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REPUBLICANS ENTHUSIASTIC

Organizations in State and Nation Being Perfected.

ATTACKS ADMINISTRATION

With Split in Democratic Ranks G. O. P. Leaders See Victory in November Elections.

Throughout the nation and state of Montana the republican forces are being martialled for the coming campaign, and never before has there been more enthusiasm displayed or prospects brighter for a nation-wide victory.

On Saturday, February 12, Lincoln's birthday, the republican state central committee was in session in Helena. Not in many years had they held such an enthusiastic meeting, and while there was not much for the committee to do, the meeting was characterized by enthusiasm and a confidence that the November returns will place the party back in power.

Delegates to the meeting reported conditions very favorable throughout the state. Judge C. L. Crum of Forsyth stated that he had been holding court the last three years in practically every eastern Montana county and that from a republican standpoint conditions were infinitely better than in the last two general elections; that practically all the progressives have returned to the fold and that a solid front will be presented to the democrats.

One candidate, whose election eastern Montana republicans feel is an absolute certainty, continued Judge Crum, is Senator Edwards, a candidate to succeed H. L. Myers in the United States senate. He said the rank and file of the voters are almost unanimously behind his candidacy.

He referred to the great influx of settlers during the last few years. They have come from republican states "and they won't do the democratic party one bit of food this fall," he added.

General satisfaction was expressed by republicans in attendance over the announcement of the return to the republican party of Joseph M. Dixon.

"The republicans and progressives united can control Montana," said F. A. Hazelbaker of Dillon. "Concessions on both sides should be made, for at heart the two parties stand for the same principles and the same policies."

The keynote of the G. O. P. national campaign was sounded Tuesday in the meeting of the New York republican state central committee by former United States Senator Elihu Root. In a speech that fired the first gun in the battle on the democratic rule in Washington, Elihu Root declared that the democrats have made threats to Mexico and failed to make them good, that the return of the republican party to power would bring new life to business and that the republicans promise prosperity and honor in the administration of the national affairs.

Mr. Root charged the present administration "with the lack of foresight to make timely provision for backing up American diplomacy by actual or assured military force;" with "the forfeiture of the world's respect for our assertion of rights by pursuing the policy of making threats and failing to make them good," and with "a loss of moral forces of the civilized world through failure to truly interpret to the world the spirit of American democracy in its attitude toward the terrible events which accompanied the early stages of the war."

"These," said Mr. Root, "were the administration's three fundamental errors."

If the republican party is returned to power, Mr. Root stated that the people of the United States may expect that their government will meet the economic situation with which we must deal immediately upon the close of the war, with a policy of moderate, but adequate protection to American industry, based upon ascertained and established facts and inspired by sympathy with all honest American enterprise and a desire for the prosperity and happiness of Americans of every calling and in every state.

"They may expect that the best possible course for the preservation of peace will be followed by a foreign policy, which, with courtesy and

kindness to all nations if frank and unselfish and honest in its assertion of American rights, will leave no doubt anywhere in the world of America's purpose and courage to protect and defend her independence, her territory and lives and just rights of her citizens under the law of nations. They may expect that their government will stand for full and adequate preparation by the American people for their own defense."

TRAGEDY AT HAVRE.

Preston L. Conrad, a well known railway conductor, committed suicide at Havre Saturday by shooting himself in the head. Before turning the gun on himself, Conrad sent a bullet crashing into the head of Mrs. Elizabeth Coulter.

That Conrad was insane is the general opinion of those who have observed his actions the past few months. About seven months ago he was knocked from the top of a freight train and railroad men say that he never entirely recovered from the accident.

Conrad died instantly, but Mrs. Coulter withstood the shock and will probably recover.

BASEBALL MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Fans Will Discuss Plans for the Coming Season.

Base ball fans, players, bugs, antis, scribes and germs are being brought to life by the break into warm spring-like weather conditions now prevailing. Its in the air to the extent that about every little bunch now met with on the streets or indoors talks "hits and runs" to the exclusion of everything else.

Whether or not Glasgow is to continue as the premier city of North-eastern Montana in the pastime is of much importance. If a good team is to be had for the 1916 season, now is the time for laying plans and "preparedness" being the password to all things at the present, let us get to work at once.

A meeting will be held in the Corn-ning February 23, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the coming season and to find out if Glasgow will have a team this year.

Come out and let your opinion of the subject be heard. This will be a preliminary affair just to start the season. If we are to have a team lets get busy now. If no team is wanted this year lets decide the matter quickly and have it over.

A live city such as Glasgow, leading in everything, with a territory so great surrounding it ought to have no difficulty producing another fast aggregation of pastimers.

Everybody attend the meeting.

NEW SAVINGS SYSTEM.

A new system of teaching the school children of the city to save will be introduced in the Glasgow public schools. It is called the "System Bank" way and its practicability assures it of success.

Mr. Carlton A. Grier of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho was in the city this week and took up the matter of establishing the system here. He was given a very cordial reception by both bankers and school officials and expects to have the system in operation during the early part of March.

State Superintendent H. A. Davee is very enthusiastic over the new idea and in this regard says:

"The Helena schools have just introduced school savings banks using the "System Bank" way. This system has many advantages over the plan generally used; no expense to the schools; no financial responsibility to the school or teacher; operates every month in the year, vacations included; open to every bank desiring to co-operate; the selection of bank left to pupil and parent.

"Thrift is one of the great needs of the nation. There is an old German maxim to the effect that whatever you wish to come out in the life of the nation should be put into the public schools. We are fast becoming a nation of spendthrifts. Why not put a school savings bank in your school this year?"

JOHNSON ALIVE.

The report that Carl Johnson had mysteriously disappeared and it was feared that he had frozen to death, was incorrect, says the Opheim Optimist. The report had been generally circulated, but it appears that Johnson was hibernating at the home of his brother.

WILL FURNISH FREE BEET SEED

Commercial Club to Supply the Farmers for Making Tests.

FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE

Successful Tests Will be a Big Factor in Getting a Sugar Beet Factory Located Here.

The Glasgow Commercial club will have a limited quantity of sugar beet seed this year to distribute among farmers for experimental work.

It is the intention of the club to place the sugar beet seed in the hands of farmers owning land under irrigation when water will be turned in the ditch. No beets will be grown on bench lands as this is of no benefit to the development of sugar beets commercially in the district.

Owing to the scarcity of sugar beet seed in America it is a very difficult matter to secure enough to make a practical test as was done in 1915. The Commercial club has managed to get a limited amount of seed and it will be given out only in small quantities and every farmer securing the seed must be willing to grow the beets according to direction furnished.

No greater work for the benefit of the farmers and business men can be accomplished than that of developing the real facts about sugar beet growing in Lower Milk River Valley. People locally are satisfied the beets can be grown here to profitable advantage but the work cannot stop with that assurance alone. It must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of those who can and will invest their money in a plant before the work can be called complete. The only way to do this is by growing the sugar beets on the farm according to the methods required by a factory so that the very best results may be produced. It is the percentage of sugar, the purity of the beet grown, and not the bigness of the beet that is essential. To get the proper results, extra work is required. The Commercial club is willing to spend money and time to help develop this industry, if the farmer will do his share thoroughly and as required, the battle will be more than half won.

Farmers willing to assist in this work, who will have land in cultivation in the valley, should communicate with the Commercial club at once. The seed will be distributed about March 15, and the club wishes to know just how many farmers will co-operate in this work.

WM. JEFFERS CALLED.

At the age of 79 years, William Jeffers, an old resident of the county, passed away at the home of his son, a few miles south of the city, Friday morning, February 11. Mr. Jeffers had been ailing for some time and finally resulted in his death.

Last summer Mr. Jeffers lived on his homestead, 50 miles north of town, and was able to do a man's work, but when the cold weather set in he began to fail rapidly.

He was born in the city of Quebec, Canada, and had been a resident of Glasgow for the past nine years. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Peterson Undertaking parlors, Rev. Molyneux officiating. Mrs. Jeffers, two sons and two daughters survive him. James Jeffers, one of the boys, is a freight conductor on the Great Northern and William was a ranch north of town.

MASQUE BALL PRIZES.

The masquerade ball given at the Gibson opera house Monday evening, February 14, by Co. G., was one of the big social successes of the season.

A large crowd attended and the prizes awarded by the judges for costumes met with popular approval. The winners were:

Ladies.

Most elaborate costume—Won by Mrs. Hoyt, butterfly costume; prize, LaValliere by Behner-Rumyon company.

Most original costume—Won by Mrs. R. F. Ater, Hinsdale; prize, cut glass dish by A. M. St. Clair & Co. Queen of Spades.

Most comical costume—Won by Miss Grace Lightner, clown suit; prize, white ivory hand mirror, by Glasgow Drug company.

Best Character costume—Won by Miss Ethel Belzer, Dutch girl; prize, two-pound box of candy, by Hess & Lynch.

Gentlemen.

Most elaborate costume—Won by J. F. Owens, Indian; prize, elegant suitcase, donated by J. L. Truscott.

Most original costume—Won by P. W. Dowles, bean pole in band; prize, \$5.00 pair of O'Donnell shoes, by Lewis-Wedum Co.

Most comical costume—Won by Art Wright, leader of band; prize, box of cigars, by Smith & Vornholt. Best Character costume—Won by A. Erickson, buck Negro; prize, \$5.00 meal book, given by the Model bakery.

Best Waltzing couple—Lady—Miss Rose Lezie; prize, box of candy, given by the Bon Ton. Gentleman—Hal Fagan; prize, McKibben hat, given by the Hub.

ENLARGED HOMESTEADS.

The following lands were designated by the secretary of the interior under the provisions of the act of February 19, 1909, on January 17, 1916, such designation to become effective March 10, 1916.

NE 1-4 NE 1-4 section 7, township 30 north, range 41 east.

LOCAL TEAM TO COMPETE AT HAVRE

Northern Montana Basketball Championship at Stake.

Lovers of virile, red-blooded sport cannot afford to overlook the basketball tournament that is to be held in Havre on the 25th and 26th of this month. The prize for which all of the teams will strive is the championship of the northern district and the privilege of representing this district in the big state tournament at Bozeman early in March.

Four high schools, Glasgow, Chinook, Havre and Fort Benton will have teams entered in this tournament and from the very start it will be a battle royal. The teams will be paired by lot for the first round of games on Friday evening, February 25. On the following evening the winners will play for the championship and the losers will also probably play an exhibition game. Thus there will be four good games in the course of the two evenings. Glasgow is scheduled to meet Chinook in the first game.

Followers of this popular sport know that all will be good games, for all the teams are going exceptionally well, and all have championship aspirations. There will be "blood on the moon" from the very start and all the way through.

The Great Northern has kindly conceded rates of a fare and one-third on the certificate plan from Shelby, Fort Benton, Glasgow and intermediate points. Thus it will be possible for anyone who desires to go to Havre for the tournament, or on other business, to do so at minimum cost. Those who make the trip should buy tickets at regular rates and take receipts. When countersigned by the tournament authorities, these receipts will entitle them to buy return tickets at one cent a mile.

The Glasgow team will be in fine shape by the time of the tournament and Coach Buckman is pushing his proteges through daily practice. Glasgow is the only undefeated team in the northern district to date and their chances of winning the tournament are ace high.

NEW COMPANY FORMED.

The Stockfeeders' Association, a company formed for the purpose of dealing in livestock, was organized in the city recently. R. R. Selway of Sheridan, Wyoming, is the president of the association, W. A. Twitchell of this city is vice president, and Gladys Twitchell is secretary-treasurer. Other members of the organization are Ira Tourlotte and Ben Rogers of Circle. The new company is capitalized at \$75,000, and the various ranches of the stockholders and their stock have been taken over by the company. All the separate brands will be listed under the name of the company. W. A. Twitchell will be the general manager and stock will be run on the ranges in Valley and Dawson counties. The company will deal mainly in cattle and horses and the bunches of the different stockholders will be united, making it one of the largest companies of its kind in this part of the state.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert E. Pilgrim of Poplar and Elizabeth Montag of Oskosh, Wisconsin; Charles E. Parent and Esther Word-Starbuck of Thoeny;

TWO PERISH IN BLIZZARD

Tom Benedick and Alex Hunjak Victims of Severe Storm.

HAD GONE TO BUY FOOD

Men Lost Their Way and Perished on Prairie—Found in Drifts Five Days Later.

Tom Benedick, the ten-year-old son of N. Benedick, an Austro-Russian, near the Canadian line, and Alex Hunjak, a brother of Mrs. Benedick, were found frozen to death on Friday, February 3, between the Roanwood store and the Benedick claim.

The Benedicks ran short of provisions during the blizzard, which raged for several days during the first part of the month, and Hunjak and the boy walked over to the Roanwood store Sunday afternoon to get some groceries. They started back home about four o'clock in the afternoon, each carrying a load of the purchases they had made. Mr. Rosholt, the storekeeper, advised them to remain there until the storm abated, but they thought they could make it back without any trouble, as there were three houses between the store and the Benedick claim where they could stop for shelter. However, they lost their way in the storm and missed all the houses, and, unable to find shelter on the open prairie, perished from cold and exposure.

Mrs. Benedick was not worried for a couple of days, and, as there were no men in the house, both her husband and two sons being held by the county authorities at Glasgow, she was unable to even send word to the neighbors that the men were missing, until Wednesday.

A search was made and the bodies were found, the body of Tom Benedick being discovered about a mile and a half from the Benedick place. The little fellow had apparently lost his direction and was going away from instead of towards home. When finally too exhausted to go any further, he dropped in the snow for his last sleep.

Hunjak was found by his sister about a mile nearer home. He still had the parcels of groceries in his arms when he gave up the terrible struggle against the blizzard, only a half-mile from the house.

Alex Hunjak was about 40 years old, and had come to Canada from Russia. A wife and six children are left to mourn his loss.

Nick Benedick and his son, Steve, had been released from the county jail and were on their way home from Glasgow at the time of the tragedy. They walked all the way from Midway and Mr. Benedick was quite overcome when he heard at Roanwood of the death of his son.

DR. KROMER DEAD.

Dr. Allen L. Kromer, an optician of Helena, who is well known in the city, having made periodical visits here for the past ten years, died in Havre Monday. He arrived in Havre last week and was taken sick Sunday. He did not think his illness serious and refused to permit friends or the attending physician to send for his wife who was in the southern part of the state. His trouble was diabetes, from which he had been a sufferer for the past ten years. He failed rapidly and a telegram was sent later to his wife and one to his brother, a dentist in Helena. They arrived in the city Monday morning and within a short time after reaching the bedside of Dr. Kromer, he passed away.

"BLYCK" BUYS CIGAR FACTORY

A. E. Blycker now signs his name as proprietor, president and chief bottle washer of the LaMedalla Cigar factory, having acquired the above titles by purchase from "Andy" Torgerson, who left last week for the west. While "Blyck" knows more about selling knot-holes than rolling "ropes," yet he hopes by the patronage of the Glasgow smokers to build up the local factory until some day it will be housed under a three-story shack with big plate glass windows all around, and with the words "Private" printed on the president's door. W. F. Shoecraft will be "Blyck's" foreman and "Shoey" will undoubtedly be able to handle the force of men under him, composed of "Shorty." When it comes to taking some leaves of the Havana plant and dexterously entwining them into slender cylindrical

cal shapes for the edification of the "particular ones," who like to spend a half-hour in Havana, "Shoey" is there, and with "Shorty" to hold him down and assist him with calm judgment, "Blyck" invites every local smoker to try one of the new "La-Medallas." They're certainly "la las," and whenever you buy one of these cigars you're boosting Glasgow. Not wishing "Blyck" any bad luck, we hope that he'll get so much business that it'll keep "Shoey" working 32 hours a day to fill the orders of one customer. Here's Ho, "Blyck."

FAIR DATE SET.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Valley County Fair association, held yesterday, the dates for the 1916 fair were set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15 and 16. By having the fair on these dates it will give the farmers plenty of time to get their exhibits ready and at the same time give the fair board an opportunity to get ready for the State fair. The racing program for this year's fair will be even better than last year and a daredevil aeronaut will be hired to make flights during the three days.

CHINOOK CAUSES FLOOD AT HAVRE

Bull Hook Creek Overflows Banks—Property Damaged.

The Chinook winds which visited this section the first of the week and melted the snow which lay to the depth of two feet on the level, caused Bull Hook creek at Havre to overflow its banks and part of the Gas city is now under water.

The flood waters came down with a rush Tuesday afternoon, and so unexpected was it that the children in the schools on the south side were marooned and wagons and automobiles were pressed into service to take them to their homes.

The city pumping station was flooded and put out of commission and the water plant cannot be operated, leaving the citizens out of water for domestic use.

A gas shortage was reported, due to the breaking of a gas main and coal could not be brought in from the mines near the city because of the high water. As a result many people are without fuel of any kind. All the families that remained on the south side Tuesday night were removed to the downtown hotels by automobiles and wagons.

Many of the houses in the flooded district are standing in three feet of water and the people of the city express fears that if the ice in the Milk river breaks up and causes an ice blockade the flood may grow much worse.

An idea of how rapidly the waters rose can be ascertained when it was learned that the water rose four and a half feet in a period of a little more than three hours.

The damage from the flood cannot be estimated, but it amounts to several thousand dollars.

G. N. TO EXTEND BRANCH.

Removal of construction equipment from points along the Great Northern line in McKenzie county to the vicinity of Lambert, Mont., indicates that the railroad plans an early resumption of construction operations on the New Rockford, North Dakota, to Lewistown, Montana, line.

A. Guthrie & Co., holders of big contracts with the Great Northern, are shipping their equipment from McKenzie county in North Dakota to points along the survey in Montana, and officials of that company declare the plan is to begin work early in the spring.

Substantial evidence has come from several sources that the Great Northern will go about construction work on an extensive basis during the coming summer season and the New Rockford-Lewistown line may be completed by the middle of next winter. Following the completion of the New Rockford to Lewistown line, the Great Northern intends to construct a line from New Rockford to Larimore, North Dakota, thus establishing a direct route between Grand Forks, North Dakota and Great Falls.

SOO WILL NOT BUILD.

Recent reports from Minneapolis, the headquarters of the Soo line, are that the construction work on the Whitetail branch will not be resumed the coming summer. Indications are that no work will be done until the war in Europe comes to an end.