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OUR POSITION.

Much has been said and more, perhaps, published, regarding the stands taken by the different papers over the state relative to the prohibition campaign in Montana. The Courier has already explained to its readers the stand that it will take in the coming fight, but the following editorial from the Livingston Enterprise explains our position in the coming fight so clearly that we take the liberty to reprint it:

"Herein we speak plainly—because we want what we say thoroughly understood by all. This is no time for quibbling, and we propose to do none. What we have to say concerns the prohibition campaign in Montana, and more especially the policy of this publication in relation thereto. Such a declaration we consider essential at this time for the benefit and future guidance of all concerned.

Since the dawn of civilization it has been agreed between reasonable beings that temperance, not only in respect to the use of intoxicating liquors but thousands of other things as well, is an absolute essential to the welfare of nations, states and peoples. There is no room for doubt or controversy on that score. It is universal in its application and as fixed as the stars in heaven.

Beyond this point there is no unanimity of opinion, especially in reference to indulgence in intoxicating liquors. And that is the point at

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issue here. There are those who conscientiously, and otherwise, would prohibit absolutely, by statutory enactment, the use of alcoholic liquors. Opposed to them are those who conscientiously, and otherwise, oppose prohibition. The issue is sharply drawn with no room for quarter.

The question of prohibition has been debated pro and con down the ages. Statistics and arguments galore have been advanced by opposing forces. Thousands of tons of literature have been, and are now being sent broadcast over the land. States have literally wallowed in the fight. Bitterness and recrimination have marked the prohibition fight everywhere. And now the fight is on in Montana, marked by the same conditions.

And because of the facts above stated, convincing us beyond a reasonable doubt that this question is already pretty well, if not entirely, settled in the mind of each individual voter of the Treasure state, and, through an honest desire to be fair and impartial to all, The Enterprise proposes to remain absolutely neutral. We hope to be able to maintain this policy throughout the campaign.

During the campaign, we anticipate, in fact, are informed, that there will be able speakers in this city representing both sides of the controversy. In connection therewith we propose to publish in our news columns what we consider a just and fair news account—no more, no less. And in doing so we will be the SOLE judge as to what is news matter. Editorial comment or voluntary contributions will not be accepted from either side.

This publication has not, nor will it, solicit advertisements from other side of the question. It has, however, advertising space for sale for all legitimate purposes. Arguments for or against any measure to be voted upon by the electorate constitute legitimate advertising. The advertising rates of this publication are open to inspection and in the sale of space we favor no favorites in either volume or rates charged. All such matter inserted will be marked plainly, "Adv."

Having, therefore, fully determined to remain neutral in every respect and to leave this campaign in the hands of those forces directly interested, this announcement is made so that all may understand our policy and be governed accordingly.

We hope to be able to adhere to it scrupulously throughout. With us it is a clear field and no favors. We have no belligerent intentions, but in fairness we are constrained to add before closing this announcement, that we do not propose to be forced or coerced in any form or manner, and the first party to the issue who makes the attempt will, insofar as we are able, promptly get the props kicked out from under it. We are not too proud to fight, if need be, not to proud to fight, if need be."

VALUE OF A COUNTY FAIR.

While the city man finds entertainment and education in the attractions at a county fair, it is the farmer—the country resident—who reaps the greatest returns. He makes most of the exhibits and draws down most of the premium money and he reaps the benefit of the demand for better products and the increased value in farm land which a county fair always brings.

An illustration of this was given by Secretary Lawrence of the Western Montana fair at Missoula in a talk before a meeting of representatives of the various Montana fair associations, which was held in Butte the early part of the week. He told of the opposition that was encountered when the fair was first proposed. Then he gave a short review of the prizes that western Montana has won and the improvements in the quality of crops raised by the farmers and the increase in the value of land that has resulted.

"The result of this has been," said Mr. Lawrence, "that I have now in my pocket orders from Texas for five carloads of turkey red seed wheat, and another for three carloads of

Swedish select oats from one of the largest seed companies in the United States. You can see what this means to the farmers of western Montana in net returns per acre."

Holding a fair in this county means better prices for the better products and an increase in value for every farm through advertising the productivity of the Yellowstone county soil. A good live county fair, such as is proposed for this country, is an essential requirement in the proper development of the country.

But in order to have a county fair here the commissioners will have to be authorized to spend the money needed to improve the fair grounds and provide the needed buildings. To do this vote yes on the fair grounds proposition at the special election March 4.

The many friends of Dr. D. S. McKenzie of Havre are pushing him as a delegate to the republican national convention to be held at Chicago June 7. Doctor McKenzie has been one of the republican wheel-horses in northern Montana for a number of years, and is at present state senator from Hill county. He has always been a hard and consistent worker for the good of the party and the Courier believes that no better man could be sent to represent the Treasure state at the Chicago convention.

It really seems a shame to spoil all of the good political campaign dope that our esteemed contemporaries have been circulating of late relative to the editor of this paper, but we really have too much business of our own to look after to take on any outside vice-presidencies or other side lines. Our business is to run this newspaper. We like the work, and do not propose to be launched into strange business seas of any nature whatsoever.

It certainly is a shame to spoil a lot of good campaign dope for our esteemed contemporaries, but the editor of the Courier has entirely too much business of his own to look after to take on any side lines. While we appreciate their kind efforts and space devoted in our behalf, we must be honest and confess that we are not entitled to the many well intended articles written in our behalf.

Notice of the regular city election to be held Monday, April 3, appears in this issue of the Courier. One alderman from the north side and one from the south side are to be elected, the terms of T. H. Markle and C. O. Lezie expiring May 1. One treasurer and one police magistrate are also to be elected. Up to the present writing no nominations have been filed with the city clerk for the different offices.

With John A. Tressler of Malta and D. S. McKenzie of Havre attending the Chicago convention in June the republicans of northern Montana can rest assured that their interests will be well looked after.

GREAT NORTHERN SWINDLED.

The Harlem Milling company received word the first of the week that some ingenious individual had invented a new way of stealing flax, according to a dispatch from that place. This time it is the Great Northern that loses. It has just come to light that seven carloads of flax have been stolen from them this fall. One carload was shipped out of there by the milling company about a month ago. In order to do this the individual, who signed his name as George Hall, would slip into the caboose when the conductor and the rest of the crew were unloading way freight and go through the freight bills. When he came to one for a car of flax, that was consigned to Duluth he would slip in a forged way bill consigning the car to Minneapolis and destroy the original. There he would either claim the car himself or would have some one else claim it and would sell it on the market. It is estimated that in this manner he obtained \$25,000 worth of flax.

Would not a good place for the pacifists be an island in the middle of the Pacific ocean?

Society News

By Our Society Editor

Dinner Party.

Last Sunday evening Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt entertained delightfully at 6 o'clock dinner at their hospitable home on Third avenue north. The guests included the Misses Lind, Switzer, Dougherty, Mrs. John Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Priscilla Club Entertains.

Mrs. J. E. Hollenbeck entertained the members of the Priscilla club at her home Tuesday afternoon. After a delightful afternoon spent in sewing and chitchatting, a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess. The club will meet next Tuesday with Mrs. J. O. Weaver at her home on the south side.

Choir Entertains.

The evening choir of the Congregational church had their monthly treat Sunday night when a delicious luncheon was served them at the Model bakery after church services were over. This is a monthly event and is given as a token of appreciation to the members for their faithful work and attendance at both rehearsals and the evening services.

Mrs. Reuler Entertains at Bridge.

Mrs. Maurice Reuler entertained twenty of her friends at bridge last Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was spent at playing auction bridge, and when the scores were totaled Mrs. Harvey Booth was found winner of the head prize and Mrs. Gordon winner of second head prize. At five o'clock a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Knowles Entertains.

Mrs. H. J. Knowles was hostess to the Palifri Card club Monday evening. The evening was spent in playing bridge and at the conclusion of play Mrs. Crawford was found to be the winner of the prize for high score. A delicious three-course luncheon was served by the hostess. The next meeting of the club will be on Monday evening, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Cahill.

Eighth Grade Holds Party.

On Friday evening the eighth grade pupils held their regular class party at the domestic science room of the south side grammar school. After playing many games the social committee, consisting of Miss Vera Shoemaker, Miss Hazel Hurd, Miss Lyle, Miss Baer and Harold Helland, served a delightful luncheon, after which the eighth graders departed for their homes.

Fletcher-Kellar.

On Wednesday evening Roy Fletcher and Effie M. Kellar were united in marriage by Rev. Brittain at the parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Casey attended the bride and groom. After the ceremony was performed a dinner was partaken of and the rest of the evening spent socially. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are well known in Glasgow and their many friends will be glad to hear that they intend to make Glasgow their permanent home.

Children Entertained.

The children of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows were entertained Saturday evening, March 4, at the Odd Fellows' hall. The children began to arrive at 8 p. m., and in a short time 60 were present with their parents.

The children were amused during the evening by games, music and pictures. This amusement was furnished by Mrs. C. M. Reece, Mrs. W. B. Shoemaker and Mrs. T. A. Hauge. A delicious luncheon was served, and after the children had done justice to the many "goodies," the tables were cleared and set again and their elders enjoyed their luncheon. At nine-thirty the children departed for their homes, wishing that they would have a lodge night often.

Young People Hold Meeting.

The Young People's class of the M. E. church held a meeting last Thursday at which an election was held and other important business was transacted. The results of the election were G. A. Burch, president; D. T. St. John, vice-president; Miss Lebert, secretary, and Miss Klockow, treasurer. The class also decided to have a business and social meeting once a month. The remainder of the evening was spent socially at the conclusion of which refreshments were served by Misses Biddle, Lebert and Smith.

Mrs. Willis Entertains Art Club.

The Sunflower Art club was entertained by Mrs. John Willis on Wednesday afternoon. As it was a social meeting the afternoon was spent with chatting and needle work. There were fourteen members present and the roll call was responded to with incidents in the lives of noted musicians. The guests of the afternoon were Miss Conlogue, Miss Lind and Mrs. Reuler. A two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Conlogue. The club will meet again in two weeks with Mrs. McKay.

Entertains Sewing Circle.

The Wild Rose Sewing circle was entertained at the home of Mrs. S. W. Jackline last Friday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated with St. Patrick's day decorations, the feature of which were the shamrocks that were in evidence everywhere. The members held an important business meeting, after which the remainder of the afternoon was spent socially. Selections were played on the phonograph and a guessing contest was held, which was the most enjoyable part of the afternoon's entertainment. At five o'clock an elaborate luncheon was served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. J. W. Barr, after which the members departed for their homes. Mrs. Jackline had left nothing undone to make the afternoon pleasant for her guests and it was a meeting to be long remembered by every member of the club. Mrs. William Holt will be hostess to the club at their next meeting on Friday, March 24.

Little Rosebud Club.

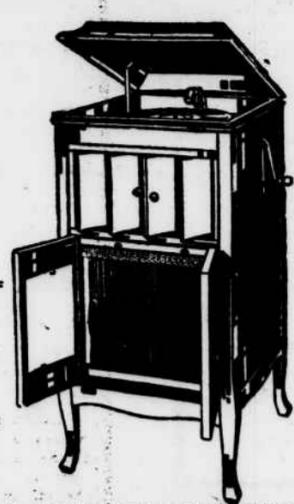
The Little Rosebud club were entertained by Marjory Jackline last Friday afternoon. The rooms were prettily decorated with St. Patrick's day green and shamrocks. A short business session was held, after which the members put work aside and entered into the spirit of the afternoon's fun. The remainder of the afternoon was spent playing cards and other games. Mr. S. W. Jackline assisted by Mrs. C. M. Reece, helped furnish fun and amusement for the guests. At luncheon time the children filed into the dining room and the next few minutes were spent in looking for place cards. From the ceiling in the center of the room streamers were dropped to each place and it was by means of them that the guests found their places at

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