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IN OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON LETTER

January 22, 1915.

It would not be right to begin a new letter this week without mentioning the fact that President Wilson is now possessed of a new dignity—that of grandfather. The baby boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Savre and was born at the White House Sunday afternoon.

It now seems likely that the President's contemplated trip to Panama, en route to San Francisco, will be abandoned and the President will go to the Exposition at a later date, and by rail.

Those who are practically leaders in the Senate say, that an extra session of Congress is not only a possibility but a certainty, and that Congress will be in session until late in the summer.

It is understood that an attempt will be made to pass legislation doing away with the narrow restrictions now hedging around our ocean commerce, so that our ships may compete with those of foreign nations on an equal basis. Should wise legislation of this character be enacted, there is no doubt that it would be a great impetus to

ship building in this country and furnish work to many idle hands.

Should the coming Congress pass legislation which will actually build up our merchant marine and place this country, in that respect, where it should be, it may look back in future years with just pride in its accomplishment, as having done something great and lasting for its country and people.

The Republicans in the Senate are determined to fight the ship purchase bill, which is one of the President's pet measures. Many Democrats are also opposed to the bill in its present form. They feel to have the government enter the transportation business would lead to undesirable complications and would not be for the best interests of the country.

The American steamer Greenbrier, bound for Bremen with a cargo of cotton under certificate of the British consul at New York, was stopped by a British cruiser, the American flag lowered and replaced by the British flag, under which flag the Greenbrier was escorted to a British port and searched. The Department has demanded an explanation of this act on the part of Great Britain.

The Rural Roundup

Items Sent in By The Courier's Special Corps of News Gatherers

MALTA ITEMS

Malta, Mont., Jan. 27, 1915.

Revival services are still being held in the M. E. church.

Dr. G. W. Clay spent Saturday here in the interests of his profession.

Sunday afternoon the new Brethren church was dedicated for services.

Edward White, the insurance man, spent a few days at home here last week.

Mrs. G. Howe of Wagner spent Thursday and Friday here with Mrs. A. W. Schilling.

Rev. S. Blackison held Episcopal services here Sunday and his sermons were well received.

Miss Mabel Peck returned to Malta Thursday after spending nearly three years at Glasgow employed in the county clerk's office.

Wednesday night of this week the Odd Fellows lodge held public installation to which the Rebekahs were invited as well as a number of others. A fine lunch was served at the conclusion of business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schilling left for Minneapolis Sunday night where they were called as witnesses in the Great Northern-Kauffman case, which has been in the courts for some time. They expect to be gone at least ten days.

The Bachelor Girls' Club held their usual meeting Friday night, after which refreshments were served. They netted about \$80 at the "Spinsters' Convention" recently, which money has been donated to the public school

library for the purchase of books.

W. Schlect, chief engineer of the reclamation service entertained the members of the service and a few others, at the bank hall Wednesday night. As all the field men have been called in, they greatly enjoyed the occasion, after the year's hard field work.

Mrs. Bolinger, of Bozeman, president of the Rebekah Assembly paid the Malta lodge a visit last Thursday. In the evening a special meeting was held and the work of the degree staff exemplified. At the conclusion of the business session a most elaborate supper was served. Mrs. Bolinger was delighted with her visit and with the work of the order.

Only a few days are left now until the election for Phillips county. Friday the town was visited by many of the candidates who went to Wagner in the evening to attend the candidates ball there. Some of those out for office are making a house to house canvass realizing that the ladies are greatly interested in the coming election and like to see and talk with those for whom they expect to cast their ballots.

Monday evening quite a number of parents and patrons of the school gathered at the school building and formed a School Welfare League. Prof. Elliot was chosen president and G. Davis, secretary. The Mozart orchestra played several pleasing selections and Rev. Perry of the Congregational church and Prof. Elliot made interesting talks, after which refreshments of sandwiches, cake, pickles and coffee were served.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Garland entertained at dinner in honor of their oldest son, Edwin's, sixteenth birthday. Those present were Prof. Elliot and Miss Robertson, his present teachers, Miss Mabel Peck, his first teacher, Misses Ayer, Gerber, Hakes, Remore, the other teachers of the school, Miss Gladys Robinson and Harold Gerber. An invitation to the Garland home is always accepted with pleasure as one meets with such pleasant hospitality. After dinner the evening was

spent with music, guessing contest and dancing until eleven o'clock. Prof. Elliot won head prize in the guessing contest and was awarded a lovely box of home made candy. The consolation prize was a tie between Miss Hakes and Harold Gerber, who drew to decide and it falling to Harold Gerber, he was presented with a small whip.

HOPE VALLEY NEWS

John McCullough visited with Max Krueger last week.

Lots of snow makes it look good for a crop next season.

R. C. Arnold and Harry Mikkelson, are at Glasgow this week.

Mr. Bakke is circulating a petition for a saloon at Philadelphia.

Frank Pehan bought a team from Bill Hoffman the other day.

Gourdeaux and Dement finished putting up ice for Frazee at Glentana.

Mildred Lidke and Mildred Kirk were out buggy riding the other day. Some snow girls.

Most of the settlers in Hope Valley have filed and now feel permanently fostered to their "farmsteads."

Mrs. Kirk is having all her butchering done now. Billy Kouminsky is the main actor.

A petition against a saloon at Philadelphia is being circulated and quite generally signed.

R. Dudley was out from Scobey the other day and stopped over night at Hope Valley Farm.

A. Crandall has bought a team of "brons" from Will Hoffman and is busy breaking them now.

Kommenski finished hauling 30 tons of hay he sold to F. H. Derrig. Anna Horton drove to Opheim the other day.

Jim Harkness and Roland Arnold moved the well boring machine from Glentana to Gourdeaux's and are boring for water there.

Mr. Mulson of Philadelphia passed through the valley the other day, having been to Opheim to file and on other business.

The dance and social held at the Kirk school house was fairly well attended and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by those present.

It is reported that Pehan lost his sled and Wells boys a load of merchandise in the Scobey Feed barn by fire.

A threshermen's association called "The Porcupine" was organized at a meeting held at the Kirk school house last Friday for the purpose of organizing the threshermen of this North Country so as to better the mutual interest of all. John Mason was elected president, Harry Mikkelson, Vice President; Art P. Arnold, Secretary; R. C. Arnold, Treasurer. It was agreed to hold another meeting at Glentana the first Saturday in February and a large attendance of threshermen is looked for.

Hurrah for Senator Fishbeck of Sheridan county. His introducing a local option "Herd Law" bill proves him to be a farmer's friend. Every farmer in the northern part of Valley County ought to petition our Senator and Representatives to work hard to pass the law get away from having their crops destroyed by range stock. If this is a farming country, let's have laws for farming. Very few farmers can afford to fence their half section homesteads and what few range stock men that are in this locality can easily fence what little stock they now have range for. If they can't they had better quit and go to farming.

The West Poplar Farmers' Club got together the night of the social and decided to meet in the near future to arrange for a "Gopher Day", which is to be held at the proper time next spring. They hope to get all the farmers to join and work to the end of more sociability and to learn farming from each other. We think a great many gophers can be exterminated by all setting out poison on a certain day and repeating the dose in a week or ten days. In that way Mr. Gopher will find sweet meats wherever he goes. The members up to the present time are: S. G. Watts, LaRue G. Kirk, Frank Sutcliffe, James Ray, R. C. Arnold, J. G. Dewent, Mrs. MacDement, Mildred Lidke, Anna Horten, Mrs. Bertha Arnold, Agrus Mikkelson, C. Henry Mikkelson, Carl Mikkelson, Art P. Arnold, Mrs. Rudolph Glass, Rudolph Glass, George T. Hanson, R. J. Gourdeaux, Wm. Kommenski, Roland Arnold, Edward E. Arnold, Mrs. C. A. Arnold, E. W. Tamer. The old officers are Harry Mikkelson, President; S. G. Watts, Secretary and Treasurer, and the meeting place is Kirks' school house.

SNOW COULEE

Miss Laura Mittlestadt is attending school at Opheim.

Clyde Squires made a business trip to Glasgow this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tremper are spending the winter in Helena.

Aug. Mittelstadt, made a business call at the Quast home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ayers visited Sunday at the Herman Mittelstadt home.

Edgar Jennings has been visiting with Wm. Hines for the past couple of days.

Delmar McVee and wife have been visiting in and around Glasgow for

the past two weeks.

Miss Jennie Redfield entertained at dancing New Year's Eve. Everybody present had a fine time.

Mrs. M. G. Hansen entertained at Whist Thursday evening, January 15. A dainty two-course luncheon was served at midnight. All spent a very enjoyable evening.

A dance was given at the home of Edgar Jennings Friday evening, January 8th. About forty were present. The Snow Coulee orchestra furnished the music. Everyone had a rousing good time.

Come again Ed.

NORTH BENCH

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byer and family visited at Ed Acelson's Sunday.

Ivan Collins has gone back to Hinsdale where he expects to enter school.

Luther Byer has been hauling straw from the Cauffman place this week.

Will Peters, who is working on the ice in town, visited his wife last Sunday.

Fred Miles and son Ford, have been breaking colts this week, getting them ready for spring work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Vertz went to Glasgow last Saturday. Both had dental work done while there.

Mrs. J. R. Rice took advantage of the beautiful day last Sunday and in company with her husband, visited their son Charlie Rice and family.

Quite a bit of difference in the temperature this morning than usual, 25 below now. There's more snow on the ground now than there was last winter.

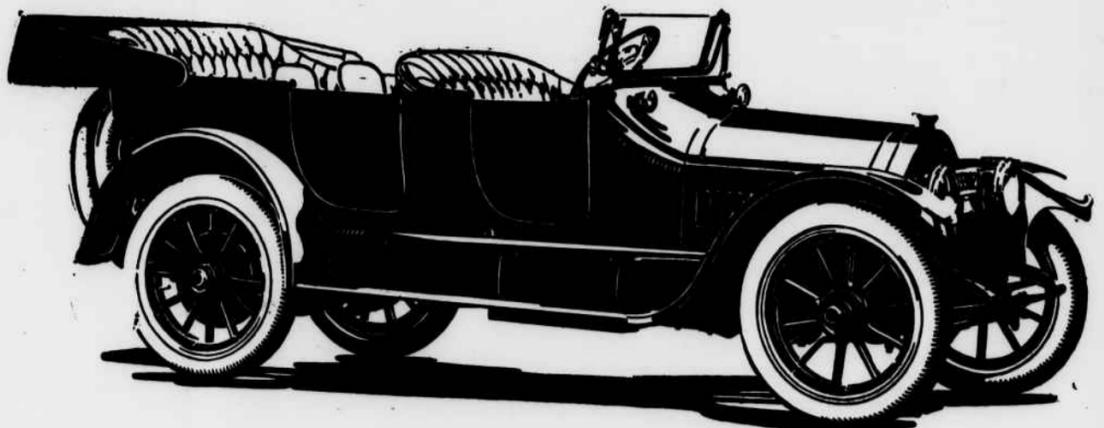
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