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#### NOTHING SURPRISING

With its usual inconsistent and childish methods, one of the erstwhile prominent newspapers of the county takes a rap at the present board of county commissioners on the pending bond issue which is now being negotiated. The paper goes on to berate the board for saddling an additional bond issue onto the people of Valley County, and with usual inconsistency, fails to tell the people that the bond issue is floated to take up outstanding warrants that are now drawing six per cent annually and if the taxpayer will stop to figure a few moments (and taking this newspaper's words for the fact that "the half cent over five per cent runs into a lot of money on a bond issue of that size") will not the same rule apply when we say that the half cent under six per cent will make a lot of difference in the amount of interest paid on the outstanding warrants. The bond issue is not an additional debt, but is a bond issue created to lower the amount of interest that the taxpayers of the county are now paying. The outstanding warrants are already a liability and the bond issue simply cuts down the amount of interest one-half per cent. Isn't it a good business proposition for the county, Mr. Taxpayer?

Moreover the sale of these bonds at this time will distribute the payment of these warrants over a term of several years, thus relieving the strain on our present taxpayers and extending the time of payment so that people who come here in after years, and reap the benefits of the improvements being made, will also help to pay for them.

Our friend does not go on to tell the good people that on January 1st, 1913, when the Bull Moose organization took charge of the county affairs our sinking fund showed a cash balance of \$30,280.97 to protect the principal and interest on \$150,000.00 of outstanding bonds and that two years

later, when the county was turned over to the present board but \$17,413.99 was in the sinking fund to protect an enlarged bond issue of \$215,000.00, a decrease of approximately \$13,000.00 in cash and an increase of \$65,000.00 in bonded indebtedness; (which by the way, was floated by the Bull Moosers without consulting the people) and in addition to this left us with approximately \$150,000.00 in outstanding warrants drawing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, which mean an interest outlay, between the two, of \$18,665.00 yearly. This may enlighten the taxpayer as to why the credit of the county is, not as good as it was two years ago and why the rate of interest on the present bond issue is higher than it has heretofore been.

All of these facts were just as strongly in evidence last year as they are this but did our friend tell the people anything about the existing conditions at that time? Not he. He was working diligently at that time for the re-election of the people who placed the county in such a precarious financial condition and had no time to devote to the interests of the taxpayers at large.

Mr. Taxpayer, you are a stockholder in the great corporation of Valley County, just as the editor of this paper is. He claims to know the facts in regards to the manner in which the county business is being handled, and you also have a right to know for yourself. If you will call at the court house any day and take thirty minutes looking over the records you will learn the actual conditions and you will also know that the figures are correct.

The editor of the Courier is acquainted with every officer in the court house and is indebted to them for the figures shown above and we know that any one of them will gladly go into details and help you on any proposition in which you may be interested.

#### CAN'T

When one of his captains said a thing was impossible, Napoleon cried, "Impossible! Impossible is the adjective of fools!"

There is a class of individuals who, when asked to do a thing that is unusual or that seems difficult, will answer at once "I can't" or "It can't be done." These are the persons who never accomplish anything by themselves because they fear to undertake what seems to them impossible. They need somebody who is not afraid, who does not know the word "Can't," to point out the way to them, to urge them on.

Since time began "Can't" has not accomplished one thing. And it never will. It means Idleness, Sloth, Failure. "Can" and "Will" have done all the world's work. They have borne the burden of Effort and enjoyed the fruit of Achievement.

"I can't" is foolish. To state the negative of any proposition as a proved fact implies much experience and many demonstrations. To say that a thing can't be done means that every possible way of doing it has been tried. And even when you think this is the case there may be some other way that has not yet occurred to you.

Look about you in your shop or office at the men who have done and are doing things, the men who are

"somebody," who stand out above the others. You'll find they are the men who are "somebody", who stand out above the others. You'll find they are the men who have done the "impossible" things.

When you want advice or instruction or want to have something done, whom do you ask? Certainly not the one who tells you he "can't."

When a person who is asked to do something difficult replies, "Well, it may be hard, but I'll find a way to do it," don't you feel more confidence in him than in anyone else? Don't you feel that he's a good man to tie to?

Whole libraries have been written about the remarkable struggles and achievements of successful men. Not a word about the "I Can't's." While it is probable that you will not be called on to endure the trials of a Goodyear, a Field, or a Westinghouse, yet it should be remembered that these men accomplished their great work only because the lesson of "It can be done and I can do it" had been learned by them in the school of every day affairs. They had prepared themselves for big things by doing the little things of daily life.

Watch yourself tomorrow when you are at your work. You plan to do a thing in a certain way. Something necessitates a rearrangement of your plans. It means trouble, extra labor, more time. It may seem impossible at first and you are tempted to say it can't be done. Just stop before you say it. Think! You have been given brains. Use them!

To get extraordinary results you must do unusual "stunts." And it's just the man who does such things that gets to the top. People learn to have confidence in him. They know that if it can be done he will do it. Make up your mind to be that one.

#### MONTANA'S AGRICULTURAL PRIZES

Again Montana scores in agriculture. This state has been awarded the grand prize for agriculture at the Panama-California exposition at San Diego. After winning more agricultural prizes in San Francisco than any other state it repeats the performance at the smaller exhibition at the southern California city. In the face of this double triumph it will be difficult for doubters anywhere to question the agricultural pre-eminence of Montana. In practically all exhibitions of agricultural products in this country for the past seven or eight years Montana has come out ahead. It should also be remembered in this connection that last year was not a particularly good year in Montana agriculture; in fact somewhat below the average. This year's crops could have made a better showing.

When one remembers that less than a score of years ago Montana's agricultural future was regarded as something of a joke by all but the best informed and the most optimistic, one appreciates how tremendous has been the advance since then. Less than ten years ago, even, there was a very considerable proportion of the people in the state and a still larger proportion outside the state who had little idea of its possible development along agricultural lines. Nobody in Montana now doubts we are all boosters for Montana farms; and the peo-

ple of the country in general are better informed.

This year the government estimates that the yield of Montana wheat will be about 30,000,000 bushels. To people who have traveled about the state and noted the magnificent crops growing in all sections, and who get some idea of the acreage under wheat, that estimate seems altogether too small; and the same might be said of the government's estimate on oats. But whether that estimate is too small or not there is no questioning the fact that we are making tremendous strides as a wheat growing state; greater strides, perhaps, than any other state ever made in the same length of time.

In commenting on this second triumph at the California fairs the members of the commission that have had these exhibits in charge should not be overlooked. Heretofore The Tribune has praised the work of that commission in bringing about these splendid results. Considering the small amount of money available and the other handicaps under which they worked it is little short of miraculous that they were able to get together

so good an exhibit, making all allowances for the superiority of Montana grains and grasses.—Great Falls Tribune.

#### RAILROAD VALUATION

The following table, prepared by J. J. Ryan, clerk of the state board of equalization, shows the 1915 railroad valuation in the different counties:

Beaverhead	\$ 2,000,834
Big Horn	1,547,738
Blaine	1,196,503
Broadwater	1,262,296
Carbon	1,519,038
Cascade	4,402,170
Chouteau	1,941,842
Custer	1,881,616
Dawson	1,207,971
Deer Lodge	1,070,392
Fallon	718,431
Flathead	2,567,593
Fergus	2,751,315
Gallatin	2,767,509
Granite	1,391,066
Hill	2,320,752
Jefferson	2,769,785
Lewis and Clark	2,080,879
Lincoln	2,665,799
Madison	885,164
Meagher	2,577,424
Mineral	2,789,802
Missoula	3,374,513
Musselshell	2,302,160
Park	1,628,164

Powell	2,118,684
Phillips	1,131,966
Prairie	1,529,643
Ravalli	614,850
Richland	344,110
Rosebud	3,306,299
Sanders	2,841,190
Sheridan	2,792,361
Silver Bow	2,921,883
Stillwater	840,968
Sweet Grass	814,109
Teton	2,869,802
Toole	2,367,839
Valley	1,665,617
Wibaux	377,719
Yellowstone	3,031,884
Total	\$79,188,880

Wonderful Control—Mrs. Dents (at the ball game excitedly)—"Isn't our pitcher perfectly grand, Tyrus? He hits the club nearly every throw."—Joplin Times.

Just a month and everything will be ready for the beginning of the thirtieth annual Montana State Fair. Those expecting to make entries are urged to send them in as early as possible.

If New York gets hold of the statement that it costs \$15,000 to get killed in Europe, all of her gunmen will be striking for higher wages.

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