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ATHLETES OFF FOR MISSOULA

Four Boys Who Will Represent Fergus County School Leave for Missoula.

ALL IN GOOD CONDITION

Believed That Locals Will Hold Their Own With Athletes of Treasure State.

The four young athletes who are to represent the Fergus County Free High school at the annual interscholastic athletic meet which begins tomorrow at the state university grounds in Missoula, left this morning for the Garden City. Prof. Guy L. Wait who has been coaching the boys, and Miss Trost, one of the high school teachers, went along to chaperone the athletes and Miss Annabelle Funk, the local representative in the oratorical contest.

Elizabeth von Tobel, Pearl Robinson, Harold White, Jim Canon and Horace Hobensack went along to "root" for the Fergus athletes and orator.

Some Good Athletes.
Frank Wright heads the athletes. Frank will take part in the distance events. Despite the very unfavorable weather, he is in good shape and with the experience gained in former meets, stands a chance of getting up among the point winners in the long runs.

Leo Ivins will enter the long and broad jumps. Leo has been covering a lot of ground in his tryouts and though he is going up against a bunch of good ones, has a chance of running one, two, three.

Edmund Johnson is the sprinter among the locals and is in good con-

dition for these grueling races. He is very fast in the hundred yard and somebody will have to get right down close to the ten second mark in order to head him at the tape.

Army Collins will participate in the weight events. But for a couple of ringers brought into the meet by Missoula last year, Collins would have swept his field. Without such unfair competition this year, he has a splendid chance of winning a number of points for his school with the shot, hammer and discus.

Public School Winner.
The public school won the dual track met last Saturday from the high school freshmen and sophomores by a score of 64 to 56. A large number of young athletes were on the grounds and their performances give much promise of point winners in the state interscholastic at future meets.

John Branger, of the public school, won the gold watch offered by Prof. Wait for the best individual point winner, the big lad for the grades winning 21 points for his school. He was first in the discus, high jump, 220 hurdles and second in the hammer and shot put. McLeod, of the grades, won the 50-yard and 100-yard dashes, broad jump and was second in the pole vault. Little Biglen won the pole vault and was second in the broad jump and 220 hurdles. Marshall, of the high school, won the 220-yard dash and second in the 440-yard run. Rowley, of the high school, won the 880-yard event.

It has been suggested that the citizens of Lewistown raise funds for the purchase of a fine gold medal to be competed for by the same teams each year until one school shall have won it for three consecutive times when it shall become the permanent trophy of that school.

C. M. Webster Dies Suddenly.
C. M. Webster, collector of customs at Great Falls and one of the best known citizens of the state, died suddenly last Friday and was buried Sunday. Mr. Webster was well known in Lewistown where he delivered one of the finest orations ever heard in this city a few years ago upon the occasion of the Elks memorial services.

THE COPPER STATE MINE

Work Is Resumed On Meagher County Property and Outlook Is Very Good.

MAY SHIP THE ORE

Large Body of High Grade Zinc Practically Opened Up—Future Plans of Company.

The officers of the Copper State Mining company whose property is located over in Meagher county, have recently had extensive tests made of ore from the mine and the reports, as shown the Democrat, indicate that the claims of those in charge that the Copper State is really a big mine are well taken.

A number of the samples run over 40 per cent. zinc and a high percentage copper. There are thousands of tons of this high grade zinc ore in sight and the vein is showing up better as depth is attained.

In response to an inquiry made by our representative recently to Geo. S. Wells, manager for the Copper State Mining company, Mr. Wells stated the following facts which will be of interest to our readers and particularly those who are stockholders in the above mentioned property:

"We have resumed work at the mine on a small scale after several months of inactivity and in all probability the property will become a regular producer within a short time. We have pursued a waiting policy for several months on account of adverse financial conditions, low prices of metals and unsettled business conditions generally.

"Things are looking fine at the mine and conditions are improving right along. For instance, we now have a freight rate of \$6.80 per ton on zinc ores from Martinsdale to Kansas smelting points. This is less than the rate to Butte one year ago. At present, we may ship our copper ores to Butte for \$2.80 per ton. This will allow us a fair margin on our zinc ores of which we have apparently thousands of tons, and also allow us to ship considerable copper ore, even

at the present low prices, which, however, are improving steadily.

"Then again, the tariff bill now being considered by congress provides a tariff duty of 1 cent per pound on the metallic contents of all zinc ores imported, which in view of the large amount shipped in from Mexico should benefit us about \$9.00 per ton on 45 per cent. ore.

"Railroad rumors are plenty as usual but there seems to be no doubt that the C. M. & St. P. will build within 4 miles of the mine this summer. This will allow us to ship copper ores of very low grade at a profit.

We have installed another and larger pump and have no trouble in handling the water.

Our work will for the present be confined to the continuation of the drift from the 100 foot level toward the east. In this drift the values in copper are increasing while the zinc holds its own.

"We expect to confine our shipments to the zinc ore for the present. Thorough sampling has shown that we have 4 feet of ore which assays 45 per cent. zinc with practically no copper, while there is 4 to 5 feet of ore which assays 9.4 per cent. copper but which also carries 14 per cent. zinc, which with the proper milling plant will pay for mining and milling, leaving the copper as profit.

"We expect to begin stoping ore for shipment as soon as the roads are in good shape for hauling which will be about July 1st. Should the railroad be under construction at that time, however, we should probably postpone shipments until its completion and confine our work to development.

DONAHUE'S PLAYERS.

Popular Repertoire Company Pleases Lewistown Audiences.

Donohue's players held the boards at Culver's hall all of last week and considering the fact that it was their second week here within a month, they had good crowds. Donohue has together a first class bunch of artists and they have a good repertoire of plays. They give good, clean entertainments and are meeting with success in their tours of Montana.

Close Up the Gap.

The people of Zortman would like to get into closer touch with this city by the establishment of a mail route between the Roy postoffice and that city. There is a gap of but 40 miles but because of it, mail and supplies from this city have to travel around five or six hundred miles, consuming ten or twelve days enroute. It would be to the advantage of Lewistown to get that gap closed as it would be the means of bringing business to this city.

MILL ON THE CUMBERLAND

New Company Promoted By A. S. Wright to Take Over Big Gold Property.

MUCH ORE ON THE DUMP

Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Rock Piled Up Ready for Mill.

A. S. Wright, the well known mining promoter, returned the latter part of the week from the Cone Butte mining district where he spent about ten days making a thorough examination of the Cumberland mine. Mr. Wright and his brother, Chas. E. Wright, took over one hundred samples of ore from every portion of the mine as it is now opened up.

Some Fine Assays.
About fifty assays were made by Tom Caldwell of the Gold Reef and the assays showed an average value of over \$40 in gold per ton. Some of the rock went \$270 per ton. Another batch of fifty samples are now being run by Mr. Caldwell and the returns will be sent to Mr. Wright this week.

Cumberland Owners.
The owners of the Cumberland are Pete Rosso who has worked hard in getting the property opened up, Frank Stephens, R. von Tobel, John L. Beebe and Phil A. Chase. Spokane parties had an option on the property over a year ago and the deal would undoubtedly have gone through but for the financial crash which struck the country about that time.

High Grade Ore.
Several carloads of high grade ore have been shipped from this prop-

erty. Pete Rosso took about thirty tons to the Ponderay smelter in February and received seven thousand dollars net for it. This was the most valuable carload of ore ever treated at that smelter. A large quantity of the same sort of ore is now sacked and ready for shipment just as quickly as the roads will permit it to be hauled to this city to be loaded on the cars.

Option to Wright.
Before leaving Lewistown last winter, A. S. Wright secured an option on the property. An extended sick spell which confined Mr. Wright to his bed in Chicago, prevented him from working on the proposition until a few weeks ago when he got a number of wealthy New York men interested. They ordered him to come to Lewistown and make a rigid examination of the mine. As a result of his report, plans are now being drawn for a mill of one hundred tons capacity and Surveyor W. M. McClean went out to the mine yesterday to survey the mill site.

While the plans for the mill are being perfected, work will go ahead steadily on the mine. A tunnel will be run which will tap the shaft at a depth of about two hundred feet.

Much Ore in Sight.
According to careful assays which have been made, it is estimated that there is not less than one hundred thousand dollars worth of millings ore already on the dump. This in itself will almost warrant the erection of a mill such as Mr. Wright is planning. But there are thousands of tons of high grade ore in sight in the mine. While the option price has not been made public it is known to be for a large sum and, when paid over, will make the five owners of the mine pretty "fat," financially speaking.

Dr. Long Off for Missoula.
Dr. W. A. Long, county health officer, departed last Saturday for Missoula to attend a meeting of the State Medical Society. Doctor Long will also be in the Garden City to root for the Fergus county athletes and declaim when they compete with all of the high schools in the state in athletics and oratory. Mrs. Long accompanied her husband.

BALL TEAM SHAPING UP

Several Good Men Signed By the Management and Other Players Are in Sight.

WILLARD TO BE CAPTAIN

Speedy Little Shortstop Chosen to Handle the Men While On the Field.

Last Sunday offered the first decent day that the ball players of Lewistown have had to get in some practice work and a number of them were up at Athletic Heights battling flies, catching 'em, scooping up grounders and shooting 'em across. As a result, there was much soreness of body yesterday morning but this will wear away with some more of the same and warm weather.

Several Men Signed.

Red Johnson, Carl Hagelson and Al Housworth, who comprise the finance committee, got busy last week and signed up Shortstop Willard, Pitcher Friedlien and Catcher Moe. Lines are out for one or two more fast players who, with a number of crack performers who reside in this city, will give Lewistown a good ball team. Friedlien is one of the best pitchers outside of the leagues and Moe is a great catcher. With Carleton and Friedlien as pitchers and Moe behind the bat, Lewistown will be well fortified in the battery positions.

Charley Willard, the fast little shortstop, has been made captain. Few amateur shortstops have anything on this boy who is a favorite with Lewistown fans.

"Heinie" Haasch is working out at the initial sack and can fill the bill there acceptably. There is a hole to be filled at second while old reliable Bill Slater will again guard the third sack which means that it will be well taken care of.

Very Fast Outfield.

The outer gardens will be looked after by Tom Baker, Hottle and Johnny Sweeney. All of these boys are fast, sure catchers and strong batters. There are a number of other

ball players in the city who will be tried out in an effort to get together the strongest possible lineup. Captain Willard says that no one will have a position cinched until he shows that he is the best man available for that place.

Game Next Sunday.
It is likely that the first game of the season will be played next Sunday. If it is not possible to get some outside team in, two teams from the city will be lined up for a regulation nine inning battle.

GOV. JOHNSON NOT COMING.

Minnesota's Executive Cancels All Engagements in Montana.

The following letter from Governor Johnson to E. A. Trapp of the young Men's Lecture Club and will occasion a great deal of regret among the members of that organization and the people generally.

"St. Paul, April 30, 1909.—Gentlemen: Permit me to say that I have been obliged, because of orders of my physician, to cancel all of my dates in the west this spring. My health has been somewhat impaired because of the strain occasioned during a very strenuous session of the legislature, and I have been obliged to make arrangements for a visit to some watering place where I can rest and recuperate during the ensuing weeks.

"I appreciate that my failure to fill those engagements has been embarrassing to the local management in every instance, and I regret this more than I can tell you, and nothing short of absolute necessity would cause me to change my plans.

"Hoping that my failure to keep these engagements this season may eventuate in some arrangements by which I can fill them next winter, and looking forward to that opportunity, I have the honor to be, very sincerely yours,

"JOHN A. JOHNSON."

Governor Johnson was first engaged to appear here in April. At that time he wrote that owing to the legislature still being in session it would be impossible for him to leave St. Paul. After considerable correspondence another arrangement was worked out, and the governor was scheduled to appear here on May 17.

Lewis Penwell Sanguine.

Lewis Penwell, of Helena, the sheep king of Montana, was a business visitor to the city Thursday. Mr. Penwell says that despite the tariff tinkering, the prices of wool and sheep are going to continue high this year and that the woolgrowers of Montana are going to have another profitable year.

MISSOULA IS ABOUT READY

Preparations Being Made for the Big Interscholastic Exercises to Be Held in Garden City.

FERGUS WILL COMPETE

Local High School Ready to Take Part in Athletic and Oratorical Contests.

The big athletic meet at Missoula this year is the center of interest in school circles throughout the state, and in all of the larger cities the members of the school track teams are working assiduously conditioning themselves for the meet, hoping to carry away some of the medals which will be offered.

The Missoula university has just issued a circular declaring that the coming meet will be the biggest, most exciting and best meet ever held under the auspices of the university. The people of the entire state are praised for their activity in co-operating with the university and the schools in general in making the success that it has been in years past, and inviting the people to continue lending their support, so that in time to come, the meet will come to be looked upon as one of the greatest athletic events of the year.

Expect Large Gathering.

Twenty high schools of the state have signified their intention of participating in the exercises this year. It is estimated that between 150 and 200 students will participate in the athletic and declamatory contests. The high schools of the state to be

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INTEREST IN THE ELECTION

Those Opposed to the Gebo Franchise Are Working Hard Among Voters.

MANY ARE REGISTERING

Large Number of Ladies Signify Intention of Exercising Their Right.

Considerable interest has been injected into the special election on the Gebo gas and electric franchise by the active work of those who are opposed to the city granting the privilege asked for by the coal man.

Source of Opposition.

While a number of people are opposing the franchises on admittedly purely personal grounds, there are others who are not satisfied with the conditions under which the franchise is asked and are going to vote "no" for that reason. The opposition which has developed has been somewhat surprising to the local representatives of Mr. Gebo but they insist that the franchises will be granted by a substantial majority.

Ladies Will Vote.

Simply to show that they appreciate and are more than willing to take advantage of such suffrage privileges as men, the ladies of the city have been registering in rather large numbers. Only free-holders may vote at this election and there is no restriction as to sex or previous or present condition of servitude.

Heavy Registration.

The registry books were opened yesterday by Registry Agent Sweeney at the city hall and it was quickly seen that the vote would be a heavy one. When the books were closed in the evening, one hundred and sixty qualified voters had been enrolled. This being Arbor day (a legal holiday) the books were closed but will again be open tomorrow for the accommodation of those who did not register yesterday.