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OUR COUNTY FAIR

There are three days in the year that every citizen of Valley County should set aside as a holiday, and this year they are September 6th, 7th and 8th, the dates of the Valley County Fair. Monday morning, at nine o'clock the gates to the grounds in which are exhibited Valley County's best products will be thrown open and the people will have an opportunity to see what has been done agriculturally the past season. No event of the year is more important to the county as a whole than this annual exposition of the progress of the county and its various communities.

The County Fair, when its real purpose is kept in mind, has a real value in every community. Secretary Moore and the Directors have kept this fundamental purpose in mind in making preparations for the Valley County event, and while there will be amusement in plenty for everyone, the fair will be first of all be an exposition of this community's growth and achievements.

While the harvest season is later this year than usual, and many farmers are busy in the fields, yet no matter how busy the days may seem, it will pay every farmer to take at least one day off to attend the county fair, meeting friends and neighbors and renewing acquaintances with other farmers from the more distant parts of the county, and best of all, taking stock of the steady advance of conditions in his home county. And not only the farmer, but the farmer's family, from wife to the baby will be better for a day at the county fair.

And it will be well to remember, that the county fair is your affair, that it is an institution of the county, not of any single section, least of all a Glasgow institution. This city will do its share, but if the fair is to be a real success, every part of the county will have to contribute its share also. And every part of the

county will benefit in proportion to the interest it shows.

\$200 TRACTOR

The \$200 tractor which Henry Ford says he is going to put on the market may have far-reaching effects upon agriculture. Mr. Ford usually accomplishes what he sets out to do. It is not likely that he would start the construction of a plant for the manufacture on a large scale of a tractor that would draw a plow, a harrow, a mowing machine and do other farm work usually performed by horses.

Within recent years much improvement has been made in farm tractors, but still they didn't fill the bill. The difficulty has lain in producing a tractor that would grip the soil sufficiently to enable it to drag a plow. Another difficulty hard to overcome was the cost. That was the trouble in the early days of the automobile. Mr. Ford has had considerable experience in improving and cheapening automobiles, and the public reposes faith in him when he says he can do as much for tractors.

It is argued by some that if an efficient \$200 tractor can be built, it will lower the cost of living. The price of potatoes and many other products which are dependent upon the tilling of the soil will fall, because it will be easier and less expensive to produce them and because the quantities will be enormously increased. A successful tractor will plow five or more acres where a team plows one, just as an automobile can go many times farther than a horse can go and can do it in an hour, where it requires a horse a day. The reason that farmers do not plow more land is that they haven't the time and cannot afford to do it. But if an acre of land can be plowed with a \$200 tractor for a few cents, the price of a gallon or so of gasoline, much additional land, particularly here in the West, will be put to use by the tractor. A cheap tractor, cheaply operated, would reclaim hundreds of acres. A tractor would likewise enable a far better cultivation of rich lands already under cultivation and would greatly increase the yield per acre. Corn and potatoes would receive more attention because farmers would have the time and could do the work far more easily than now.

A writer in the Utica Observer remarks that the associated press and other agencies have told of the new tractor, so that it appears certain that Ford is going into the business of manufacturing them. If he is successful, he will do a work equal to McCormick, and the result will be to add greatly to the food supply, the comfort and the prosperity of not only the United States, but to the peoples of the world, as reapers have done.

Even if the cheap farm tractor is not upon the market within a year, it seems certain that such a machine will be upon the market in a very few years.

BANKERS VISIT MONTANA

Montana bankers are to hold a convention in Glacier Park next Friday and Saturday, and during their stay of two days, it is planned that the bankers from the east—powerful financiers—will stop for a day en route to a convention to be held at Seattle. The opportunity for the bankers

of the country to get together on a plan to finance the movement of crops or the storage of them, is excellent and Montana bankers, especially, should be able to figure out a system whereby the state will reap the reward of its labor in the fields and on the ranches this year, assisted as they have been by prodigal nature.

The more money the farmers receive for their crops, the more there will be to distribute among every line of human endeavor in the state. If they require cash for tidings over immediate needs and thus be enabled to hold their wheat for a better market than the one the speculators are trying to establish on the eve of crop movement, they will have accomplished something which will be good business for them as well as every citizen of Montana.

Eastern bankers have heard of the marvelous resources of Montana and they have expressed a desire to stop here en route from their homes and hear at first hand from their brother financiers of what the state has. It is stated that many of the eastern and middle west bankers propose to stop off for a stay of several days in Montana, en route home from the Seattle convention. It is well. Montanans will be glad to show them the goods.—Helena Independent.

Bryan's recent actions do not at all please the Odebolt Chronicle. Mr. Bryan is now selling chautauqua engagements at \$500 and he is getting them, too. This leads the Chronicle to give expression to the following: "Think of it! Here is a man who has been the candidate of his party upon three different occasions for president. Finally, a grateful president, and an admiring people, made him secretary of state. One would think that to attain such eminence would have a sobering influence upon the life of any man, and that he would repay his country with a dignified attitude and a determination to do his best for the nation, come what may. Instead of that at the first crisis in our national affairs Bryan turned tail and ran. Now he attempts to cash the notoriety he gained in his public capacity into real coin—at the expense of our national dignity. He has a right to his views, of course, but when he attempts to cash in on them he leads one to believe that his whole course has been prompted by mercenary motives; that he values our money more than our well-being; that he gave up the portfolio of state when he did because he saw that out of the notoriety he had gained he could line his pockets. To our way of thinking that is a mighty poor way to repay his country for the way it has fondled him in the past."

THE PRESS MEETING

The editors of Montana held their midsummer meeting the last three days of last week at the thriving little city of Billings, noted for its particular stripe of boosters from one end of the country to the other. The meeting was the most successful ever held by the Montana State Press Association and was also the best attended.

There was a noticeable desire among the newspaper men this year to devote more time to business and less to entertainment and many im-

portant business problems were taken up and discussed at length by the craft.

The Billings citizens did themselves proud in furnishing entertainment to the visiting newspaper men and their wives and from the time the delegates arrived in the city until they left there was not an idle moment.

Altogether the 1915 meeting was a most enjoyable and successful one and we earnestly hope that we may be able to attend in 1916.

AUGUST WEATHER REPORT

Havre, September 1, 1915.—The Monthly Meteorological Summary, with comparative data, for the month of August, 1915, issued from the local office, U. S. Weather Bureau, shows that clear, warm weather prevailed throughout the month was an excess in the daily mean temperature of 3 degrees as compared with the normal. There were no high winds, nor other unusual weather conditions, and all was exceptionally beneficial for the ripening and harvesting of crops.

The mean temperature for the month was 70 degrees. The highest temperature was 94 degrees on August 9th and the lowest was 44 degrees on the 29th, making a monthly absolute range in temperature of 50 degrees. The highest temperature recorded for the month of August from

36 years of record was 106 degrees on August 1, 1908, and the lowest for the same period was 27 degrees on August 27th, 1910.

The total precipitation for the month was 0.94 inches which is 0.32 inches below the normal. There was excessive rain on August 3rd when 0.44 inches fell in 20 minutes. No hail fell during the month. There were 27 clear days, 2 partly cloudy and 2 cloudy days. The percentage of possible sunshine was 82 degrees. Thunderstorms occurred on 3, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20 and 21st.—C. W. Ling, Observer, Weather Bureau.

SENTENCED TO PEN

Ed Brock and Harry Clark, charged with breaking into several places in Hinsdale last week, were taken before Judge Utter in the District Court Thursday morning and plead guilty to the charge of burglary in the first degree. Both were given sentences of from two and one half to five years at hard labor in Deer Lodge Penitentiary.

AUTO OVERTURNS

Dr. Hoyt's big White automobile overturned Tuesday afternoon when the road gave way, severely bruising the occupants. Dr. Hoyt and three nurses, Miss Huber of Great Falls, Miss Tillman and Miss Wheeler were on their way to Mrs. Flaherty's on Cherry Creek when one side of the

road that crosses the creek gave way. The heavy car turned completely over, smashing the top, the windshield and the steering gear. The nurses were badly bruised, but fortunately escaped without serious injury. Dr. Hoyt, however, wrnched his ankle and was injured about the body.

This was the second accident within two weeks to happen at this place in the road, and the County Commissioners are investigating the causes for the accident.

PRESS ELECTS OFFICERS

The Montana State Press Association in session at Billings, last week, elected Walter Alderson, of the Red Lodge Pickett, President; J. A. Gilly of Lewistown, Vice President; George H. Cade of Kalispell, second vice president; H. C. Anderson of Harlem, third Vice President; S. E. Peterson of Great Falls, Secretary and H. B. Mitchell of Great Falls, Treasurer.

The place of holding the next convention, which will probably be at Mammoth Hot Springs in the Yellowstone National Park was left to the executive committee.

After the meeting Saturday afternoon, the Republican editors in attendance organized a Republican Editor's Club, composed of the Montana Republican newspapers and J. D. Scanlon of Miles City was elected Chairman.



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