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LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE. Under bright skies and with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Masonic order, the corner stone of the Lewistown Carnegie Library building was laid last Tuesday afternoon. But for the collapse of a poorly constructed platform by which a number of those participating in the ceremonies were slightly injured, everything passed off in accordance with a pre-arranged program. The attendance of citizens was large and great interest was manifested in the proceedings which mean so much to the rising generation of this community. The able address of Hon. F. E. Smith, which appeared in full in our last issue, was listened to attentively. His reference to the early efforts to establish a library in Lewistown as well as the appeal made to Mr. Carnegie in behalf of a building, was of interest to many and showed what had been accomplished from a small beginning. It was through Mr. Smith's earnest solicitation and appeal to the great steel magnate that the generous offer was made, hence his pleasure in seeing the fruition of his hopes being realized.

While Mr. Carnegie's handsome gift is duly appreciated, the generosity and public spirit of our own citizens in providing a lot for the structure must not be overlooked. The library building will meet the needs of the city for years to come and many who enter its portals in search of knowledge will live to pronounce a benediction upon all who were instrumental in providing them with such advantages.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. The teachers' institute last week was probably the most successful from every point of view of any ever held in the county. There was a large attendance of teachers from the county and city schools and much interest and enthusiasm was manifested in the work of every session.

The institute was fortunate in having in attendance such able instructors as Dr. Bagley of the state normal school, President Hamilton of the State Agricultural College and State Superintendent Harmon. In times past the presence of prominent educators of the state could not be relied upon owing to a lack of railroad facilities, and institutes were conducted under discouraging circumstances. But with better methods of travel and a large increase in the number of local instructors the institutes in this county are fast becoming what they are designed to be, of practical benefit to teachers and patrons alike.

Not only to the visiting educators, but to our energetic county superintendent, Miss Meyersick, and the able corps of local teachers, is a large measure of credit due for making the institute one of profit and pleasure. Lewistown is fast becoming an educational center of its own, a fact which the visitors were quick in discovering. The lectures given were helpful to the teachers and will aid and inspire them to greater efforts in the high calling in which they are devoting their time and talents.

Fortunate, indeed, is Montana in having at the head of its public schools a man so thoroughly capable and energetic as Prof. Harmon. Under his supervision the schools of this state are fast becoming the equal of those of other commonwealths, and it is to be hoped that he will be retained in his present position for some years to come, notwithstanding that the office is a political one, a fact that sometimes works injury to the public schools and is of doubtful policy.

HOW IT HAPPENED. A writer in the Record-Herald gives the following version as to how Jerry Simpson came to be called the "sockless statesman": The "sockless" episode occurred at Sterling, Kansas, while Jerry was making his campaign. He was making a speech to a composite audience, largely made up of alliance men, some

Republicans and a few Democrats. Jerry's personal appearance was far from what the appellation of "sockless statesman" would naturally suggest to one unacquainted with the man. Although uncouth in speech, he looked more like a prosperous country banker than a rough, weather-beaten, mortgage-plastered old farmer. So when he touched up the corpulent aristocrats the incongruity of this well-dressed man calling them "silk stockings," "mortgage sharks" and the like seemed altogether preposterous. A horny-handed old farmer who hadn't joined the alliance at this juncture called out: "Pears to me, Jerry, that you uns wear silk stockin's, too."

Quick as a wink Jerry pulled up his trousers. "My friend, there are all the stockings I ever wore. If you don't see them from where you are come over and touch them." And Jerry showed a bare leg half way to his knee. He did have on a pair of socks, but they scarcely showed above the tops of his big shoes, so that they deceived everybody. Somebody in the audience shouted out: "By gosh, he ain't got any!" and Jerry Simpson's fame had dawned. From that time on Jerry was called the "sockless statesman." This nickname spread all over the Seventh district like a wild prairie fire, and Jerry was too smart to deny the report at that juncture.

Some enterprising newspaper having stated that Secretary of War Taft was an active candidate for the presidency, that official made a denial in the Washington Post, saying: "I have no intention of resigning from the cabinet to make a campaign for the presidency, and furthermore, I have no intention whatever of making a campaign for the office of the nation's chief executive." Commenting on this declaration, the Butte Inter-Mountain says: "This statement is as unequivocal as President Roosevelt's announcement that he would not accept nomination for a third term. With Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft out of the race, any dark horse, at this time, may be played to win." The Inter-Mountain puts it too strongly. Mr. Taft simply says that he is not seeking the nomination and will not make a campaign for the office. He does not say that he would decline the offer if it came to him without self-seeking. Starting out early and laying plans to secure the nomination is not always the best way to get the coveted prize. The time has come when the voters of both parties have more to say in selecting candidates for the presidency. Mr. Taft may not be the Republican nominee of his party, but he is pursuing the wise course in not seeking the office this early in the game.

The time has come to put a check to the manner in which Halloween is observed in Lewistown. Every man was once a boy. The most of them were boys in the full sense of the word. Most men want to see boys have a good time while they are young and free from care, knowing that trouble will come soon enough. But there is a difference in boys. Some of them exercise reason and are content with fun that does not lead to excess. Others will go the limit and commit acts of a criminal nature, either thoughtlessly or intentionally. A few of the latter kind were around last Tuesday night and did considerable malicious mischief, according to reports. Complaint is made that in various parts of the city electric lamps were broken with stones and the streets rendered dark, in some instances several dollars worth of damage being done. This is going too far, and in the future special deputies should be appointed to arrest all boys discovered in the act of destroying or injuring property. It might be well to ring the curfew at 8 o'clock on the evening of October 31st. Halloween, the vigil of all saints day, should not be observed in a riotous and unseemly manner.

Corporations need regulation, but we must not forget there are no troubles about regulating corporations where the poverty of the country is such that it is not worth while to form corporations. There is no difficulty either in regulating railroads where the resources are so few that it does not pay to build railroads. The growth of corporations means the growth of industrial fortunes, the growth of wealth and some very unfortunate accompaniments, but it seems to me the worst damage the people of wealth can do to the rest of us is to awaken in our breasts either the mean vice of worshipping mere wealth or viewing with rancorous envy and hatred every man of wealth because the wealthy corporation is the creature of the state. It should always be held accountable to the sovereign power, and this accountability should be real, not sham. Therefore, in my judgment, corporations should be held accountable to the federal government. But we should not strive to limit nor prevent corporate activity.—President Roosevelt.

during fair week a socialist orator, Mrs. Crouch-Hazlett, delivered several addresses on the streets of Lewistown. In one of her talks she made the statement that "President Roosevelt accepted and received the nomination for the presidency only on condition that he would not accept a nomination for another term." This promise, she said, he made to the "Wall street capitalists." At the close of the talk she gave an opportunity for questions. A well known citizen of the county, taking no stock in what she said about President

Roosevelt, out of curiosity asked her where he could find the authority for the above statement. The lady replied, "Write the editor of the Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas." He did so, and the editor replied, "I do not remember that anything like the statement concerning Roosevelt has ever appeared in this paper." The gentleman says that the statement was made without any qualification and adds, "If this then falls what of the less potent falsities of this apostle for the regulating of the means of production and distribution?"

A monument in honor of J. Sterling Morton was unveiled at Nebraska City last Saturday in the presence of thousands of visitors from all parts of the state. Ex-president Cleveland made the principal address, paying eloquent tribute to the founder of Arbor Day and secretary of agriculture, during his last administration. The monument is a statue of Mr. Morton, mounted on a massive pedestal and is said to be a specimen of the sculptor's art. Not only the people of Nebraska alone but of the whole country should hold the dead secretary in grateful remembrance, for the association of his name with Arbor Day. His motto was, "Plant a tree," and he repeated it in and out of season and practiced what he preached. He was an earnest, practical man, who put his ideas into shape to bring results, as the beauties of "Arbor Lodge," his Nebraska estate, bear ample testimony.

Bishop Brewer of this state went on record as opposed to woman suffrage at the recent conference of the Sixth Missionary district held in Denver. Bishop Brewer presided over the conference, and his stand on woman suffrage came upon the vote on a resolution offered by Bishop Edsall of Minneapolis, which, in effect, would allow women to serve as delegates to future conventions. Bishop Brewer, on the vote, arose and announced himself as opposed to woman suffrage in any form. "I'm opposed to woman suffrage," said the bishop. "I don't want to see women made vestrymen or wardens, which the adoption of this resolution would lead to." The statement of the bishop created a sensation, and in deference to him the objectionable resolution was finally withdrawn. Possibly the bishop wants to share in the many good things the strong minded are passing up to Grover Cleveland these days.

The Meagher Republican has mapped out what it thinks would be a feasible route through that county for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. As the officials are considering a route that will take the road along the southern entrance to the Yellowstone National park it would not be wise for central or northern Montana to build high hopes on getting this road. The company will consider nothing but its own interests in building through this state.

Governor La Follette, of Wisconsin, has decided to take his seat in the senate when congress convenes. With Roosevelt in the executive mansion and La Follette in the upper house there will be something doing in Washington this winter.

Montana still leads every state in the Union in the number of sheep raised and the amount of wool produced. In the United States are 38,342,073 sheep, which last year produced 291,783,622 pounds of wool valued at \$64,949,959.

Owing to the shortage of cars on the Great Northern, a large number of Valley county stockmen have driven their cattle to the Soo line for shipment this fall. The Soo should stretch out a little farther west.

The insurance investigation in New York City has been postponed until after the municipal election. Nothing exceeds in interest and importance an election in the nation's metropolis.

Russia's grand dual party has at last discovered that Sergius Witte is a bigger man than old man Nick.

Grover Cleveland visited Nebraska last week. He first made sure that Mr. Bryan was out of the state.

The czar's rule of absolutism is at an end in Russia. Wonder is that it was endured so long.

Perhaps we are going to get our Indian summer after all.

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Plenty of City Property. Fames Pathway. The princess of Wales has had a magnificent picnic motor car built for the use of herself and her children. Benjamin Slade of Thorpe farm, Aston Upton, Berkshire, England, whose will was proved lately, was a member of the family which has occupied that farm in unbroken succession since 1552. First Lieutenant Henry L. Harris and Second Lieutenant Morton Russell formerly of the Twenty-second United States Infantry, will receive \$7,000 and \$5,000 a year respectively as colonel and major in the Chinese army. Dr. D. K. Parsons has completed a cycle of gifts to colleges amounting to \$245,000—a \$1000 gift for each day of the year. On September 19 he announced a gift of \$25,000 to the Montana College School of Manual Arts at Deer Lodge, Mont. "That closes the cycle for the year," he said. Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia is working steadily on the writing of the memoirs of General Jubal A. Early, the distinguished confederate leader. The senator has but recently returned to his home in Washington from an extended trip in search of material for notes and additions to the book. Promotions for Robertson. Mr. R. A. Harlow, President of the Montana Railroad, announces, effective, Nov. 1 appointment of F. T. Robertson general manager, headquarters at Helena, the office of general superintendent being abolished. No Case of Pneumonia on Record. We do not know of a single instance where a cough or cold resulted in pneumonia or consumption when Foley's Honey and Tar had been taken. It cures coughs and colds perfectly, so do not take chances with some unknown preparation which may contain opiates, which cause constipation, a condition that retards recovery from cold. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse and substitute offered. Wilson Drug Co. Fo.

The Country Weekly. I've been a city dweller now for nearly twenty years; I'm mighty fond of city life and shed no bitter tears For dear old rural scenes and sights I left in "old lang syne"; I do not sigh for olden days or wish those days were mine. But though I've left all that behind, one thing I cherish yet— The little country weekly called the "Friendlyville Gazette." With its "Items" and its "Gleanings" and its "People That You Meet," I never skip a local in that little weekly sheet. "Hi Weston come to town today and bought a pound of nails." "Jim Hopper's going to get a wife unless his corn crop fails." "Y editor received a call from Uncle Reuben Glenn. Glad to see you, Uncle Reube, be sure and call again." "Fred Eisen Sundayed here this week and called upon his best." "They say that Harry Appleby is sparkling Susie West." "George Hawkins is a hustler and he doesn't mind expense. He's built a handsome horseblock and a fine new picket fence." The doings of the countryside, I find them all complete In the blurred and wobbly columns of that little weekly sheet. "Society in Friendlyville has had a busy spell There's been a heap of parties which was mighty fine and swell." "Miss Susan Morton give a tea last Wednesday to her friends. She thinks she will give another one before the season ends: A very pleasant time was had by everyone who went." "The Williamases has entertained to quite a large extent; They give a party Friday night which made their friends all glad. Most everyone was present and a very pleasant time was had." There's nothing in the world of print that can begin to beat The chatty "social column" of the little weekly sheet. The little country weekly with its kindly, cheerful way. Its record of the villagers and what they do or say. Its gentle digs and simple jokes, its patented inside, Its disregard of grammar and its jaunty local pride: There's something hidden in it that no city paper shows. A quiet sort of comradeship, a friendliness that glows. You scan its ill-set columns, you read

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