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BILLINGS IS QUITE BUSY

The Farmers' Institute Was a Pronounced Success.

PLEASANT LITTLE PARTIES

The People Seem to Be Enjoying Life as Well as They Did in the Days When Silver Was Away Up.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BILLINGS, Jan. 8.—The Yellowstone Farmers' institute which adjourned on Saturday night was a very successful and interesting meeting and will have a very beneficial effect upon the agricultural interests of the county. The papers read were practical and to the point, and the intelligent discussion of them by the assembled farmers showed the deep interest that was aroused. In addition to excellent papers by local citizens much assistance was rendered by Director Emery of the United States experiment station, Dr. Williams and President Reid of the Montana Agricultural college, Walter H. Graves, superintendent of Irrigation on the Crow reservation, Will Sutherland of White Sulphur Springs and W. W. Wylie of Bozeman. Mrs. Emery, the brilliant wife of Director Emery, read a very able lecture on "Home Life on the Farm." The exercises were enlivened by music by the Billings male quartet and the Sunny Side quartet, the latter an organization of young colored men. The following was the programme:

Thursday Morning at 10. Introduction—Misses..... Director S. M. Emery
 The Horse..... W. L. Williams, V. S.
 Irrigation..... Walter H. Graves
 Thursday Afternoon at 2. Question Box—Diversified Farming..... W. O. Parker
 Swine..... E. N. Hungerford
 Marketing..... E. N. Hungerford
 Alfalfa Seeds..... Yellowstone Farmers
 Thursday Evening at 7:30. Question Box—Labor Ideas..... Judge G. E. Milburn
 Song..... Billings Male Quartet
 Friday Morning at 10. Select Reading—Good Roads..... O. C. Finkenburg
 Babcock Milk Test..... Director Emery
 Selected Topic..... J. T. Sanford
 Friday Afternoon at 2. Question Box—The Ten-Acre Farm..... W. H. Sutherland
 Fruit..... Director S. M. Emery
 Floriculture..... Miss J. Fulton
 Friday Evening at 7:30. Question Box—Water Rights..... Judge Jas. B. Goss
 Song..... Sunny Side Quartet
 Agricultural Education..... Dr. Jas. Reid
 Saturday Morning at 10—Wind Power..... T. C. Armitage
 Dairying..... Prof. Emery
 Poultry..... Dr. Williams
 Saturday Afternoon at 2. Question Box—Farm Structures..... Director S. M. Emery
 Seepage Question..... Yellowstone Irrigators
 Selected Topic.....
 Saturday Evening at 7:30. Question Box—Lecture on Home Life..... Mrs. S. M. Emery
 Legal Lore..... Hon. O. F. Goddard
 Song..... Billings Male Quartet
 Poem..... J. T. Sanford
 St. Luke's church has been beautified by elegant hangings, the generous gift of Mrs. B. B. Kelly. They are of white tapestry on which the passion flower in a conventional pattern is exquisitely painted. Mrs. Kelly presented the Sunday school with a large banner tastefully designed.

Thomas Doane of Boston and T. E. Calvert, general superintendent of construction of the Burlington, were in town on a short visit this week. Mr. Doane is one of the original incorporators of the Northern Pacific and took part in the construction of the Hoosac tunnel.

Last Thursday evening a large party of Mrs. L. Schrad's friends surprised her by coming to spend the evening at her new home. A most enjoyable time was spent.

Miss Florence Snyder spent several days in town last week and left for her home on the Musselshell on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Chapple gave a party last week in honor of their brother, Charlie Chapple, who intends shortly to leave for Canada where he will enter college. Those present enjoyed a most delightful evening. They were Misses Tessa Fisch, Lois Fagaly, Marion Goss, Maud Gruwell, Jessie Hirsch, Ruth Lowry, Alice McCormick and Winnie Nixon, and Hugh Babcock, Lewis Babcock, Charles Chapple, Jay McCormick, George Thains, Fred Nixon, Arthur Ramsey, Will Nixon, Roy Wilkenson and Harry Woods.

Mrs. J. W. Fish has gone East for the benefit of her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean and little Louie have gone to their old home in Massachusetts. Mrs. Bean will be very much missed from musical circles.

While Paul McCormick was entertaining his friends in the Daniel Boone

cabin, Mrs. McCormick also had in a few invited guests who enjoyed themselves immensely. She was assisted by Miss Cora McCormick. Those present were: Mesdames H. M. Allen, Chapple, Donovan, Goss, Hays, Matheason, E. D. McCormick, McKinley and Rowley and Misses Bowlinger, Hayden, Mattison, Louise McCormick and May McCormick. The male quartet came over from the cabin and sang a few selections for the ladies.

The Mavericks held their sixth annual ball on Tuesday night at the Grand hotel, and it was a wonderful success, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. The music furnished by the Maverick orchestra was remarkably good.

C. S. Winch came in from Irene on Wednesday. He and his partner are going to devote the winter to exterminating the wolves.

A young man named Cerbulish surrendered himself to Sheriff Ramsey this week, saying he was wanted in St. Paul for stealing a large amount of money from his father. The sheriff wired the St. Paul officials and received an answer that the man was not wanted, so he was turned loose.

Captain Watson, United States army, acting United States Indian agent, was over from Crow agency this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkey returned from Livingston last week, where they had been spending the holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedges of Forgas county were in town on Saturday en route to Helena, where Mr. Hedges will attend the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sperry are enjoying a visit from their cousin, Miss Sperry. Mr. and Mrs. Sweetman entertained F. B. Connelly and family and J. B. Emery and family to a good, old-fashioned Southern dinner on New Year's day.

A dance was held at the McCormick ranch Monday evening, to which a number of the Billings young people drove out. A delightful time was spent.

Miss Marion Goss entertained a few of her young friends at the residence of her parents last Friday evening.

On Friday (Holy Innocents' day) the children of St. Luke's Sunday school were treated to a Christmas tree well laden with presents. Before the gifts were distributed a very pretty programme was well rendered by the little folks.

Miss Claire Sweetman pleasantly entertained a number of her friends New Year's night. Skating, games and refreshments were the order of the evening and the young people finally dispersed tired and happy.

The Misses Nellie, Lockey and Lillie Fox were in town last week on their way to California, where they expect to devote themselves to the study of art during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spear and little Miss Clara, who have been visiting in Wyoming for the last few weeks, have returned.

Mrs. Hugh S. Evans has arrived from Wyoming, and has joined her husband here.

Miss Louise McCormick of the Crow agency paid a visit to her relatives here last week.

Mrs. S. F. Morse left on Thursday evening's train, accompanied by her two younger sons, for Michigan to spend the winter.

Miss Mary Mattison has been visiting Red Lodge Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson have moved into the cottage lately occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fish.

George Butler, who has spent the summer in the field on the Crow reservation with the government survey party of Walter Graves, of which he is the chief draughtsman, has arrived in town to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have apartments in the residence of J. J. Walk.

BOZEMAN KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, The Ceremonies Last Tuesday Evening Were Interesting.

Special Correspondence of the Standard.

BOZEMAN, Jan. 8.—The Knights of Pythias and their friends filled Masonic hall to-night, and the ante rooms were crowded with those who gathered to witness the installation of the new officers of Pythias lodge No. 2. The installing officer for the Knights of Pythias was District Deputy Grand Chancellor R. D. Steele, who installed the following officers: John M. Kay, C. C.; J. A. Luce, V. C.; George E. Barneby, P.; J. T. Ingram, M. of W.; Walter H. Sales, K. of R. and S.; H. S. Corbly, M. of T.; F. A. Maxwell, M. of E.; John Fleming, M. of A.; Jonas Henderson, I. G. and J. M. Robertson, O. G.

The ceremony was very beautiful and impressive. After the new officers had taken their seats a short recess was taken.

ken, when Deputy Supreme Chief Mrs. H. H. Hodson stepped forward and installed the new officers of Valley Temple No. 1, Rathbone Sisters. This ceremony closed with a very pretty scene, when to low strains of sweet music, five little girls came in bearing a huge tray of beautiful flowers, and amidst a glare of colored lights placed a wreath of flowers on the head of each of the new officers. The new officers are: Mrs. M. Langohr, M. E. C.; Mrs. J. T. Ingram, E. Sr.; Mrs. John McLeod, E. Jr.; Mrs. F. T. Osborn, Mgr.; Miss Anna Lewis, M. of R. and C.; Mrs. C. H. Plummer, M. of F.; Mrs. Ernest Shoemaker, P. and Miss Lucy Steele, O. G.

After the installation everyone repaired to Armory hall to a grand banquet, after which the hall was cleared of tables and dishes and dancing was indulged in until morning. The committee on arrangements was George E. Barneby, C. W. Soper, John A. Luce and James M. Robertson and they did themselves proud on the supper. There were about 200 plates laid. The bread, rolls and cakes were furnished by E. L. Parks' bakery, F. A. Maxwell roasted the turkeys and boiled the hams, J. M. Bulen furnished the ice cream from his creamery on Church street, while the delicious chicken salad was made by Mrs. C. W. Soper and Mrs. John A. Luce. The tables were loaded with all sorts of dainties and fruits.

The toast master was James M. Robertson and those responding were Rev. George E. Barneby, John A. Luce, E. Broox Martin, R. D. Steele and Mayor Ramsey.

The Bozeman K. of P. was the second lodge formed in Montana, and was organized on Jan. 8, 1880, just 14 years ago, and now has a membership of about 150. The uniform rank has 35 members while the ladies of Valley Temple No. 1, Rathbone Sisters, number 150.

OVER A LOG. Mexico and Guatemala Are Engaged in a Bitter Dispute.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—A desperate fight is on over the Guatemala damage negotiations. Miguel Temceco, a Mexican, has put in a bill for \$400,000 damages to the logging camps on the southern frontier by invading Guatemalans. Senor De Leon, Guatemalan envoy, holds there are large discrepancies in Temceco's claim. There promises to be a preliminary hitch which will take many months to settle. It is evidently the policy of the Guatemalan government to gain time by raising multitudinous questions to block the progress of the case, so the prospective settlement is a long way off.

Both sides evince a stubborn disposition to carry their points. Senor De Leon is constantly engaged in correspondence with Senor Laza Y. Arriga, Guatemalan representative at Washington, presumably looking to the United States stepping in to assume the role of arbitrator. The latest known instructions from his government are that the Guatemalan minister shall pursue a uniformly pacific policy and the same instructions are borne by Don Jacinto Castellano, the new minister of Salvador, to Mexico.

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