

NEW ORCHARDS SHOW BEST CARE

**PROOF THAT VALLEY FRUIT
GROWERS HAVE PROFITED
BY EXPERIENCE.**

DISCLOSED BY INSPECTION

**State Inspector Finds New Growers
Give Proper Attention to Trees,
Which Old Orchards Lacked.**

That Bitter Root valley fruit growers have learned in the last few years that care of an orchard is a prerequisite to success, is indicated by the fact that new orchards in every instance show the effect of better treatment and more attention than were ever given to the old orchards. This has been found to be the case by William T. LeFevre, state orchard inspector, who has been investigating orchard conditions in the valley since May.

Giving the result of his investigations, which cover practically every section of the valley, Mr. LeFevre said Wednesday:

"I have found the conditions of the orchards on the whole very good. Some are in excellent condition, others are good, while some are only just fair. Almost without exception the young orchards are in fine condition. They have been carefully set out, are of well chosen varieties and are receiving the best of care. The old orchards are not, as a rule, so good.

"It would make your heart sick to see some of these old orchards, which ought now to be great money makers and be good for years to come. They were set out by persons who were evidently 'penny wise and pound foolish,' or else had more money than brains. Some of them, quite extensive orchards, too, have had absolutely no care from the time of setting until recently when some progressive orchardist secured control. Others have had such attention that they would have been better off without it. It's shameful, the way trees have been treated.

Old Orchards Mistreated.

"One can go through almost any orchard from eight to sixteen years old and find trees that would now be great, sturdy trees, loaded with wealth which are, instead, invalids. Great chunks of bark have been torn off the trunks by careless cultivators. Limbs have been broken down and torn away from the tree, leaving its mutilated and unsightly remains a mute witness to the ignorance or carelessness of the orchardist. If one wants good, sound trees that will stand the strain of enormous yields, such as are the rule in this valley, it is imperative that the trees receive careful attention when young and no wounds be made by reckless cultivators.

"One thing that has been very gratifying to me is the willingness of the orchardist to co-operate with the state board in doing just what is necessary and in the way required, and doing it promptly. Let me emphasize that word—promptly. In all cases of serious orchard pest promptness is an essential element in the process of eradication, and without promptness even control would be next to impossible.

Few Pests Found.

"Yes, I have found some pests, nothing like as extensive as they have in other fruit belts, however, and our orchardists should keep awake to the fact that \$1,000 expended in the interest of good laws and rigid inspection to keep out pests is worth tens of thousands in an attempt at eradication after pests have gained a foothold.

"Look at the pest-ridden east now. They spend millions of dollars annually there in an attempt to eradicate the codling moth, the Egyptian moth and the tent caterpillar. One small state alone has spent over \$10,000,000 in an effort just to control these pests. We haven't them. We don't want them. Let us prove that we don't want them by strenuous efforts to keep them out. An inspector who always has one hand sticking out behind is the worst sort of criminal. He not only sells his own honor and freedom but he sells us all into bondage, into a Hades of fighting and striving against creeping and crawling things, in an unequal contest in which the financial loss is only a minor consideration far eclipsed by the greater loss

of health, happiness and peace of mind.

"Yes, some pests are serious here, but I've found only serious cases in a very few orchards and wherever there have been any outbreaks of a serious nature we have taken prompt and radical action and thereby secured control.

"I cannot say that everything is under control, but I believe it is. Next spring, or early summer, will tell certainly whether we have succeeded entirely or only in part. Just now, however, everything looks very favorable and if the orchardists will combine to co-operate willingly I see no reason why we should not continue to blow our horn from the housetop and feel proud that we live in so favored a spot as the famous Bitter Root valley."

THIS NEWSPAPER MAN SAYS PLEASING THINGS

C. P. Blandin, business manager of the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press, was in town the first of the week, leaving Monday evening for Spokane. J. H. Currie of the Sunset Land company took him to Stevensville to look over the company's properties there, making the trip by motor car.

"I am greatly impressed with the Bitter Root valley," Mr. Blandin told a reporter for this paper. "I am here in the capacity of a business man hunting recreation and attempting at the same time to keep my hand on the pulse of our business. When I get back to St. Paul I shall have some good things to say of your valley in the Dispatch.

"By the way, that magazine you people got out—the Bitter Root Illustrated—was a wonderful production for a town this size. It would be a credit to any publisher in any land, and it is doubly creditable to you."

Then, right in the midst of his pleasant talk, Mr. Blandin jumped in his car and sped away.

YEOMAN LODGES ORGANIZED.

A local homestead of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen was organized at Smith & Brown's hall Saturday evening by A. Goetschius, district state manager of Billings. Officers were elected as follows: Dr. R. W. Getty, foreman; R. O. Hines, master of ceremonies; Albert Kyle, correspondent; William Laupler, master of accounts; Mrs. Hine, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Burk, Lady Rowena; Anna Dike, Lady Rebecca; David Freeze, watchman; Ed Garrigan, sentinel; Henrietta Conley, guard.

Monday evening a homestead was organized at Ward's Cove with 15 members, and the following officers: V. Cavanaugh, foreman; Mrs. Zion Reynolds, master of ceremonies; Dorcas Emerson, correspondent and master of accounts; A. Harris, chaplain; Dale Ward, Lady Rowena; Lizzy Reynolds, Lady Rebecca; Albert Chase, watchman; Zion Reynolds, sentinel; Laura Wade, guard.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

The McGrath building on Main street will be occupied next month. J. A. Moore will move the City Bakery to one of the larger compartments and the Toggery will occupy the other. J. G. Barron, the jeweler, will occupy the small compartment.

The Owl saloon on West Main street will move into the west compartment of the new O'Brien block.

CASE AGAINST WHITE SET FOR OCTOBER 4

The case of the state against Walter White, charged with murder in the first degree, was set Monday for October 4.

White will be represented at the trial by Baker & Madeen and eastern counsel. His brother, James H. White, who is a banker in Geneseo, Ill., will come from the east to be present at the trial, bringing character witnesses and an eastern lawyer with him.

TO OPEN PAINT SHOP.

Cary & Lott are completing a building 20x60 on North Second street in which they will open a paint shop. The building will be ready for occupancy next week. The members of the firm are Bert Cary, John and Fred Lott. They expect to do a general painting and decorating business.

\$400 IN DAILY PRIZES FOR THE COUNTY FAIR RACES

Four hundred dollars a day will be spent in purses for overnight races at the Great Ravalli County fair. This amount was decided upon at a joint meeting of the fair commission and the racing committee at the chamber of commerce building Tuesday night. The races were made overnight events to preclude the possibility of an expenditure of the money for advertised purses in case rain should prevent the meet. With advertised prizes the horsemen who enter can pull down the money if the races are prevented for any reason. Under the plan adopted each day's card will be made up the night before.

Big Prize for McIntoshes.

Showing the store placed by that pampered product, the famous McIntosh Red, the fair commission offers a prize of \$200 for the best box of McIntoshes exhibited at the fair. Two years ago at the midwinter meeting of the Montana Horticultural society, Carbon county apples, grown near Fromberg, by Rev. Mr. Clark, were awarded the prize offered for the best display of McIntosh Reds. It is deemed probable that outside exhibitors will bring some excellent products into the valley to compete for this generous premium. Valley fruit growers this year, however, will save their best products for exhibition purposes.

An admittance charge of 50 cents will be made for entrance to the fair grounds. There will be but one entrance, that at Riverside. The grounds will be policed by special guards.

Following the fair, the commission will keep what exhibits it desires in order to have a permanent fair display. From the combined exhibits a collection will be formed and entered in competition for the prizes offered

by the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad companies for the best exhibits of fruit, grain and vegetables at the Western Montana Apple show.

Special Premiums Pour In.

The week has brought out many new special premiums. The Hamilton Flour mill, the Vineland Nursery company and the Gray Nursery company have offered large and attractive prizes. The list following supplements the special premiums already published:

The Hamilton Flour mill gives \$10 for the best collection of threshed grain; a barrel of flour for each of the following bushels of grain: Scotch fife spring wheat, spring club wheat and turkey red wheat; a case of Ravalli oats for the best bushel of white oats.

The Vineland Nursery company of Hamilton offers 25 apple trees, any variety, for the best plate of Jonathans, same for best plate of Rome Beauties, and 25 pear trees, any variety, for the best plate of winter pears.

The Gray Nursery company offers 100 McIntosh trees for the best box of McIntosh Reds, 50 Gano trees for the best box of Ganos, 50 Jonathan trees for the best box of Jonathans, 25 Winter Banana trees for the best plate of Winter Bananas, 25 Rome Beauty trees for the best plate of Rome Beauties.

J. H. Theis offers a \$20 dress for fancy work department.

Farmers' State bank, Victor, \$10.

Gow Bros. & Co., Victor, \$5 for best fat steer.

Ben F. Plummer, Stevensville, \$10.

Corvallis Meat Market, \$10.

H. E. Jones, \$1 for best box of McIntoshes.

Oregon Nursery company, 100 Gano trees for best box of Ganos.

HAMILTON MAKES CLEAN SWEEP FROM WHITEFISH

By a generous break of baseball luck, Hamilton took the last game with Whitefish Tuesday evening, making a clean sweep of the series.

The visitors made nine hits, as against five by Hamilton, and their work in the field was better, as they were guilty of but one boot, while the locals made four. They also had 10 men left on bases.

Richmeyer and Mesmer, who have been hitting weakly, came through with a two-bagger each. Mesmer made a sensational catch of a foul, colliding with the grandstand without dropping the ball. Jimmy McQuaid started two doubles, one of them a thriller. Marx ran into the automobile section and pulled down a foul drive.

THEY SEEM TO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT US

Hamilton is learning a big, big lot about its ball team that it never knew before.

The following catalogue from the Kalispell Times, giving the make, style and fit of the members of the team, is entertaining because it sheds fresh light on the darksome past of the players:

With a lineup of stalwart athletes the Hamilton aggregation reached Kalispell Saturday night via auto and boat, and confidentially asserted they would make Kalispell's baseball team look like withered leaves the next day, but they didn't. Manager McNeely felt rather glum after hearing the visitors touted and his players promised to play good ball, which they certainly did. Hamilton is proud of her bunch of players and has held them together for two seasons. The boys are a likable bunch and all of more or less note in northwestern baseball circles. Gebeau, their crack pitcher, played in the Intermountain league with Archie Goin, Snyder, the first bag guard, is an old leaguer. Gray has tried out with the Chicago White Sox; Mesmer the big Indian was captain of the victorious Carlisle football team; McQuaid, Hammond and Marx have been playing minor league ball for a number of years. Raferty, Richmeyer and Fullerton have been pulling down a baseball check for several seasons, and Charlie Williams has not always made a living off of red apples in the Bitter Root, although he has a dandy fruit ranch near Hamilton now. Most of the boys are on the payroll of the A. C. M. in Hamilton or employed all the year round at the company's big mills, and the chief duties they have to perform is "play ball." They may not rank as professionals, but they are close to the mark and are in the game all the time. Several boosters were with them and had great faith in Manager Eddie Hammond.

Their credulity cost them some money Sunday. William Wakeley, R. C. Parmenter, W. A. Gush, L. A. Abbey and "Pete" Smith came along with the mazuma and the glad hand to see the Busters from the Daly farm trim the bush-leaguers of the Flathead.

Wants Sheriff Nomination. Mayor W. E. Godfried of Stevensville, Oscar Manus, Charles Mendel and Henry Flannagin were in Hamilton yesterday, leaving in the afternoon for Darby. Mr. Manus is a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff.

LOCAL ANTLERED HERD TO RECEIVE ACCESSIONS

A number of local neophytes will be initiated into the Elk lodge at Missoula September 13. Altogether over 100 initiations of residents within the Missoula jurisdiction will be made.

Those from Hamilton who will receive antlers are George Brooks, Jack Bourbonia, W. H. Grimes, R. L. Harper, R. C. Brooks, George Reeves, Fred Welpton, J. H. Theis and M. Carriere.

CAMPING ON EAST FORK.

George F. Brooks and family and other Missoula people have established a camp on East Fork to spend a month in the mountains. Mrs. Frederick Grill joined the camp yesterday.

THE BUTTE M. J. B.'S, THEN KALISPELL CRACKS

**HAMILTON'S WINNING BALL TEAM
HAS FIVE GAMES ON THE
TAPIS.**

MAY TIE WITH KALISPELL

**Is So, Rubber Will Be Played Off in
Missoula—Nelson and Skalacky
With M. J. Bs.**

The M. J. Bs. of the Butte City league, will meet the Hamilton ball team on the home diamond Sunday at 3:30 p. m. A second game will be played Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock.

The Kalispell cracks, who recently beat Hamilton three straight games, will come here for a second series of three games to be played Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, August 28, 29, 30. If Hamilton takes the series, the tie will be played off in Missoula.

Playing with the M. J. Bs., who represent the M. J. B. coffee wholesale house of Butte, are John Nelson and Fred Skalacky, both former members of the Hamilton team. Nelson holds the highest record for base stealing in the Butte league and the second highest batting average. The local fans will watch closely his performance against his former teammates Sunday.

CAPTAIN GOINS TALKS LUGUBRIOUSLY IN MISSOULA

Captain Joe Goins of the Whitefish baseball team told a doleful tale to the Missoula Herald Wednesday, in which he claimed his team was robbed out of two games. His story, told verbatim and corroborated by the members of the team, is given below: "Two men down and the bases groaning. The Hamilton pitcher heaved wild and the catcher let it go to the stand. One man trotted over the pan with a run, and everybody else moved up. Gebeau was weakening and things looked good for a cleaning of the sacks, for the batter was reaching the Bitter Rooters frequently. Excitedly Empire Holt ran to the official scorer and ordered him not to credit the Whitefish man with the score. The umpire then called the batsman out. Holt refused to make any explanation concerning his action and the Hamilton players took credit for the decision."

CAPTAIN HAMMOND IS NOW MANAGER HAMMOND

Eddie Hammond was unanimously elected manager of the Hamilton ball team at a meeting of the club Tuesday evening to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George K. Dick. No other name was proposed.

Mr. Dick resigned because the duties of manager are too onerous to combine with his work at the Ravalli County bank.

CORVALLIS PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

Corvallis, Aug. 18.—Lige Watts went to Missoula the first of the week and secured a position as driver of the Missoula cream wagon through this community.

Jasper Slack spent three days of this week at Medicine springs.

Bray Wylie and family are spending this week at Medicine springs.

Miss Rosser of Salt Lake City is visiting Mrs. Thomas Hefling this week.

John Slack last week purchased a new Ford automobile, which he received Wednesday.

Postal cards have been received from W. Christoferson in Denmark, stating that he intended sailing for America August 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Urban Kern arrived from Washington Wednesday for a visit at the M. G. Kern home.

A. Wagy and daughter, Miss Debora, arrived Tuesday from Idaho, where they have been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ferguson, who have been visiting their nephew Frank Ferguson, for several months, left Wednesday for their home in St. Paul.

Professor William Cobleigh and family, who have been visiting Mr. Cobleigh's parents for several months, left Tuesday for their home in Bozeman.

Mrs. John Slack and little son left Thursday for Ohio, where Mrs. Slack will visit relatives. She was accompanied to Missoula by her husband, who returned Friday.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY

Mrs. Daly Entertains.

Mrs. Marcus Daly entertained yesterday afternoon at her beautiful Riverside home in honor of her sister, Miss Maggie Evans. Fourteen guests were present and occupied four whist tables. The head prize was won by Mrs. P. J. Shannon and the second by Mrs. C. S. Kendall.

In Honor of Miss Evans.

Mrs. P. J. Shannon entertained at cards in honor of Miss Evans Wednesday afternoon. Four tables were kept in service. The guests were Miss Maggie Evans, Mrs. J. E. Totman, Mrs. C. S. Kendall, Mrs. F. E. Gage, Mrs. R. A. O'Hara, Mrs. F. D. Monty, Mrs. J. F. Torrence, Mrs. R. W. McPain and Mrs. Hamilton Thacher.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. W. O. Fisk Tuesday entertained

NO ALIMONY IF MOTHER'S ABLE TO PREVENT IT

Mabel Periolat, on a motion argued in district court yesterday, was granted alimony in the sum of \$35 monthly until the divorce action instituted by herself comes to issue. She was also granted attorney's fees of \$75. Immediately afterward Mrs. Elizabeth Periolat filed a suit against Mabel and Jacob R. Periolat to foreclose a mortgage she holds against their ranch, the effect of which will be to forestall the payment of alimony by her son.

SUIT FOR ATTACHMENT.

The Stevensville Mercantile company Wednesday filed an attachment suit in district court against W. T. Pinkerton.

HAMILTON SCHOOLS TO REOPEN SEPTEMBER 4

Henry Schwarm, superintendent of the city schools, returned Saturday evening from a visit in the east. He visited, while away, in New York Chicago and Boston. The Hamilton schools will open September 4.

A license to wed was issued yesterday to Charles H. Wolffs and Miss Augusta Knaak, residents of Woodside.

about twenty friends of Miss Hazel Donson, whose engagement to Leroy H. Uhl was announced during the evening. The wedding will be celebrated in September.

For Miss Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Anson gave a party last evening at which the engagement of Miss Eula Anson to Ernest Nichols was announced. About twenty young friends of the future bride were present. The wedding will take place August 30.

Sewing Club Meets.

The Sewing club met Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Edna Chapin.

A Kensington.

Mrs. W. H. Noble gave a Kensington Tuesday afternoon to a small number of lady friends.

WHITEFISH VICTOR OVER THE BONNER LUMBERJACKS

The fast Whitefish ball team, which taxed the capacity of Hamilton, found the Bonner lumberjacks easy in the first game with them at Missoula Wednesday evening, winning by the score of 7 to 1. Goin and McCarter were the battery for Whitefish, while Hudson and Wilson served Bonner. Gray and Richmeyer of Hamilton played with Whitefish and each got hit. Eight hits and two errors are credited to Whitefish, against four hits and eight errors for the lumberjacks. A mere handful were present at the game—a typical Missoula crowd.

M. L. Dean, inspector at large of orchards in Montana, was in the valley this week.

SHOCKS AND SHIVERS FOR THEATER GOERS

Manager George Reeves of the Family theater has secured the privilege of producing the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures in Hamilton, providing Governor Norris permits their exhibition in Montana. The matter is now under consideration by the governor. Tex Rickard, who promoted and umpired the fight, pronounced them as good as the original battle.