coke 65
Parrot 13 1/2
United Copper 6 1/2
North Butte 53 1/2
Butte Coalition 20 1/2
Nevada 11 1/2
Calumet & Arizona 100
Arizona Commercial 18 1/2
Greene Cananea 8

Omaha Livestock.

Omaha, April 23.—Cattle: Receipts, 2,400. Market, strong. Native steers, \$5 @ 6.65; cows and heifers, \$3.50 @ 5.80; western steers, \$3.55 @ 5.50; Texas steers, \$3.25 @ 5.25; range cows and heifers, \$2.75 @ 4.50; canners, \$2 @ 3.25; bulls and stags, \$3 @ 5. Hogs: Receipts, about 500. Market, 5 cents lower. Heavy, \$5.30 @ 5.40; mixed, \$5 @ 5.35; light, \$5.30 @ 5.35; pigs, \$4 @ 5; bulk of sales, \$5.30 @ 5.35.

Sheep: Receipts, about 4,400. Market for lambs steady, others 5 cents lower. Yearlings, \$5 @ 6.25; wethers, \$5 @ 6; ewes, \$4.50 @ 5.50; lambs, \$7 @ 7.50.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, April 23.—Cattle: Receipts, about 600. Market, steady. Beeves, \$4.65 @ 5.50; Texans, \$4.50 @ 5.30; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 @ 5.20; cows and heifers, \$2.30 @ 4.40; calves, \$4.50 @ 5.50.

Hogs: Receipts, about 18,000. Market, 5 cents lower. Light, \$5.10 @ 5.60; mixed, \$5.25 @ 5.7 1/2; heavy, \$5.15 @ 5.65; rough, \$5.15 @ 5.30; pigs, \$4 @ 4.95; bulk of sales, \$5.50 @ 5.60.

Sheep: Receipts, about 12,000. Market, weak to 10 cents lower. Native, \$4.85 @ 6.45; westerns, \$4.90 @ 6.50; yearlings, \$5.40 @ 7.10; lambs, \$6 @ 7.60; westerns, \$5 @ 7.60.

St. Louis Wool Market.

St. Louis, April 23.—Wool, steady. Medium grade, combed and clothing, 16 1/2 to 18; light fine, 15 to 16; heavy fine, 11 to 12; tub washed, 20 to 26 1/2.

New York Sugar Market.

New York, April 23.—Sugar: Raw, firm; fair refining, \$3.98; centrifugal, 96 test, \$4.48; molasses sugar, \$3.73; refined, steady; crushed, \$6.20; powdered, \$5.60; granulated, \$5.60.

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