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PROBABLY NOT

If there is a prevailing wish in the state for legislation that would cut short the time for the enforcement of prohibition the press of the state is not in witness thereof. There is, however, considerable newspaper comment of opposite intent—it is to the effect that the legislature would better not tinker with an arrangement decreed hardly more than two months ago by the voters of the state. While the campaign was on there was no criticism of the two-year limit which the measure carried; on the contrary, the argument of the dyes was that this provision was in evidence of their intention to give the liquor interests abundant opportunity to wind up their business without getting involved in serious losses. That the legislature will bring things up with a short turn seems improbable.

A LITTLE FRACTION

In Arizona the controversy over the office of governor turns on six one-hundredths of one per cent in the state's vote. The total was 58,053, of which, according to the count that is in dispute, Campbell, the democratic candidate, received 27,976, with 27,945 for Hunt, the republican rival who was running for a second term.

Saturday's news brought word that the supreme court of Arizona decided by a vote of two to one that Campbell is entitled to be recognized as the de-facto governor, pending a recount that is not finished of the vote cast last November. That was Arizona's second general election under statehood, Hunt being the first in line of its governors. The close vote does not extend to other items in the election. Wilson had a plurality of 12,600 in Arizona last year; the democratic candidate for federal senator had 9,990; of 84 members of the legislature the democrats have 45. In fact, everything was heavily democratic in Arizona except the governorship.

THE FIFTH WEEK

Four weeks of the time allotted for the session of the legislature have been rounded out. It amounts to a month of preparation for the final disposition of the business that is to be transacted—the presumption is that work in committee rooms has been well progressed.

It transpired that our own community found itself deeply interested in measures for the taxation of mining properties that were proposed early this month, and the topic, wherein all classes of property are concerned, has been getting statewide discussion. The committee hearings have served to bring important aspects of the question to the public's notice; on behalf of the mining interests throughout the state earnest protest against unjust treatment through the tax process has found expression.

These activities have served to call the attention of the legislature to the recognized truth that there is need of better and fairer methods in the taxing of all classes of property in the state. The fact has found expression that the state has abundant resources from which to draw its revenue with-

out placing an unjust burden on any class of it. Apparently the belief was strengthened within legislative circles, as it has throughout the state, that a thorough study of the whole tax question, through a commission or whatever other agency is found best, would serve a useful purpose and result in bringing the state to a much better basis with respect to the assessment of all taxable property. In instances the comment of the past fortnight has manifested a spirit of outright hostility to the mining companies in general and toward the Anaconda Mining company in particular. However, in good part, the newspaper talk has been in earnest advocacy of equity for all business and all property in the state, with good will for all. The importance of the subject is recognized; under an extension of time the committee at Helena will have this week in which to continue its investigation.

OUT OF MEXICO

Before this week ends, the soldiers in the Pershing punitive expedition will quit Mexico, where they have tarried about ten months. It never did a thing in the way of bringing about the purpose for which it was sent across the border—at least, the advertised purpose. This is the situation: Carranza is the de-facto president of Mexico; Villa has the "potential" control in the entire section near which our troops have been quartered; nobody is in de-facto power. If the administration's long and costly operations involving in Mexico the entrance and the exit of United States soldiers have accomplished any useful purpose, this country's public is not aware of it. Villa was a menace when the expedition was hurried to the border; according to all accounts, he is a mere threatening factor than ever.

Our government went in to sustain Carranza. A much-advertised special commission failed utterly in trying to come to an understanding with him. If by any test he is a more firmly established de-jure executive now than he was before the president took him up and undertook to back him, then our country is not getting the straight news about Mexico. In fact, the Mexican war appears to be President Wilson's kind of war—it is a war without a victor on either side. Mexico is furnishing a sample of the style of war that was sketched by the president in his recent talk to the senate.

THE SESSION

The New York World, thoroughly Wilsonian and democratic, declares in disgust that "the Sixty-fourth congress acts like a defeated congress, which it is not." That isn't so certain, on the present showing you can't quite tell. To be sure, the party will hold its majority in the senate, but the World itself in the comment to which we are referring does not assume that democracy has the house; "whether the organization of that body is to be democratic or republican," it says, "it will be so evenly divided that nothing like partisan opposition to the administration will be possible." That's different. But, regardless of the next congress, the leading democratic newspaper admits that the present congress, strongly democratic, is making a deplorably bad showing. Other newspapers complain. Why don't they scold the president because by a spectacular performance he diverted attention from the real business of the short session?

ONE WEEK

The president's address to the senate is a week old. It was sensational—he planned for that. Taken in retrospect, the address itself is not more remarkable than his own comment concerning it. Before the newspapers had been heard from, the president hastened to say of his own speech: "I have said what everybody has been longing for but has thought impossible. Now it appears to be possible."

Thus President Wilson did not hesitate to say for himself that he made a very remarkable speech. His opinion is that this country and other countries have been wanting to do something that they didn't know how to do and that in a thirty-minute speech he told mankind how it should and must be done.

After the lapse of a week the situation manifestly is that the president himself is almost the only American who says that he opened the way or outlined a practical policy. His newspaper supporters tell us that it was a grand address; not one of them that has come under the Post's notice pretends to say that he proposes a practical method for the maintenance of world peace.

Mr. Wilson hasn't a better friend than the New York Times. That excellent newspaper uses more than fourteen hundred editorial words in which to avoid the assertion that the president's talk has vital, practical points. It lauds, but it adds: "The president knows, of course, that there are difficulties in the way, chief among them is the necessity of proceeding changing the nature of man."

Your average Montanan would remark that that's some necessity. As for the belligerents across the sea, they noticed the president's declaration that the war must be without a winner. Forthwith came, last week, from several British sources the answer: "We must win." And it plain terms the like of it came from France. The president's notion that with his speech he showed mankind how to turn the trick is a foolish conceit. His proposals wouldn't stand discussion, and his trusted lieutenants saw to it, last week, that the senate shall not take time for the debate, spite of the fact that the president told the senators that their body is his council in the matter.

The belligerents have been heard from. Bonar Law, who ranks high officially, in his Bristol speech, made answer to the president's address in terms that amounted to severe criticism uttered with studied courtesy. His comment was, essentially, a rejection of the Wilson program. On his birthday, Kaiser William disposed of the no-victor proposition by announcing that Germany's "unshakable will" prepares the empire's people for every sacrifice of blood and treasure and that the sword will win victory for the Fatherland.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JANUARY 29. 1688—Birth of Emmanuel Swedenborg, founder of Swedenborgian philosophy and religion. 1750—Philadelphia had its coldest day in 25 years. 1820—King George III, during whose reign the American colonies were lost to England, died in the eighty-second year of his life and the fifty-ninth of his reign. 1843—William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, born at Niles, O.; died in Buffalo, Sept. 14, 1901, from assassin's shot. 1853—Napoleon III, emperor of the French, married Eugenie de Montijo, Spanish beauty of non-royal blood, who as Empress Eugenie became famous as an arbiter of fashion and inventor of the crimoline. 1866—Queen Victoria instituted the Victoria Cross. 1861—Kansas was admitted to the Union. 1871—Prussian occupation of Paris forts completed. 1877—Congress created the electoral commission to pass over contested presidential returns, as a result of the Tilden-Hayes contest in 1876. 1916—The Scine began to recede after reaching the greatest height in three centuries and creating enormous damage in Paris and vicinity. 1917—The Duke of Connaught, uncle of King George, succeeded Earl Grey as governor-general of Canada; succeeded in October, 1916, by the Duke of Devonshire. 1914—Chinese administrative council re-established Confucianism as the state religion of China.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

JANUARY 29. 1915—Royal decree called Italian troops to colors. 1916—Twenty-four killed in Zeppelin raids on Paris. Germans took nearly a mile of French trenches east of Soissons. British and French make steady advance in their invasion of German Kamerun, and General Smuts, in command of the Union of South African troops, also makes steady progress in his conquest of German East Africa.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

Copyright, 1916, Cincinnati Enquirer. A new broom is like a Reformer. It may sweep clean for a while, but it won't keep clean. The old-fashioned youth who used to go to college to get fame with the sheep-skin now has a son who goes to college to get fame with the pig-skin. A woman who wouldn't think of respecting her husband gets mad because the neighbors do not respect him. Another Fairy Tale: Once upon a time a woman bought a pair of shoes that were so big that she couldn't wear them with comfort. It is a blame sight easier to teach a parrot to talk than it is to teach a woman to do. When a man says that he is letting his wife keep boarders, he means that he is letting boarders keep his wife. Modesty demands that a girl's skirt should reach to her shoe tops. Maybe that's the reason why she wears knee-high shoes. Our idea of an absent-minded woman would be one who comes home from a shopping trip with some money left. After a woman has been married for a while she can tell you that King David knew what he was talking about when he said what all men were. The old-fashioned preacher retired to his study back of the pulpit for prayer and meditation after his sermon. But the modern evangelist retreats to his gymnasium back of his stage and has a trainer give him a shower and a rub-down after he has thrown handsprings and Billingsgate until the collection plates are filled. One reason why women do not make good baseball pitchers is because even when a girl has good curves she can't control them. Before he gets her he has eyes for only one girl. After he gets her he has eyes for all girls but one. A prominent female educator announces that the average woman's legs are as straight as those of the average man. Well, after giving our classic props the once-over, we are here to say that the educator left handing her sex much of a compliment. And the girls themselves are to blame for this gossip about their lower limbs. As long as they wore low-necked waists and coats the men never paid much attention to comparisons in Legology. And where, oh, where is the old-fashioned young man who used to have the walls of his room covered with pink chromos from the Police Gazette? A man wouldn't get so sleepy in church if the rostrum had footlights in front of it and the Minister was a female garbed in a rag, a dab of red paint and a smile. When a man is in a strange town and feels lonely he can always go to the nearest saloon and buy a drink and get acquainted with the Barkeep, and whip Mexico and run the government. But a woman isn't that lucky.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

LIBERTY. Moving pictures: Today, Lillian Walker in "The Dollar and the Law"; tomorrow, Ruth Stonehouse and Jack Mulhall in "Love Affair." BROADWAY. Pantages vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, Frank Fogarty, the Irish minstrel, and five other acts. EMPRESS. Hippodrome vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, Jarow, humorous trickster, and five other acts. ANSONIA. Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Virginia Pearson in "Bitter Truth." AMERICAN. Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Clara Kimball Young in "The Common Law." ORPHEUM. Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Charles Chaplin in "Chaplin's 1916 Revue."

This Is the Last Week of Our Great January Sale

The Last Week of This Extraordinary Value-Giving Event—Many New Pieces Have Been Added to the Already Large Assortment of Sale Goods—ALL DRESSERS, ALL CHIFFONIERS, ALL BEDS Are Included in This Great Sale—Mahogany, Golden or Fumed Oak and Circassian Walnut Dressers, Chiffoniers and Beds and Over 100 Styles of Brass Beds, All at January Cut Prices.

Only Five More Days of the Great Pullman Davenport Sale

At prices that effectually offset rising prices of davenports. Fumed or golden oak Pullman davenports, mahogany Pullman davenports and upholstering of Royal leather, moroccoline, muleskin or genuine leather. More Pullman revolving seat bed davenports in use in Butte than the combined number of all other makes.

\$5.00 DOWN DELIVERS A PULLMAN TO YOUR HOME—\$5.00 A MONTH PAYS FOR IT

Room-Size Rugs

\$15.95 For 9x12-foot room-size Brussels rugs, beautifully patterned styles; 50 rugs to select from. \$23.65 For 9x12-foot room-size Wilton rugs, all newest of spring 1917 patterns. \$47.45 For genuine Bundhar Wilton rugs, 9x13 feet; five patterns to select from; values up to \$60.00.



ONE OF THE GREAT BARGAINS

\$39.85 for Genuine Pullman Revolving Seat Bed Davenport. Frame of solid oak and upholstering of best grade Royal leather with smooth seat and back. A full size genuine Pullman revolving seat bed davenport at the low price of \$39.85.

Good Quality Linoleum

56c A square yard for good quality cork linoleum; any quantity up to 10,000 square yards. \$1.08 A square yard for inlaid linoleum, in all new spring patterns and good quality. \$1.65 A square yard for Greenwich inlaid linoleum; our own direct importation from Greenwich, England.

\$17.85 for Room Size Velvet Rugs; Worth \$22.50; New Spring Effects

Wonderfully handsome patterns in new spring effects in medallion, Persian, Oriental and small all-over designs; \$22.50 values; size 9x11 feet; sale price only \$17.85.

3x6 Foot Axminster Rugs for \$4.35

New spring patterns, Oriental, floral or small all-over designs; rich, high pile; \$5.50 values for only \$4.35.

\$66.45 for Genuine French Wilton Rugs; \$85.00 Values

Chosen by discriminating people for beauty of designs and colorings; full 9x12-foot and worth \$80.00 and \$85.00; very special sale price tomorrow is only \$66.45.

\$62.35 for Extra Large Room Size Bundhar Wilton \$95.00 Rugs

The rug known the world over to "wear like iron." Extra large room-size 10.6x12 feet, and values range as high as \$95.00. To close, specially priced at \$62.35.

9x12 Foot Axminster Rugs for \$24.85

Closely woven nap that insures years of service. New spring designs and colors; \$32.50 and \$35.00 values for \$24.85.

One-Half Price for Odd Lines of Newest Patterns Lace Curtains; Ecru, Ivory or White

One, two and three pair of ecru, ivory or white lace curtains; odd lines left from our great January sale; all in fine condition, and all at half regular price.

\$3.00 down, \$3.00 per month, buys \$25 worth of goods. \$7.50 down, \$7.50 per month, buys \$75 worth of goods. \$5.00 down, \$5.00 per month, buys \$50 worth of goods. \$10.00 down, \$10.00 per month, buys \$100 worth of goods.

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ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

MUTTON FOR MAORIS. Auckland, N. Z.—The Taupo natives have set aside 25,000 acres of their own lands and stocked them with sheep for the Maori soldiers who have gone to Europe to fight. Upon their return the Maoria will have a well-stocked little farm with which to begin life anew. CHASED BY BEAR. West Milford, N. H.—John Fly pursued a black bear more than half a mile. The bear stopped. So did John—and discovered his rifle was unloaded. Fly fled toward home at record speed. The bear pursued for a short distance, but finally decided the pace was too much for him. \$2 FOR SET OF WHISKERS. Lexington, Ky.—"Uncle Bill" Stevens, one of the city's characters, sold his whiskers, the pride of his life, to a city official here recently for \$2, after he had been told a true follower of Woodrow Wilson should be proud to have a "close shave" and should not wear the distinctive whiskers of Mr. Hughes. The amputation was performed with a pair of scissors before a large crowd at the city hall. Mr. Stevens has ever voted the democratic ticket. TWINS PUZZLE WELLESLEY. Wellesley, Mass.—Wellesley college just now is grappling with twins. The Misses Gladys and Margaret Jones of Moravia, N. Y., have entered the freshmen class, but which is Margaret and which is Gladys is more than anyone but Gladys and Margaret can tell. Miss Rust, matron of their dormitory, addresses each as "Miss Jones," and refers to the absent twin as "your sister." Their classmates say "Hello, dear!" Wellesley is looking forward with breathless interest to the day when one or the other twin has a masculine caller. It is the general opinion that a lively time is in store for that young man. PAJAMAS FOR KING. Berkeley, Cal.—White East Bay society girls were busily engaged in sewing shirts and knitting socks for soldiers, 18-year-old May Sutcliffe, a Berkeley high school girl, occupied her spare moments in making a pair of pink silk pajamas for King George of England. The garments, trimmed in royal purple, were sent to the monarch as a Christmas present by the Berkeley maid. More than 12 yards of tacking, the work of Miss Sutcliffe, adorn the pajamas. The young seamstress is daughter of George Sutcliffe, a Berkeley newspaper man, and the family is of English descent. KATHLYN WILLIAMS IS NAMED ADMINISTRATRIX. Kathlyn Williams, former Butte girl and well-known motion picture star, has been appointed administratrix of

RIPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason. THE ADDING MACHINE. I watched a wonderful machine count up five miles of figures; the operator, all serene, just pressed some keys and triggers; it didn't sweat or tear its hair, it didn't make a blunder; it counted all the figures there, and put the product under. A set of books I used to keep, when I was young and husky, and homework wearily I'd creep when dusk was growing dusky. I counted figures all day long, and my ledgers bending, and always got the derved things wrong, and my row was unending. And when the long day's work was o'er, my troubles home I'd carry, and there, despondent, sick and sore, I'd raise Old Ned and Harry. My children were afraid of me, and so was Old Dog Rover; my wife would often climb a tree until my grouch was over. But now the keepers of the books are not worn out and weary; they seek their divers ingenooks with faces glad and cheery. A thing of springs and bolts and nuts shears work of all its rigors; a thing of less ways, invention makes things lighter, and brings some sunshine to the days of every toiling blighter.

THE POST FOR THE NEWS

ASK FOR AND GET HORLICK'S THE ORIGINAL MALTED MILK. Cheap substitutes cost YOU more.

CONGREGATION PRAYS FOR FORMER PASTOR

Prayers were said at the St. John's Episcopal church yesterday for the recovery of Rev. S. C. Hachem, a former pastor, who has been stricken with paralysis in Spokane. Word of his illness was received here by James H. Lynch from Mrs. Lynch. Get it at Colberts—Adv.