



STATE TEACHERS IN CONVENTION

Professor Williams Refutes Allegations of State Daily Press Relative to Meeting.

NO A. F. OF L. SENTIMENT

There Was But One Vote of the Entire 2,500 Present Which Favored Affiliation of the Teachers With the Union Labor Party.

"The recent convention of the Montana Association of school teachers," stated Professor D. S. Williams of the Glasgow City Schools, upon his return from the Billings meeting this morning, "was the most successful in the history of the organization.

Speaking relative to the reported controversy published in recent issues of the state dailies, the professor states as follows: "Since there has been considerable publicity given by the press of the state, to the effect that the Montana teachers were considering affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, it will be interesting to the people to learn that the report on teachers organization provided that the Community Teachers Association affiliated with the Montana States Teachers association, become identified with National Association instead of the American Federation of Labor.

The Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: E. J. Cummings of Lewistown, president; S. R. Logan of Hardin, first vice-president; D. S. Williams of Glasgow, secretary and treasurer, and R. J. Cunningham of Bozeman, member of the executive board.

One of the principal speakers of the meet was Professor H. B. Wilson, city superintendent of schools, Berkeley, Calif., who in a most emphatic manner described the deplorable condition of the nation's rural school system, calling attention to the dearth of competent teachers, and the lowered standard of the teaching profession.

Resolutions were adopted among which was one urging for state aid for establishing scholarships "for competent young people who desire to prepare for teaching. Another was a request for the Federal government to amend the Smith-Towner Bill; the practice in Montana of the naming of a woman dean of girls, endorsement was given the Junior Red Cross, the boys' and girls' vocational congresses at Bozeman. All health movements in the interest of school children were also commended highly.

SPORTSMEN RECOMMEND REMOVAL OF THE GAME OFFICE FROM POLITICS

Helena, Nov. 11.—Removal of the state game department from politics and placing it on a basis of the greatest efficiency is the plan of the Montana Sportsman's association, according to members of the executive committee who were in Helena Tuesday for a meeting.

The association is outlining a legislative policy, through which it hopes to have all money derived from game licenses will be spent solely for propagating and protecting game.

Those who came here for the meeting were M. S. Carpenter, of Belgrade, secretary; Glen A. Smith, of Missoula, grazing supervisor for the national forest; E. A. Wilson, of Livingston, and Thomas Marlow of Missoula.

SCHOOLS PURCHASE PICTURE MACHINE FOR INSTRUCTION

MALTA ELEVATOR IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Malta, Nov. 22.—A fire occurred in this town Sunday evening when the Equity elevator, built in 1915, was completely destroyed. The fire alarm was sounded at 10:45 and firemen rushed quickly to the scene, but the blaze having gained such headway, and owing to the height of the building, made fighting difficult. Every effort was made to save the building and contents.

Twenty-five thousand bushels of grain was stored in the elevator. The building was insured for \$15,000. All grain was fully covered by insurance.

Manager William Newman is buying grain at present and plans are being made to rebuild the elevator at an early date.

No theory has been advanced as to the origin of the fire.

DRAWS 10 TO 20 YEARS CHARGE STATUTORY CRIME

Chinook, Nov. 23.—Court convened again on Saturday before Judge Carleton. In the first case brought up, that of the state vs. Mar Louis, charged with a statutory offense, the defendant entered a plea guilty, and received a sentence of from 10 to 20 years in the penitentiary.

WOULD ASSIST FARMERS TO SECURE LEGISLATION

Montana Development Association Officers Services to Head of Farm Bureau Organization.

Billings, Nov. 24.—W. A. Selvidge, president of the Montana Development association, has made public a letter written to W. A. Parish, president of the Montana State Federation of Farm Bureaus, inviting the association of a conference of farmers with the object of developing a program of legislative relief for agricultural interests to be presented to the coming assembly session. It was stated however, by farm bureau representatives here that the 43 presidents of county farm bureaus would hold their regular meeting in Bozeman January 10 and 15, and intended to devote considerable attention to legislative matters.

It was further stated that the farmers of the state were seeking not so much the enactment of new and sweeping statutes, as the enforcement of existing laws, although it is understood that the farmers will seek the passage of an act to enable state banks to loan money to agriculturists on warehouse receipts. Farmers also are preparing to make a fight on the proposal, credited to J. L. Dellart, state game warden, of a law prohibiting the use of poison to rid agricultural areas of gophers and other rodents. They also state the use of poison is killing off game birds.

GOVERNOR STEWART SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA VIEWS

Helena, Nov. 24.—In response to the plea of United States Senator James P. Phelan of California, to protect the United States department of state against any treaty which gives foreign born Japanese the rights of citizenship, Governor S. V. Stewart expressed his hearty sympathy with the attitude of Senator Phelan and the people of California.

GROCERY FIRM TO MOVE TO IMPROVED QUARTERS

Northside Grocery Will Change Name to Model Grocery and Will Move to Southside Location.

Messrs. Hurley & Walker, proprietors of the Northside Grocery, this week make announcement of an important change in their business. They have secured a long time lease on the rooms on First Avenue South, formerly occupied by the Model Bakery and will next week move their business and stock thereto.

Inventory is this week being taken, and it is the plan of the progressive proprietors to enlarge their stocks, and launch forth on a bigger scale in every way. The new quarters are being remodeled, and it is expected that the new store will be ready for business in the course of about ten days.

Hurley & Walker have been located on Second Avenue North and have conducted a very successful grocery business. Their new and enhanced quarters, together with their already established record, should add greatly to their volume of business.

INDIAN BOY CRUSHED UNDER SLIDING BANK

Wolf Point, Nov. 24.—When the overhanging ledge of the river bank, beneath which he and several other boys were playing, slid down upon him Edward Clark, 12-year-old Indian boy, was badly injured. His lower jaw was crushed, his mouth was torn, one arm was fractured above the elbow and one thigh broken. The boy is an orphan and when not in school has made his home in North Dakota with his grandparents who have been sent for.

Your American Red Cross Needs You

Since the recent relief from war pressure, the great public sometimes is apt to overlook the huge program to which the Red Cross is committed for America. We have seen so much of noble work accomplished by our Red Cross to alleviate the misery of Europe, that some may have come to the belief that this good work is for Europe alone.

The fact is indeed, that our American Red Cross has planned to do and has been doing for some time past, the same sort of thing that it has been doing for the civilian population of stricken Europe, aside from the question of food relief. Our American Red Cross not only sends doctors and nurses to the bad lands of Europe to teach American ideas of personal and community hygiene. It realizes that we have large populations within our own gates whose knowledge of that elementary condition is equally as limited. And, our American Red Cross is already serving these people of pure blooded native stocks.

The public health program which the Red Cross has recently put into effect, and hopes to spread increasingly, is as valuable a sort of work in Americanism as one could hope to have undertaken. Our American Red Cross has public health nurses and active executive secretaries doing relief work among the needy at home in almost every community.

In fact, one does not have to leave this country of Valley to see and understand the magnitude of this work. Our American Red Cross has a paid representative right in Glasgow whose activities and accomplishments along lines of better health and relief assume by far larger proportions than is realized by the vast majority of the citizenry. All that one has to do is visit the office of the Home Service Department of the Red Cross in this city to see and feel the wonderful good that being accomplished by the dollars that are each and every year signed over as membership fees to this wonderful institution.

One half of all the monies derived from the local Red Cross drives remains in Valley county to carry on the local work. Every cent of this is spent in the most judicious manner. Daily the executive secretary in Valley county meets cases of direct bearing upon the public health standing of this community. Numerous cases of vital importance have been successfully handled right here at home—cases that would otherwise have of necessity called for relief either from the county—in such manner as methuen or from popular subscription. In fact, it is safe to state that were the local office of the Red Cross closed the business people and citizenry would immediately call for the reestablishing of such similar enterprise.

About ten days ago the people of Valley county were called upon for a renewal of their membership to the American Red Cross—Your Red Cross—OUR Red Cross—the very Red Cross that is doing this wonderful work of health and relief work right here at home. In a most discouraging manner did the people respond. The quota for the city of Glasgow alone—\$500 has not yet been reached. In fact, so far short is the result that pride will not permit the publishing of the returns to date.

Surely, Valley County, the county that headed the whole nation in war effort for this work, will not fall short. Surely there are 500 and more who have "A Dollar and a Heart." All it takes is "one dollar." Can you afford to allow your community to pass up such a noble undertaking.

To be true, it shall be necessary for the local chapter to seek additional relief from the national organization this winter. Conditions have been such as to make the local situation one calling for much relief. Yet, this county and this city cannot hope to obtain recognition from national circles until after that we as a people have manifest in telling terms, at least an inclination to in some sense help ourselves.

The drive for membership to OUR American Red Cross will be continued another week. During the next few days, the committee will for a second time call upon you. The least you can do, fellow-citizens, is to stand by those who so much want to stand by you and your community. Surely the Red Cross is worth at least ONE DOLLAR to you. Don't you think so?

Even if we discard the role of ministering angel to the distressed populations of Europe, there is still more than enough legitimate and vitally needed work for the American people to do through their national humanitarian institution, the American Red Cross, for their countrymen within their own gates. To the people of the country, as well as the people of the rest of the world, our American Red Cross is the embodiment of the American ideal of service. It shall always be, let us say, the practical living test of the strength of that ideal. So that, in peace or war times, in times of disaster or plenty, it is necessary for all Americans to hold up their hands and be counted in the support of that ideal of good will and service for one's fellow citizens of the world or of the nation.

CITIZENS' CONFERENCE AT BUTTE

For States of Idaho, Montana and Utah, to be held in Butte December 2nd.

TO DISCUSS VITAL ISSUES

Every organization of States Requested to Have Representation, Three Session, To Be Held Under National Direction.

The National Citizens' Regional Conference on Education to be held at the High school auditorium on Thursday, December 2nd, 1920, is attracting attention.

MONTANA BANKING SITUATION GOOD, SAYS HOLTER

Norman B. Holter of Helena, Federal Reserve Official is Optimistic on State Financial Outlook.

Great Falls, Nov. 24.—That Montana banks are now on the road to greater prosperity is the declaration made Monday by Norman B. Holter, of Helena, Montana, director of the ninth district federal reserve bank at Minneapolis.

"There is absolutely no danger of a crisis in the Montana banking situation now," said Mr. Holter, "although there has been a heavy drain on the banks of the state in the last few months due to harvesting time, this has not been much heavier than usual and has had no detrimental effect on any of the institutions. All of the banks of the state have almost unlimited credit at the federal reserve bank at Minneapolis and may get all the currency they need at any time.

A CHANCE TO RENEW ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Fourth Annual Red Cross Roll Call is not a drive for funds—it is a campaign which enables you, Mr. and Mrs. American citizen, to pay your yearly membership dues and renew your allegiance to the greatest humanitarian movement that ever embraced the world. If you belong to a lodge or club, you will pay your dues, without hesitation, knowing that unless you, individually, assume the responsibility the organization cannot continue. Did it ever occur to you that your American Red Cross cannot continue—unless you individually assume the responsibility and give it your financial and moral support? Pay your dues—during the Roll Call—November 11th to November 25th.

Geo. Alsop, proprietor of Alsop's Tea Room was a business visitor to Helena early this week.

NINE BANKS SHUT DOWN BY FAILURE

Townley Rule in Dakota is Bringing Inevitable Crash to Financial Institutions.

SECURITIES VERY POOR

Large Amount of State's Money Has Been Drained Out of State Leaving Heavy Burden of the Poor Crops, Etc.

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MONDAK OBJECTS AS HER GLORY FADES AWAY

Mondak's popularity and glory are fast departing, to the extent that only local passenger trains on the great Northern stop there now. When Mondak was the temporary county seat of Roosevelt county all trains stopped there, but as a result of the last election Poplar won the county capital temporarily and the trains now breeze through the yards at Mondak at 10 miles an hour.

To this the residents and business men have taken an exception and have petitioned the Montana Railroad commission to compel the Great Northern to stop the main line, through passenger trains No. 3 and 4, on flag. The petition has been referred to the railroad.

CHANGE OF PERSONEL OF NATIONAL BANK OF NASHUA

A change took place in the personnel of the First National Bank of Nashua this week when O. P. Hoynd, who has been acting as cashier of that institution since the resignation of Elmer Bosshard, was succeeded by Mr. Peterson. The new executive comes from Red Wing, Minn., highly recommended as an efficient banker.

PORTER FOR AUDITOR LEADS STATE TICKET

Trumper, Dixon and Walker Follow in Order With Harding Fifth in the Line.

Helena, Nov. 24.—Complete unofficial returns for Montana on the election of November 2, last, show J. M. Dixon's majority in the race for governor at 57,588. President-elect Harding, who received 997 fewer votes in this state than Governor-elect Dixon, had a plurality of 53,265 votes over Cox. Parley P. Christensen, farmer-labor candidate for president, received 11,747 votes in Montana.

George P. Porter, Republican candidate for state auditor, received the highest vote in the state, 17,471. Miss May Trumper, Republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction was second with 110,926. Dixon was only 17 votes behind Miss Trumper, receiving 110,949. J. W. Walker, Republican candidate for secretary of state, received 109,141.

The returns for all the national, congressional and state conditions are as follows:

For president: Warren C. Harding (R) 169,912; James M. Cox (D) 59,547; Parley P. Christensen (F-L) 11,747.

For congressman, First district: Washington J. McCormick (R) 39,797; Burton Watson (D) 29,919; second district—Carl W. Riddick (R) 65,864; Max McCusker (D) 37,831.

For associate justice, six-year term: William E. Holloway (R) 105,321; Albert J. Gunn (D) 105,141; W. W. Palmer (D) 63,630; Harlow Pease (D) 59,996.

For associate justice, two-year term: Frank B. Reynolds (R) 104,240; John A. Matthews (D) 68,032.

For governor: Joseph M. Dixon (R) 110,909; Burton K. Wheeler (D) 73,521.

For lieutenant governor: Nelson Story Jr. (R) 107,530; Roland C. Arnold (D) 67,511.

For attorney general: Wellington J. Rankin (R) 108,151; Louis H. Irby (D) 65,955.

For secretary of state: Charles T. Stewart (R) 109,141; E. A. Haste (D) 64,838.

For state treasurer: J. W. Walker (R) 109,972; Ella Dorothy Lord (D) 62,965.

For state auditor: George P. Porter (R) 111,741; Ole Samvik (D) 60,091.

For state superintendent of public instruction: Miss May Trumper (R) 110,926; Margaret A. Hannah (D) 64,453.

For railroad commissioner: Samuel M. Ross (R) 101,432; John H. Meadors (D) 62,493.

COURT CASES DISPOSED OF PHILLIPS COUNTY

Several Civil and Criminal Actions Are Tried at Malta Before Judge Hall.

Malta, Nov. 25.—District court continued in session during the early part of this week, and the following cases were disposed of:

The state vs. O'Brien, a gambling case coming from the Saco district, was dismissed.

In the case of Alice J. Best vs. Thomas Johnson, and the Malta Mercantile company, a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff.

The case of the state vs. Pat Alery was tried to a jury and a verdict returned of not guilty. Alery was charged with breaking into claim shacks.

Jay Forward, who was arrested with grand larceny, was arrested a second time on the charge of contempt of court. His bail for this charge was fixed at \$2500. He will be given a hearing November 29.

Horace Tribby was awarded \$1000 damages in a suit against J. E. Verry. Both parties live north of Saco near the Canadian line. It was shown that the plaintiff was injured by a vicious station which was permitted to run at large.

T. R. I. HIGHWAY DULUTH MEETING

Memorial Highway Officers in National Meeting Check Up Plans for the Future.

ROOSEVELT PASS DISCUSSED

Trail Almost Completely Marked Throughout Its Entirety. Much Work Along Lines of Construction and Publicity to Take Place Next Season.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 23.—The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway Association, held yesterday and today at the Duluth Chamber of Commerce came to a close this afternoon.

This was the first annual meeting of this body, the association having had its inception about one year ago. In his first annual report I. W. Lee of the organization stated that virtually no entire route, which covers from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., had been marked with the exception of a few short stretches. The entire route from Portland, Maine to the western Montana line had been laid out, improvements made and state organizations completed.

Campaign for Future Work.

The plans for the future include an intensive campaign to publicity and executive work that will place the T. R. I. highway on a standard with the other national highways. Executive officers and a staff with headquarters at Duluth will be established from which a great deal of national advertising will be carried out. The greater work this year will be towards improving the sections of the highway where needed and the opening of a route through the Glacier National park.

Considerable improvement in the different states was reported and attention was called to the improvement now being made in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

Among those who are present at today's meeting are J. E. Fell, Ogdenburg, N. Y., who presided in the absence of E. J. Filtrault, national president, who is ill; Max J. Powell, Burlington, Vt.; E. E. Jones, Glasgow, Mont.; H. F. Dooney, Williston, N. D.; M. N. Stanton, Grand Forks, N. D.; M. N. Koll, Cass Lake, Minn., and John Crowley, Superior, Wis.

Lee Resigns.

After a luncheon today, the directors visited President E. J. Filtrault who is ill at his home here, and at this time executive secretary I. W. Lee tendered his resignation to become effective on January First, 1921.

Much Work.

Increased budget, the amending of the by-laws and an intensive advertising campaign were among the more important matters discussed.

Resolutions endorsed the plan of appealing to the Federal government for assistance in improving the stretch of road between Cass Lake and Bena; and also endorsed the work of the Montana association in forcing the building of a road through Glacier National park, paralleling the Great Northern railway. This is a stretch of about fifty-four miles and is the only uncompleted section of the entire highway from coast to coast.

The directors also determined to carry a road bulletin service during the touring season of the entire highway for the information of tourists. This will include maps and road information and give detailed information as to the condition of the highway at all points. The executive staff of the association will be placed on a much larger scale and if found necessary field representatives will also be added.

Word from Secretary I. E. Jones of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, who is state secretary for the association, and who is in attendance at the annual meeting, states that the Roosevelt Pass at Glacier Park, as well as other topics of vital interest to the northern part of the state, received elaborate discussion. He states that at the meeting of the association to be held in Havre next month he will have some important reports to make to the membership.

HELENA CITIZENS TO GIVE INAUGURAL BALL IN HONOR OF NEW OFFICERS

Helena, Mont., November 26.—Governor Joseph M. Dixon and all elective state officials, including the members of both houses of the legislature, will be guests of the people of Helena at an inaugural reception and dance to be held in Algeria Shrine mosque on the evening of Monday, January 3. The mosque is rapidly nearing completion and the gubernatorial reception will be the first event to be staged in it.

The hundred Helena men will be asked to give \$10 each to guarantee the expenses of the reception. Each of these donors will receive two tickets. Other tickets will be sold to Helena residents and residents of other parts of the state of \$5 each.

An orchestra of 35 to 40 pieces will provide the music for the occasion and it is probable also that a band will be engaged. The reception is to be held in the banquet hall of the Shrine mosque. Opening of the main auditorium of the building depends upon whether the contractors are able to finish it by that time.

The inaugural reception will be the first here in eight years. The last one was given when Governor S. V. Stewart was elected for his first term. It was held at the state capital.