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ANOTHER PLAN

A couple of days ago this page referred to talk that has been current locally in regard to a new city hall. The suggestion has reached the community that a bond scheme, in the sum of half a million dollars for a municipal building, be submitted at the election to be held next spring.

Our reference to the subject included the remark that the plan for the joint use of the courthouse property by the city and the county wasn't half bad, despite the fact that recently, at the polls it failed of approval. Comes now the comment from esteemed correspondents that if the people of Butte are going to entertain any new city hall proposals they ought to go in for a new civic and political entity based on the combining of the city and the county in one jurisdiction, with one headquarters and one set of local officers.

The plan is not new. At intervals it has been brought to the notice of the community. It has, in instances, been adopted, with satisfactory results, and the conditions here, with respect to area of the county and urban and rural interests that are common, have been presented. Somehow, the project has never managed to command serious attention, and there may be revealed at this time no particular interest in it. Anyhow, it is a pleasanter topic than was furnished by the strike and idleness talk that made Butte's summer months a weary season.

THE PRICE OF COPPER

Now that the government has fixed the price of copper, every community dependent upon that branch of the mining industry may look with confidence to the future. While the price determined upon does not meet the expectations of those most intimately associated with copper mining, it will at least bring about stable conditions. The feeling that the worst was yet to come had long handicapped the copper producers, who may now go ahead with the assurance of a definite price through a fixed period.

When it is understood that production costs are mounting steadily and that the price fixed by the government is materially less than recent market quotations, the extent of the concessions agreed to by the producers will be appreciated. The fact that copper mine operators cheerfully accept the terms of the government is substantial proof of their loyalty. Indeed, practical evidence of their patriotism has not at any time been lacking. Early in the war several of the largest producers sold forty-five million pounds of copper to the government at a price announced to be about one-half of the prevailing market quotation. More recently the American copper producers sold seventy-seven million pounds of metal to the allies of the United States at a figure under the market. In thus adapting themselves to the present situation, the copper producers have set a precedent that others might well follow. The government has only begun its price-regulating campaign and the indications are that, before the war is ended, many industries will be called upon to make sacrifices for the common end.

WHAT NEXT?

In view of what already has been made public in respect to German intrigue in the United States, the disclosures announced today from Washington will surprise no one. The fact that Count von Bernstorff in January of this year, months before our government entered the war, advised Berlin to authorize the payment of \$50,000 to influence congress through an organization, the identity of which appears to be unknown, is astonishing, but, nevertheless, in keeping with the stupid policy of the German foreign office. It is merely an interesting chapter in a series that when completed will make up a story of duplicity not equalled in history.

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The fact that the government and the copper producers had agreed upon a price for the metal was reflected today in the stock market. Coppers advanced and the principal issues showed substantial gains. In some circles the fear had been expressed that the government might reduce the price of copper to twenty cents; with the result that stock prices reached a low level not recently registered.

Viewed from all angles the decision announced from Washington last night in respect to the price of copper will meet with general approval. It will establish conditions in the copper mining industry and will assure the government and its allies all the metal they require.

CANNOT IGNORE BELGIUM

The fact that Germany in all its peace talk studiously evades the issue presented by Belgium should convince the German public that the government of the Fatherland is not acting in good faith. It is idle to talk about peace without reference to Belgium; on that subject the allies are in perfect accord. There can be no peace that disregards the future of the little country that has suffered so much from the barbarities of its ruthless neighbor, Germany.

It is perfectly apparent that the peace propaganda is intended for the effect it will have on the people of Germany and, also, on America. The German public is eagerly seizing upon this peace optimism. German opinion is said to be convinced that no man in the chancellor's position would utter the statements he has recently made unless he had reason to believe them himself. In Washington, as before commented upon in this column, the German peace propaganda is believed to be aimed in part, at least, at this country in the belief that it will serve to make the American public hold back in its preparations for war.

Nothing that has come from Rome or Berlin would indicate that the reply of the central powers to the pope's peace proposals can change the situation materially. In Hungary and other parts of the Austrian empire, where peace is especially desired, an attempt will be made to make the most possible in a political way out of the reply. But any peace talk without Belgium's future figuring in it is beside the point and cannot possibly be productive of anything material.

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cause of hatred for England, have been lending aid and comfort to this country's enemies.

The government's spy system seems to be working pretty well. On both sides of the Atlantic it is now recognized as a thing to be reckoned with.

HERE AND THERE.

The Russians are proving themselves unfit for self-government.—Albany Journal.

Soap is said to be one of the scarcest things in Germany. It is scarcer than decency.—Detroit Press.

Peace councils in this country don't seem to be able to secure leases for any considerable period.—Birmingham Ledger.

The king industry in Europe is also one of the things that should be put in the tottering class.—Birmingham Ledger.

"The People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace" is an absurdly named tramp organization.—Albany Journal.

The national government movement continues to make headway against the party-first men in both camps.—Toronto Globe.

General Cadorna seems to be settling the problem of Italia Irredenta without waiting for a peace conference.—Toronto Globe.

The leaders of the People's Council know how the man felt who was all dressed up with no place to go.—Morning Oregonian.

The best way for the people of Chicago to redeem themselves is to get rid of their sauerkraut executive.—Birmingham Ledger.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1734—Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, born in Philadelphia. Died there, May 9, 1791.

1779—English fort at Baton Rouge was captured by Galvez.

1799—Treaty of alliance signed at St. Petersburg between Russia and Portugal.

1821—The Central American States declared their independence.

1864—The federalists under General Sheridan defeated the confederates under General Early at Fisher's Hill, Va.

1891—The United States, Great Britain, France and Germany agreed to enforce the protection of foreigners in China.

1895—The Peary Arctic relief expedition left St. John's, Newfoundland, on its return home.

1905—Dr. Cook, claimant of the discovery of the north pole, was welcomed on his arrival in New York.

1914—Statewide prohibition was adopted in Virginia by vote of the people.

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ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN New York City purposes to add more women to its police force. A mining company, financed and managed by women, is soon to begin operations at Miami, Okla. A course in salesmanship for girls is to be introduced in the Chicago high schools this fall. Many women in Finland are now employed in metal industries, on the tramways and in clerical police work. Mrs. Mary Klump, aged 96, of Allentown, Pa., is believed to be the oldest woman druggist in the world. The Japanese and Chinese women of Hawaii have organized to aid in the food conservation movement in that territory. Miss Charlotte Vincent has been appointed as assistant bacteriologist of the health department of the city of Baltimore. Miss M. H. Barney of Minneapolis has been licensed as the first woman operator of a motion picture machine in Minnesota. In a big factory near Pittsburg 60

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

NEVER TOO OLD.

Vancouver, Wash.—It is never too late to marry. N. Remlinger, 77 years of age, of Portland, thought, so he brought his chosen bride to Vancouver and was married. Remlinger, who lived in Vancouver for 28 years, but of recent years has resided in Portland, married Mrs. Alafare Lee, 55 years old.

RETURNING LOVER.

New York.—Of her estate, valued at \$12,284, Mrs. Annie Dornian, who died Aug. 11, left but \$5 to her daughter, Mrs. Julia Plant, of 231 East Fifty-eighth street, according to the will, which was offered for probate in the surrogate's court. "I make this bequest for the reason that she has been an ungrateful daughter, not having spoken to me during the last 20 years, never called to see me, nor in any way inquired as to my welfare, leaving me at my age to the mercies of my nephew, Thomas Kane, and strangers," stated Mrs. Dornian in the will.

WIVES WILL FIGHT.

San Antonio.—Not to be outwitted by the Russian battalion of women, Texas and Oklahoma wives of soldiers in the regular, national army and national guard units are organizing a regiment of about 1,200 and offering to follow the army to France and help in the world war in any way the war department sees fit, even to entering the trenches.

While offering to shoulder rifles and stand by the guns, the women of the southwest believe there is other valuable service they can render the American army with the expeditionary forces, such as guard duty, patrol work, signal corps service, thereby releasing many men for the actual battle lines. Selection of soldiers in the regiment is being made with care for fitness and an effort to avoid those with dependents.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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The woman who was too modest to wear a slit skirt and expose her calf four years ago is now wearing a skirt that exposes both knees.

The man who sits down and waits for the elevator to take him up to Opportunity's office usually finds that some hustler has climbed the stairs and beaten him to it.

When the soft-hearted man and the hard-headed man transact business we know who is going to get the worst of it.

A man can get \$10,000 a year for his executive ability downtown. But that doesn't keep his wife from managing him when he is at home.

The "Simple Life" may be a good thing. But we would hate to live in a little country town in which 9:30 p. m. is considered the middle of the night.

A husband and wife may agree on other things. But they never agree as to what is the proper hour for him to get home at night.

A man can be tied to his wife's apron strings in spite of the fact that she has never had an apron on since they were married.

The old-fashioned girl whose object was to secure a husband who had a good position, now has a daughter whose object is to secure herself a good position.

Another good bet is that you are not going to feel out of sight just because you are over your head in debt.

A heap of divorcees result from the fact that after a girl catches a husband she doesn't consider it necessary to go to any trouble to keep him.

The man who gives his girl an engagement ring set in opals always has something on which to blame his bad luck after he gets her.

If we could dictate the styles for a while we would let the women alone and compel men who chew tobacco to wear brown shirts.

The old-fashioned wife who used to sew rag carpets now has a married daughter who is paying for Axminster rugs on the installment plan.

Our Daily Special.

Don't Talk Rubbish. You May Have to Eat Your Words. Names is Names. D. U. See Lives at Aurora, Ind.

women and girls are helping to build artillery cars for use on the French front.

According to the woman's bureau of the American Red Cross, half a million women in the United States are knitting for soldiers and sailors.

Mrs. Arthur Capper, wife of the present war governor of Kansas, is the daughter of Samuel J. Crawford, who was governor of Kansas during the civil war.

Representative Jeannette Rankin of Montana is to speak on suffrage and labor problems at a mass meeting to be held in Madison Square Garden on Sept. 27.

Because of war's heavy draft on the medical profession and on male medical students for the army, Harvard university this year may open the doors of its medical school to women for the first time in its history.

Miss Eva Ostino, representing the cracker packers of San Francisco, was the only woman delegate in attendance at the recent annual convention in Boston of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America.

Gertrude S. Beggs, who has resigned her position as social director at the University of Michigan to become dean of women at the University of Minnesota, is a graduate of the University of Denver and holds a Ph. D. degree from Yale.

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FOLLOWING BY THE SACK

- No. 1 Montana potatoes, per 100 lbs., \$1.00. Fancy green cabbage, per lb., 15c. Fancy sugar-cured bacon. Compare it with what you are paying 10c more per pound for; by the strip, 25c. Swift's fancy skinned hams, per lb., 25c. Swift's Premium hams, per lb., 25c. Kettle-rendered lard—No. 10 for \$2.50, No. 5 for \$1.25, No. 3 for 1.00. Compound—No. 10 for \$2, No. 5 for 1.00. Good eggs, per dozen, 1.00. Good butter, creamery, per lb., 15c. Special 6 bars laundry soap for 40c. Four bars 16c tar soap for 60c. We are selling hundreds of pounds of flour and coffee since we dropped to the old-time prices. 75c Ceylon tea, per lb., 75c. Monarch Brand steel-cut coffee, 45c value, 3 lbs for \$1. This coffee is good enough for the most particular. White House coffee, 45c value east or west; our price at the National Market, 35c. Tettey's tea, 55c value; our price, 35c. No. 1 pot roast, per lb., 15c. Veal stew, per lb., 15c. Veal roast, per lb., 15c. Veal chops, per lb., 15c. Whole family steak for 25c. Sirloin steak, per lb., 25c. Lean pork chops, per lb., 15c. Lean pork chops, per lb., 15c. Buy your pork roast or veal roast for Sunday and save 10c per pound. Large 25c size cans tomatoes for 15c. Green corn, per dozen, 1.00.

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TO MAKE BUTTE BRIGHTEST CITY IN THE ENTIRE STATE

City Engineer Making Great Plans for Next Year—Wants to See Ornamental Lights on Every Street in Butte.

To make Butte the brightest and the city of best paved streets in Montana is the object of extensive plans now being made by City Engineer Ellis. Miles of streets will be paved next spring, he says. A big system of ornamental street lighting is also included in the engineer's outline for the coming year.

"The principal thing is to have all streets leading out of the city in excellent condition," said Mr. Ellis. "I believe that Emmet avenue should be paved from Park street to the city limits. This will give fine streets in and out of Butte connecting up with the road to Anaconda."

"Harrison avenue should be paved as should Utah avenue. This will give good roadway from the heart of the city to the Nine Mile road."

"Broadway is now the prettiest street in Montana. Next year there will be many such streets if present plans bring results. I would like to see ornamental lights, such as are on Broadway, on every street in Butte. This time next year I am convinced that Butte will be the brightest city in Montana and the city of best paved streets."

In some localities petitions for improvements are now being circulated. There seems to be no resistance against the part of the property owners to the city engineer's plans for better Butte.

NO HUMAN OSTRICH

"Hello, Mike!" greeted the vaudeville actor. "Lo, Jack! How are you and Pete?" "Pete's in the hospital," gloomily responded Jack. "So? What's the matter?" "You know Pete's always swallowing three billiard balls while balancing the cue on his eyebrow?" "Yeah." "And you remember he threads tied to the balls, so he couldn't pull them up as soon as he went off?" "Yeah." "Well, he got rattled the other night and leggo the threads"—Everybody's Magazine.

SAVE GASOLINE

Be sparing with the gasoline, if you approve good sportsmanship. joyride nine miles or seventeen, but shun the long and useless trip. Our Uncle Sam would hate like sin to shut off all our joyride jukes, but tricks of that sort he'll begin, if from rank waste we don't cool loose. He's warned us all in tones of brass (and may the warning be not vain), "There'll be sufficiency of gas if every one is safe and sane. But if the visible supply should shrink too much, you'll have a jar, for in the twinkling of an eye I'll tie a can to every car." So let us motor here and there, as much as thoughtful people want, and give the folks some evening air, and take a little Sunday jaunt. We still may jog around the town and down the pike and o'er the leas, and journey when the sun goes down, to rob some farmer's apple trees. So mark the hogs of gasoline, who heed no warning, how'er kind, who still go scorching o'er the scene, and leave a cloud of smoke behind. They still pursue the wasteful game, and will while they possess the price, and they're the ones who'll bear the blame when all our cars are placed on ice.

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