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COURT NEWS

Judge J. A. Matthews, of Townsend, went on the bench Thursday to hear matters in which Judge Ayers is disqualified. He granted a divorce in the case of Zella Hobbs against Thos. B. Hobbs, allowing the plaintiff, represented by E. G. Worden, \$20 a month alimony and the custody of the two children. The parties were married at Esthla, Oklahoma, in 1907, and it was proved that the defendant deserted the plaintiff at Havre in 1913. In the case of Sell against Sell, the order to show cause was dismissed. In the case of Orloff against Harrison, a motion to dismiss was sustained.

Butler, the man indicted last December for an assault and who has been in jail ever since, was Thursday allowed to plead guilty to assault in the third degree and in view of his long imprisonment, was let off with a sentence of 24 hours in jail.

New Cases.
 The Judith Basin Commercial company has brought suit against O. M. Rader to recover \$135. O. O. Mueller represents the plaintiff. The Winnett Irrigation company has brought a condemnation proceeding against N. J. Mayer to secure a strip of land alleged to be needed for its ditch. Belden & DeKalb represent the company. The Power Mercantile company has brought suit against Frank Welsh to recover \$263. S. W. Ponock is the company's attorney.

Divorce Granted.
 In the case of Ethel Ireland against Fred E. Ireland, a decree of divorce was granted on the ground of extreme cruelty. The parties were married at Sioux Falls, North Dakota, in 1910. C. J. Marshall represented the plaintiff.

Before Matthews.
 The case of the Capital Commission company against H. E. Showan was taken up Friday afternoon before Judge J. A. Matthews.

In this case the plaintiff seeks to recover some \$94 and the plaintiff has a counter claim for about \$400. Belden & DeKalb represent the plaintiff and Blackford & Huntoon the defendant.

New Actions.
 Susie McKee has brought suit against the Oregon Mortgage company to recover \$17.66. McConochie & Williams represent the plaintiff.

Helen Fuller has brought suit against Firmin Tallock to secure an order restraining the defendant from selling a tract of land in section 35, township 21 north of range 16 east, section 24 under an execution. Belden & DeKalb represent the plaintiff.

Separate Maintenance.
 In the case of D. H. Bolton against Lulu Bolton, the plaintiff's plea for a divorce was denied and an order of separate maintenance was entered. The plaintiff to pay the defendant \$30 a month for her support. Charles Anderson and C. W. Buntin represented the respective parties.

In the case of the Capital Commission company against H. E. Showan, in which the plaintiff sued to recover some \$98, while the defendant put in counter claims, the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff for \$43.80, not sufficient to carry the costs.

Cases Dismissed.
 The case of Dr. J. M. Bloom, of Denton, charged with practicing medicine without a license, was dismissed. **Unusual Proceeding.**

County Attorney F. A. Wright has brought a proceeding to attach the property of one Daniel Moren, alleged to be a fugitive. It is set out that the defendant, under promise of marriage, betrayed a young woman in one of the country districts.

For Forgery.
 C. H. Thomas was arrested Saturday on a charge of forgery and is now in the county jail. It is alleged that the prisoner raised the amounts written on some checks. Another man, said to be under arrest, Charles Anderson, is implicated in the affair.

Youth Arrested.
 Millward H. Lewis, an 18-year-old boy, was brought in from Winifred Saturday, charged with an attempt at a criminal assault, the alleged victim being a child six years old. Lewis just moved into the country with his mother, the latter a few days ago taking up a homestead.

On a Note.
 C. B. Cannon has brought suit against P. A. Jones to recover \$300 on a note. Earl Wineman is the plaintiff's attorney.

Statutory Offense.
 Warrants are out for four young men of the Winifred section, charged with a statutory offense, the complaint being a girl about 16 years old. **For Forgery.**

C. B. Kelesian was brought in from Roundup Monday by Deputy Sheriff Jim Blevins, charged with forgery. Kelesian is alleged to be implicated with a man named Thomas in raising the amounts of checks.

In the case of J. W. Hughes against the Milwaukee, the defendant's demurrer was overruled. The same order was made on the demurrer in the case of Barrere against Rutherford.

Injunction Case.
 N. W. Christopherson has brought an action against John Lyons, alleging that in 1915 he located on a tract of land, fenced the same and posted notices stating that he would make entry as soon as the land was surveyed. Notwithstanding this, he sets out, the defendant has entered upon the land and interfered with the plaintiff's operations. He asks for an injunction restraining the defendant from entering on the tract or in any way interfering with the plaintiff. Belden & DeKalb represent the plaintiff.

W. J. Abel and others have brought suit against the Milwaukee to recover

\$2,700 damages alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiffs upon a shipment of cattle to Chicago through the negligence of the defendant in handling the stock. E. K. Cheadle represents the plaintiff.

G. R. Jackson has brought suit against the Milwaukee to recover \$2,970, representing damages he alleges he sustained upon a shipment of cattle over the defendant's line from Lewistown to Chicago, it being set out that the stock suffered in transit through the carelessness and neglect of the defendant. E. K. Cheadle is the attorney for the plaintiff.

A. P. Sweeney, successor in the ownership of a note purchased from one A. T. Swanson, has brought suit against J. Foley to recover \$850. McConochie & Williams are the plaintiff's attorneys.

Divorce Day.
 Judge Ayers granted three divorces yesterday, the defendants being in default.

Nettie B. Gooch was granted a divorce from Roy Gooch, desertion being proved. The parties were married at Laredo, Mo., in 1913. C. W. Buntin represented the plaintiff.

Beatrice Kriebel was granted a divorce from Henry Kriebel, failure to provide being the ground. The parties were married at Lewistown in 1914. W. J. Burton was granted a divorce from Augusta Burton, the parties having been married at St. Paul in 1913. Desertion was the ground. The case of Rosalee Moody against W. A. Lee was taken up for trial.

C. W. Buntin and Belden & DeKalb represented the plaintiff and Roy C. Cromer and McConochie & Williams the defendant. After the plaintiff had testified an agreement was reached by counsel and under a stipulation judgment was entered for the plaintiff for \$150.

In the case of Iverson against Deskins, the demurrer was overruled. The case of Michsle against Tuss was dismissed.

High School News

Jessie Murray, Business Manager.

Miss Nancy Stoutenberg was a visitor at school Monday afternoon.

The Geology class went to Kendall last week to visit the Barnes King mine.

Final examinations start the twenty-first of this month and last until the second of June.

Annie Stephens has been absent from school for the past few days on account of sickness.

Mr. Freeman expects to take his Physical Geography class out on a field trip as soon as the weather permits.

The Sophomore English classes are to write two hundred word themes which are to take the place of the day examination.

The boys of the Agriculture class are pruning the trees around the high school. They will complete their work some time this week.

Marie Walker, Willard Howard, and Helen Stroll were among those who took the teachers' examinations last week.

There was a short meeting of the Juniors last Thursday at which they decided to have the Juniors Prom on Monday, June the fifth.

At the Declamatory contest last Friday night, the Glee club sang an original selection and the orchestra rendered two selections during the evening.

The Girls' glee club is preparing for a concert which is to be given at the Judith theater. The date is not yet set but the concert will be given some time in early May.

Some of the students in Biology went out on a collecting trip Thursday evening to find spring flowers and insects. Twenty different kinds of flowers and many interesting insects were found.

At the interscholastic track meet at Belt next Saturday, the following members of the track team will go: Tom MacGowan, Mace Funk, Willard Howard, Will White, Bradley Waite, and Theodore Ramsey.

On Monday the first division of the Sonbomere English classes held a meeting to elect a business manager for the new column, Jessie Murray was chosen to hold the office, which she will hold for two weeks.

The inter-class tank meet was held last Saturday evening, but was rather poorly attended on account of the inclement weather. All the events were carried out with the result that the Juniors were winners by a large score.

Russell Bennett will represent Fergus in the state declamatory contest at Missoula. His reading is "The Land Where Hatred Expires," written by Albert Leon Gherard, professor of the History of French Culture, Rice Institute, Houston, Texas.

GETS HER MONEY BACK.
 Birdie Elliot, a brunette of decided type, and newly arrived in this city, was considerably flustered Monday morning when she discovered she had lost a purse containing something like \$115. To her delight she found upon inquiry that the purse was safe with the Milwaukee ticket agent.

CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK

HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS ON STRIKE AND THOUSANDS MORE THREATEN TO QUIT.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Approximately 100,000 persons employed in various trades in this city now are on strike, according to estimates made tonight, and thousands more are threatening to quit work unless their demands are met. With shipping virtually at a standstill, owing to the walkout of engineers and firemen employed on tug boats and lighters, and the garment industry almost completely paralyzed by a lockout and strike, employers generally declared that not in many years had labor conditions here been so chaotic.

The 30,000 garment workers employed in 1,600 independent shops, who went on strike today in an effort to enforce the demand of an equal number of workers who were locked out from the shops of The Manufacturers' Protective association last week, were attired in their best clothes and poured from the many buildings as if they were off for a brief holiday.

Considerable relief was experienced in shipping circles tonight by the announcement that the larger companies probably would follow the lead of the International Mercantile Marine in acceding to the demands for higher wages for the longshoremen, 50,000 of whom threatened to strike. The chief development of the day in respect to this class of labor was a strike of several hundred freight handlers in Jersey City. The great difficulty now confronting them, the employers assert, was the steep up of tugboats, with approximately 100,000 tons of freight waiting to be moved.

It was announced tonight that a committee had been formed to take up the differences which exist between striking carpenters and their employers and that an early adjustment was expected. The statement also was made that 10,000 painters who walked out last Monday would return to work in less than a week.

Forees of the striking garment workers were increased tonight when 2,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union went on strike. They were employed in the manufacture of men's clothing and are the first in the industry to quit work.

GERMANY CROWDED U. S. NAVY OUT OF SECOND PLACE IN 1911

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It adds, a great increase in this capacity would be possible. Also, if the government was willing to pay for the employment of three shifts of labor, the time of construction would be cut in half, in all probability, at an estimated increase in the cost of 40 per cent.

The report points out, however, that the available supply of skilled labor, now undetermined, would control the large measure any plan to speed up the building program.

Mr. Butler had asked for a statement also as to when the American navy dropped from second place. The board replied that there were several standards of determining naval strength, of which the easiest of application was that of displacement.

By this standard applied to ships already built, it adds, the navy reached second place in 1907 and lost it to Germany in 1911.

Considering ships built and authorized, it was in second place for only a few months in 1909. From the standpoint of active personnel it was in second place in 1908, went to third in 1911, and to fourth in 1914, regaining third place for a short time the same year, only to fall to sixth on the outbreak of the European war.

CUSTER MASSACRE.

BILLINGS, May 3.—Active steps for celebration on an extensive scale of the fortieth anniversary of the Custer massacre by appropriate exercises were begun today when the Billings Chamber of Commerce invited the commercial bodies of Hardin, Mont., and Sheridan, Wyo., to co-operate in a campaign of publicity designed to attract visitors from all parts of the country.

The interest, however, has already been displayed by officers who were associated with Custer in Indian warfare and many notable visitors are expected. The celebration will take place on Sunday, June 25.

JOHNSON GOES EAST TO BE AT THE BANKERS MEETING

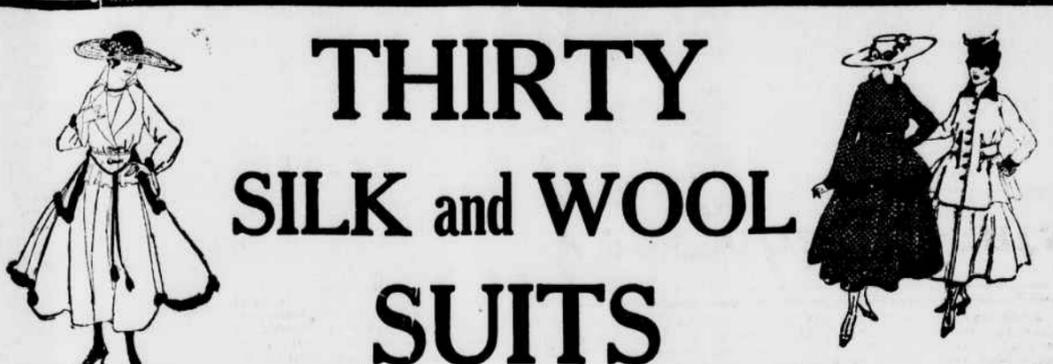
Wilfred J. Johnson, cashier of the First National bank, has departed for New York city, where he will attend the annual meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers association, he being the member from Montana. This is Mr. Johnson's last year in this capacity.

The meetings will be held in New York on May 8, 9 and 10.

MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT LEWISTOWN ON JUNE 9

E. C. Hillweg, assistant secretary of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce association, came in last evening to arrange for the coming visit of the Minneapolis Trade Building excursion. The party will arrive here Friday, June 9, and will remain in the city from 8:30 to 11:30. About 100 people will comprise the party and it is accompanied by a band. It is planned to have a concert on the corner in front of the Chamber of Commerce, and after a parade and an address of welcome the visitors will be taken on an auto ride about the city and out into the country. The stop will be such a short one that this is about all that can be done for the visitors during their stay.

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25 Turbans, worth up to \$10.00. During this sale, for \$2.95

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MANY PASTORS IN ATTENDANCE

LUTHERAN CONFERENCE BEGAN AUSPICIOUSLY, GOOD MEETINGS BEING HELD.

SOME RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED

The Lutheran conference opened at the old K. of P. hall Tuesday morning with 31 ministers in attendance. Rev. H. T. Raub, of Billings, presided. The large measure any plan to speed up the building program.

Rev. C. A. Behnke, of Hamilton. At the afternoon session, considerable routine business was disposed of and resolutions were adopted, one replying to the welcome and greeting extended by the Lewistown Ministers association, as follows:

"We, the pastors of the English Evangelical Lutheran conference of the State of Montana in conference assembled, return the greetings and good wishes of the pastors of the Associated Protestant Churches of Lewistown for a profitable and blessed conference.

"Das Wort Sie Solten Lassen Stahn." May this word abide with us in all its truth and purity, and redound to the honor of His glorious name and the salvation of immortal souls.

"H. T. RAUB, President of the Conference. "GUSTAV MERTZ, Secretary Pro Tem."

Opposed to War.
 The following resolutions were adopted and sent to President Wilson and the Montana delegation in congress:

"We, the members of the First English Lutheran Conference of the State of Montana, in annual convention assembled at the city of Lewistown, numbering 31 ministers and voicing the sentiment of approximately 25,000 souls, emphatically protest against any act which might embroil our country in a war with any foreign power.

"We are convinced that any such war, unless waged strictly for defense against foreign invasion, would be nothing less than a crime.

"We, therefore, urge upon you to use all your influence for the purpose of keeping this nation out of the European war."

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CONFERENCE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.
 "By H. T. RAUB, President. "H. H. KUMNICK, Secretary."

The regular services were conducted by Rev. H. Kummick of Power, who delivered an able sermon based on John 8:45-49.

Yesterday's Meetings.
 The Lutheran Pastoral conference held two sessions yesterday, with an interesting public service in the evening.

The feature of the morning session was a discussion of "The Being and Works of the God-head," led by Prof. Paul Bek, of Kallspeil, this occupying practically all of the time.

At the afternoon session Prof. Paul Bek demonstrated before the conference in the manner in which a lesson of scripture should be treated before a Sunday school class.

Officers Chosen.
 The election of officers was next in order and the following were chosen: Rev. H. T. Raub, Billings, president; Rev. A. Lunde, Great Falls, vice-pres-

dent; Rev. H. Kummick, Power, secretary treasurer. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to the reports on the official organ of the conference, the Lutheran Watchman.

In the evening public services were held, Rev. G. Mertz, of Missoula, preaching on the theme, "The Church God's Building," showing that Jesus Christ is the sole foundation upon which the building of believers is erected.

The conference, through its president, Rev. H. T. Raub, extended its thanks to the Lutherans and their pastor, Rev. Paul E. Meyer, for their kind hospitality.

Closes Today.
 Today the conference will wind up its business and adjourn to meet at Butte in October. Rev. Kummick will read a paper on "Evolution" today.

Twenty pastors were present at the conference yesterday, 11 being absent. Those present were:

Rev. H. T. Raub, Billings; M. Hudloff, Butte; A. Lunde, Great Falls; E. Wachsmuth, Great Falls; E. Ziegler, Kallspeil; G. Mertz, Missoula; O. Hellmann, Helena; A. Jordan, Chinook; P. Rohlfing, Libby; C. A. Behnke, Hamilton; M. Kretzmann, Miles City; H. Kummick, Power; L. Beto Hyshem, N. D.; F. Brauer, Dooley; Paul Bek, Kallspeil; Otto von Schoek, Ingomar; George Heilmann, Helena; Paul E. Meyer, Lewistown.

WORK IN HARMONY

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mediate withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico had been brought to a temporary deadlock. Concessions as to limiting the field in which General Pershing's columns will operate hereafter undoubtedly were authorized by the president himself in his conference with Secretary Baker over General Scott's first report. It seemed probable tonight that the tentative agreement would be promptly ratified unless state department officials found some element in it which required further discussion.

An indication of the thoroughness of the administration with the plan hit upon by Generals Scott and Obregon of solving the border problem came with information that the state and treasury departments were preparing to take early action on proposals for exportation of various shipments of arms and ammunition to the Carranza forces.

The tentative agreement said to have been reached at El Paso between Major General Hugh L. Scott and General Alvaro Obregon was generally understood to provide for a gradual retirement of the American forces in Mexico.

This slow process of withdrawal, it was thought, would keep the expedition occupied in policing the restricted zone on the border.

The agreement was further said to provide that the American troops would not enter a Mexican town or come into contact in any way with the Mexican people, in order that friction between the soldiers and civilians might be prevented.

On the other hand General Obregon, it was reported, agreed to pursue the Villistas with all the soldiers that could be made available for this present, in order that the districts of Chihuahua and Durango could be cleared of bandits.

UPRISING IS GROWING.
 DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 3.—The uprising in behalf of Felix Diaz in Sinaloa is growing, according to private advices received here today from that state. A band of sympathizers of the nephew of the former Mexican presi-

dent, numbering several hundred men, was reported advancing northward toward Mazatlan on the Southern Pacific railroad, burning bridges en route.

American arrivals from Hermosillo today reported that there are now between eight and twelve thousand defecto troops in the Yaqui valley. In an engagement fought on April 24 the de facto troops are said to have killed 110 Yaquis and captured approximately 100 old men, women and children.

VILLA LOCATED.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 3.—General Pershing and his staff were still at San Antonio tonight, according to advices received here. Other than the flying pursuit of scattered Villista bands in the vicinity of Satevo, expeditionary troops were said to be stationary.

New reports of Villa's whereabouts were brought unofficially across the border tonight. These placed the band leader well across the Durango line in the mountain about 100 miles south of Parral.

OBREGON'S STATEMENT.

EL PASO, Tex., May 3.—General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican minister of war, tonight issued a statement to The Associated Press in which he said:

"As a result of the conference yesterday with General Scott the atmosphere seems now completely cleared up. There is a much better feeling between Mexicans and Americans and all tension seems vanished.

"An agreement has not been reached but everything is progressing favorably and I have the highest hopes that matters will reach a successful culmination."

It was reported on good authority tonight that General Obregon had received assurances that the terms of the tentative agreement would be acceptable to General Carranza.

Social Notes

O. E. S. Visits Denton.
 W. S. Smith, worthy patron of Marie Chapter, No. 26, O. E. S., and fourteen officers went to Denton by special car on Monday, where they were met at the depot by members of the newly organized Denton chapter and escorted to the Savoy hotel from which place they were shown to the banquet hall where they met Deputy Past Grand Matron Mrs. Malone of Great Falls, who was there for the purpose of organizing Denton chapter O. E. S., U. D. A banquet of several courses was served, presided over by Rev. Taylor. Mrs. Malone occupying the seat of honor. The tables were elaborately

decorated with cut flowers and miniature May poles, the ribbons of which represented the colors of the order, also an O. E. S. pennant, the mascot of the Lewistown delegation. Following the banquet came a session at the Masonic temple where the new chapter was instituted by Mrs. Malone, assisted by Past Patron Smith, and her appointive grand officers: Sisters Hedges, Beatty, Day and Mary Brown. Marie chapter then exemplified the work, after which a delicious mid-night lunch was served. Rev. Taylor, who was elected worthy patron of the Denton chapter favored the audience with a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor, and graciously responded to encores. Mr. and Mrs. Smith enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Miller. Another courtesy shown the delegation was at the Denton hotel Tuesday morning, where a savory breakfast was served. Mrs. Bruhn, worthy matron elect of the Denton chapter escorted the visitors over the town during the morning and at noon they were the luncheon guests of Dr. and Mrs. Woodcock. The hospitality of Denton people was altogether so generous and pleasant that it was with reluctance that the Lewistown visitors took their departure.

A Real Home Party.
 The Presbyterian Home workers are making very careful plans for the party which they will give on Friday afternoon in the church parlors. This will have all the features of a real home party and it is the aim of the hostesses to see that everyone who accepts their invitation enjoys a genuine good time. There will be a program of entertainment and something good to eat and ample opportunity for visiting. Everyone interested may consider herself invited.

Business Session.
 All departments of the Woman's club will meet at the Baptist church this afternoon for a regular session of business. It is hoped that every member who can may be present.

St. Margaret's Guild.
 St. Margaret's Guild gave two very successful social affairs at Guild hall Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, the first being a dancing party and the second devoted to cards.

A BOUNCING BABY BOY.
 Born, April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. George Tubb, a 12½-pound boy.

George Wright and family have just returned to Lewistown after a pleasant sojourn in California. They made the return trip overland by automobile and report a pleasant motor trip.

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