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**"Progressive"  
Clothes  
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AND  
YOUNG MEN**

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TO  
\$35.00.**

**THE TOGGERY**

## THE SAWS ARE AGAIN CLANGING IN HAMILTON

THE BIG SAWMILL BUSY AFTER  
A LONG SHUTDOWN.

## A NEW SYSTEM OF LOGGING

Donkey Engines Substituted for Teams  
and Men—Big Reduction in the  
Cost of Logs.

The A. C. M. Co. sawmill resumed operations Monday after a protracted shutdown of eight and one-half months following the strike last June over a reduction of the wage scale. Work was resumed under the scale of 1906, common laborers receiving \$2.40 per day of nine hours. Between 200 and 210 are employed in the mill and planer. The mills are running smoothly and a long and prosperous run is anticipated.

A new system of logging is being introduced in the woods. Two big "donkey" engines with wire cables and other attachments have been installed, replacing the truck teams formerly used. Whole trees just as they fall are drawn, some a distance of 3000 feet, by the engines to the loader, where they are trimmed and cut in suitable lengths and placed on the cars. The limbs are used for fuel in the engines. The two engines, which cost \$12,000 each, will do the work formerly performed by 140 horses and 75 men. These horses will be sold as soon as the short logs now in the woods have been cleaned up.

The management has had the new system under consideration for four years. Superintendents Totman and Blackmore visited localities in Idaho, Washington and Oregon where it is in successful operation and became thoroughly familiar with its workings. They expect a big reduction in the cost of logging.

## THEATRICAL SPECIAL FROM HAMILTON TO MISSOULA

A special excursion train will be run from Hamilton to Missoula Friday evening to carry people to the production of "A Stubborn Cinderella" at the beautiful new Harnois theatre. The train will leave Hamilton at 6 o'clock and will return immediately after the show. Tickets good for the round trip will be sold for \$1.95 each, less than the usual round trip fare. Reservations can be made by communicating with C. A. Harnois at Missoula. Many young people will go on the excursion.

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The following resolution was adopted by the directors of the Bitter Root Valley Fruit Growers' Association in session today:

Resolved: that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Valley Mercantile Company for their kindness in providing the Lucas opera house for the accommodation of the Stockholders' meeting held Mar. 6th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hamilton, Montana, Mar. 9, 1909.

## Notice of Registration.

Notice is hereby given that the official register of the town of Hamilton will be open for registration of voters for the annual election to be held in the town of Hamilton, Montana, April 5, 1909, on the 22nd day of March, 1909, at the Hub Clothing store, south Second street, in the town of Hamilton, and will remain open for five days; and will again be open for the purpose of registering those who were unavoidably absent from the town during the aforesaid five-day period, and for the purpose of correcting errors in the names on the 3rd day of April, 1909. Said register will be open from 1 o'clock p. m. until 5 o'clock p. m. and from 7 o'clock p. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. of each day above mentioned. FRANK HOAGLAND, Registry Agent.

## MR. MILTON HAMMOND IS MUCH DISSATISFIED

IN OPEN LETTER CONDEMNS THE  
FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

## BETTER TIMES ARE COMING

The Association Is Bound to Prove of  
Great Benefit to the Growers—All  
Must Pull Together.

That dissatisfaction exists among the fruit growers over the working of the organization is further evidenced by the following letter from Mr. Hammond of Darby, himself a large grower. This feeling can be eliminated by thorough discussion and a better understanding among the growers, to the end that the great benefits that may be secured by proper organization may be enjoyed by all concerned. If Mr. Hammond will read more carefully the news item carried in this paper last week he will note that The Western News merely stated that Manager Brooks "submitted a report which showed the association to be in excellent financial condition."

The Western News is enlisted, heart and soul, in the movement to bring about better conditions for the growers and will gladly render any assistance in its power to that end. In all candor, however, it must be admitted that as nearly perfect fruit as possible must be grown and it must be properly packed for market. It should not be forgotten either that prices of all commodities last year, following the panic and prior to the election, were badly demoralized.

But better times are coming and by working in harmony and all pulling together we can get the best results. Mr. Hammond's letter follows:  
Darby, Mont., March 13, 1909.  
Editor of Western News,  
Dear Sir: I have been taking your

valuable paper for a period of fourteen years and never knew until the last issue what a source of valuable information it was. In your last issue we are apprised of the fact that the Bitter Root Fruit Growers' association was a financial success both to itself and the fruit growers.

Now as far as the association is concerned, I have no doubt about its financial condition, but it would require a large stretch of the imagination to believe it was a financial benefit to the growers. In fact I would never have believed it had I not read of the fact in The Western News.

Now I am a grower myself in a small way, and when I receive the glorious price of 19 cents per box for choice Wealthy apples, when the picking, packing and boxes cost 30 cents, it is hard to understand where the prosperity comes in. When first class McIntosh bring the grower the fabulous price of fifty cents, how about the prosperity? God deliver us from prosperity of that kind!

Another thing, I would like to know how it comes that apples are worth \$3 in Butte and when shipped from the Bitter Root bring the grower the magnificent sum of 50 cents per box. It must be the freight rates. We will either have to get the railroad commission to work or fall back on the old reliable bull teams. Or if some of the officials would work the itch of their hands it might make a difference.

If the association is such a grand thing how does it come that some of our directors and other officers ship their fruit on their own responsibility and have nothing to do with the association—only handle fruit for others? It is a good thing for others but not for themselves.

Looking still deeper into facts we find that all of those who shipped their own apples realized a good price, but I have yet to hear from any one man who shipped apples through the association and realized the cost of production. The apple crop of last year was short all over the country and the price was much shorter than usual, a very strange combination of circumstances.

We hear and read a great deal about proper pruning, cultivating.

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## EARLY CLOSING MATTER PASSED UP TO VOTERS

THE TOWN COUNCIL LAYS PETI-  
TION ON TABLE

## THREE ALDERMEN TO ELECT

Question to Be An Issue in Spring  
Election—New Sidewalks  
Ordered.

At a special meeting last night the town council passed up the matter of early closing of saloons to the voters at the ensuing town election.

Two petitions were presented, one signed by 263 women praying that the saloons be closing from 6 p. m. until 8 a. m. each day and on Sundays, and another carrying 193 signatures requesting that the saloons be let alone. Contrary to expectations very little discussion was indulged in.

The members of the council then went into executive session, after which, on motion, all petitions were laid on the table and it was announced that the matter must be determined by the voters at the spring election, which will be held Monday, April 5. To secure early closing it is understood that three "dry" aldermen must be chosen to succeed Aldermen Peterson in the first, Fisk in the second and McGlauffin in the third wards.

The council also ordered that six-foot sidewalks be constructed by the property owners from Second street north to Adirondack and from Second to Essex.

## Born.

Carlstrom—To Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carlstrom, March 5, a girl.

Ed Cummings, formerly head clerk of the M. M. Co. at Victor, has accepted a position in the Valley Mercantile store at Hamilton.

# SPRING FASHION FEAST

Discriminating buyers will find spread before them in our Store such an array of values as cannot be found in any other establishment in this city. We buy the Best for the Best. Not an idea has been reproduced from last year. We have obeyed the mandates of fashion in selecting our lines. Our styles are not jaded styles; we can gratify those hardest to suit. We shall be pleased to have you partake of our spring fashion feast.

### Wash Dresses

White and black striped percale dresses, piping and button trimmed, sizes 34 to 40,

price \$4.50.

### Ribbon

Satin ribbon Nos. 1 and 2, suitable for underwear

25c per bolt.

### Ruchings

Ruchings, all colors and styles in collar lengths

15c each

### Embroidery

Cambric embroidery, edging and insertion, 6c-8c and

10c per yd.

### Gloves

Ladies' gauntlet gloves, the very latest style

75c to \$2.25 per pair

## First Showing of the New Ideas in Correctly Tailored Garments for Spring.

One-piece Dresses, Suits, Coats and Skirts that bear the Hall Mark of Fashion.

New Tailored Garments in the Accepted Styles for the coming spring have just been received. Style, that touchstone by which all garments are judged, is pre-eminently the gift of the work shops of Worth.

From \$15.00 to \$40.00 runs the scale of prices on suits of many kinds and colors.

One-piece princess dresses we are showing from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

Wonderfully clever separate skirts all kinds and colors from \$4.00 to \$25.00.

**VALLEY MERCANTILE CO.**  
The BIG STORE with the little prices

### Wash Dress

White lawn, fancy figures in black, blue and pink; lace insertion in waist and skirt, sizes 36 to 42

price \$5.75.

### Dress Linens

Colored dress linens, 32 inches wide, light blue finish, green and natural

Prices from 15 to 75c yd.

### Notice

Our Spring Millinery Opening will be

Saturday, April 3d.

### Corset Covers

Cambric corset covers, worth up to 35c

at 15c each.

### Dress Linene

Colors, light blue, Copenhagen, tan, pink, green gray, black and white

at 20c yd.