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Toys and other articles too numerous to mention. Let us help you make your gift selection. We will store your packages 'till Christmas.

VALLEY DRUG STORE
A. W. Huxsol, Prop.

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK RAISING

Report of Shipments of Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Grain for Year 1912, for Culbertson

Written by W. Mathews.

The Great Northern Freight Department of Culbertson, shows shipments for the year, as follows: Wheat 65 cars, flax 63 cars, cattle 33 cars, sheep 24 cars, horses 4 cars, and potatoes 1 car. Taking the shipments for December at a ratio of the shipments made during the first week thereof, would bring the number of cars forward to January 1, 1913, to wheat 78 cars, flax 82 cars, which will be approximately correct.

The meaning of these figures can perhaps be comprehended more readily, by reducing the amounts to bushels of grain and heads of stock. The average number of bushels of wheat to the car, may safely be placed at 1,300, which gives us 101,400 bushels. The average number of bushels of flax to the car, may be safely placed at 1,375, which gives us 112,750 bushels. The average number of cattle to the car, may safely be placed at 21, which gives us 693 head. Sheep will run about 160 head to the car, which gives us 3,840 head. Horses may be figured at 20 to the car, which gives us 80 head.

Reduced to values we have—wheat \$70,980, flax \$124,025, cattle \$62,370, sheep \$11,520, horses \$12,000—totaling \$280,895, not taking into consideration 1 car of potatoes, the value of which we are unable to estimate.

We have noted several statements from different districts which have been published throughout the length and breadth of the Treasure State, and they have without exception been unaccompanied by any figures that would furnish a basis to check the correspondent's estimate. And they were all estimates. The district for which Culbertson is a distributing point, contains an area of 185 square miles, and the products shipped amount to \$1,518.35 per square mile of area, or \$379.59 per quarter section. Taking into consideration the waste areas included in the district the showing is remarkable and our pride prompts us to challenge a better showing from any dry farming district developed during the same period of time.

The lands embraced in the Culbertson district are 40 per cent grazing, 50 per cent agricultural, 5 per cent water, 3 per cent timber, and 2 per cent ungrazed badlands. Lignite coal is the principle fuel used and costs \$2.00 per ton at the mines, or \$3.00 per ton delivered in your bin.

The butter and eggs produced in the district have been traded at the local stores for groceries, and we are therefore unable to give accurate figures on these products. However, the butter may be safely estimated at 20,000 pounds with a value of 25c per pound, which would add \$5,000 to our grand total and the eggs may be safely estimated at 8,000 dozen with a value of 25c per dozen, which would also add \$2,000 to the grand total, bringing it up to \$287,895.

Diversified farming is claiming the attention of practically every settler in the district, and the production of both stock and grain will increase rapidly, until the maximum area has been placed under cultivation, which will probably take about three years. Then the alfalfa areas will encroach on the grain areas for a time, so that

we may expect grain production to decrease while stock raising will steadily increase until every hoof-beat marks time to the reverberating echoes of the disappearing grain wagon, and the highest state of agricultural development obtains.

CULBERTSON SCHOOL

One of the Best Equipped Educational Institutions in the State of Montana

Written by Prof. W. A. Alexander

The Culbertson Public School is at the present time made up of the following departments: First Primary, which includes A and B first grade. Second Primary includes grades 2 and 3. In the first Intermediate are grades four and five, and the second Intermediate is made up of grades six and seven. The next higher is the eighth grade, the final step before entering the High School.

All the grades are supplied with maps, a globe, dictionaries, and every year \$20 worth of Primary material is bought for the A. and B. First grade.

Reference Libraries are being built up gradually. There are thirty volumes in the Geographical library for the sixth and seventh grades. Seventy volumes are found in the U. S. History library for the eighth grade. In the High School there are departmental libraries in Ancient and Modern history, a few volumes for each of the subjects Economics, Physiography and Physics. In Chemistry there have no other books been purchased than the text books in use. English Literature department has by far the best library. 152 different titles. This includes the complete Poetical works of 30 of the leading poets. The complete works of Dickens, Scott, Cooper, and Shakespeare are found in 45 volumes. The remaining titles are made up of Classics, and histories of English Literature.

The school library contains at the present time 574 volumes, besides Bulletins on Agriculture, Agricultural papers and 80 consecutive numbers of the Scientific American.

The books in the library are classified under the following titles: A. History and Biography; B. Science and Agriculture; C. English Literature; D. Civics, Economics, Philosophy and Education; E. Geography for grades 6 and 7; F. Fiction; G. Juvenile and H. Reference, as Dictionaries, Lexicon, and Encyclopedias.

The High School Course of Study is arranged so as to alternate certain subjects. The following subjects are given every year: English I and 2, Algebra, Latin, Caesar, Plane Geometry. These are alternated. Ancient and Modern History, Physics and Chemistry; First year German and Second year German; Jr. English Literature and Sr. English Literature; Economics and Physiography alternate with Solid Geometry and Advanced Algebra, French Language and French Literature. By a system of alternation it is possible to give a thorough course in each subject offered. The first semester this year a course in H. S. Physiology has been given.

Last year a permanent record system was introduced. It consists of six cards for 12 years work. The monthly record of each pupil is kept, and of days attendance. The card also serves as a Dismissal and Promotion card, and a space is provided for recording characteristics of each individual pupil.

The school has a well organized Literary Society, run by the pupils, but under the direct supervision of one of the teachers. The society goes by the name of C. H. S. L. S. Programs are given twice a month during the winter.

The pupils are given every encouragement to take part in good, clean, athletic sports. During the fall outdoor basketball has been played, and now since winter has begun a hand ball court is in daily use. A horizontal bar, and a climbing rope has recently been put in place in the attic.

The reading material for the grades as well as the High School is now quite complete.

In the grades the readers used are classified as Literary, Historical, and Geographical. Each grade has five sets of readers and this keeps them busy during the year.

In the High School there are complete sets of classics, 10 to 15 in a set, and seven sets for a class, except the seniors. For this class the complete sets have yet to be selected. These classics are the cream of the world's best literature and at the same time inexpensive, costing in some cases 20c per volume, and averaging about 25c.

Text books are absolutely free, and a sufficient number of books are always on hand. A pupil can come to school get his text books and go to work without having to worry about text books in the least.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

RICHARDSON-COURTNEY

Two Prominent Young People of Antelope Form Life Partnership

Robert S. Richardson and Miss Esther Courtney, both of Antelope, were united in marriage in St. Anthony's Church, at Culbertson, Thursday morning, Dec. 12, 1912. Rev. John Hennessy performing the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Courtney and H. A. Courtney, mother and brother of the bride, and Miss Margaret Richardson, sister of the groom, were witnesses to the ceremony. Mr. Courtney acted as best man and Miss Richardson as bridesmaid.

R. S. Richardson is the last one of the three Richardson brothers to become a benedict. Will Richardson was married about three years ago and Fred brought home a wife more recently.

The Richardson boys, who are all young men of sterling worth and much popularity all over Valley County, are old settlers near what is now known as Antelope, but which was a prairie wilderness when they started to ranch there more than eleven years ago.

The bride is a handsome and accomplished young lady, though not personally known to the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson took the train for the coast last night and will spend the winter at Long Beach, Calif., near Los Angeles.

The best wishes of hosts of friends in this county go with them. May they ever be prosperous and happy.

AN INVESTMENT

How Much Are You Willing to Invest to Make the World a Better Place to Live In?

Written by Rev. J. W. Chase.

The amount which a man is willing to invest in any particular project is a pretty reliable criterion of the value he places upon that project. The question he asks himself as well as the promulgator of a new enterprise is, "Will it pay?" Having settled in his own mind the proper answer to this query, he proceeds accordingly either to invest or protest, all of which is well and good, provided the correct process of reasoning has been followed. The final action must be taken on the basis of the real merits of the proposition, unaffected by prejudice or preconceived notions. In short, a man is called upon to be reasonable, to push up and boost that which adds value and efficiency, and to pull down and remove that which subtracts power and obstructs progress. He must at the beginning of the venture first sit down and count the cost, and the real cost does not consist alone of the amount paid out for material, labor, and the running expenses of the institution, but must include its capacity for service; its effects on humanity, as well as on other institutions, its profits, in a word, the fruits of the whole undertaking.

In view of these facts, what can offer larger returns, produce greater results, or promise richer profits than an intelligent investment in the lives of the youth of today who shall be the citizens and the rulers of tomorrow? The home and the school are banks which pay valuable dividends and high rates of interest on the amount of capital deposited in them. Each is secure and pre-eminent in its own sphere, and nothing is ever wasted or lost which passes through these channels of culture and development. Yet these are inadequate without that higher and surer bank, the Church. The home and the school are limited in their lines of activity, while the church reaches out in every direction and touches every phase of life at its most vital joint. Therefore, it should have the use of its full share of capital to be invested. Its opportunities are better because it comes into closer contact with life and from more viewpoints than home or school. Besides all this, the church is the best organized institution in the world today. This is a strong and broad statement, but it is true, and its truth has been conceded by those in public life who know the facts. Growing out of this, and of equal truth, comes the statement, that this organization of the church makes its funds go farther and produce more than the same amount can be forced to accomplish by any other agency or corporation existing today.

Realizing what statistics prove, that nine tenths of those who become Christians become so before they are twenty-five years of age, the church is wisely investing the largest share of its funds in the lives and the work of young people, not only here in the homeland, but also among those in foreign mission fields. The hope of any nation is her young people. What they are, determines what their nation will be.

If they are progressives, their nation will progress, if they are narrow, their nation's growth will be retarded; if they are sturdy of mind and character, their nation shall be among the leaders, if they are weak, vain, and vacillating, their nation must take its place among the subordinates and lesser lights of the universe. Shall America take and hold the place of the leading nation of the world? With her youth remains the answer to this question. Shall her young people be prepared in mind and heart to meet the situation and to aid the advancement toward leadership? The church replies with a positive affirmative provided she is supplied with but the necessary capital. Shall the church be given the chance to carry out her plan to successful and satisfactory completion? Let the givers of the nation make a substantial response.

Young people need and demand social advantages which neither the home nor the school can give, and here lies the opportunity of the church, which it is not slow to grasp and push to the limit whenever and wherever the means permit. It takes no prophetic vision or wisdom of the Solomon type on the part of any one to see and understand that, if the youth of the land are not given the privilege of enjoying social advantages of the higher order, they will choose those of the lower, and Christian organizations are alone in the field in their persistent efforts to offer the better and the higher class of amusements and social enjoyments over against the saloon, the gambling den, the house of ill fame, the public dance hall, and kindred agencies for the promulgation of all that is low, vain, frivolous, and cheap. If but ten per cent of what is spent on these latter so-called pleasures were invested in the project of the church for the growth and development of the higher instincts and impulses of our young folks. Every church could conduct for the benefit of the town its own amusement hall, with good, healthy, wide-awake plays, elevating and instructive moving pictures, complete library of the best literature with the best of the world's classics and the cream of the pens of standard authors, game rooms of a high class, and a fully equipped gymnasium, all open to the public. In these institutions all the valuable and worth while elements of the present order of entertainments, amusements, and recreations would be retained, and all the multitude of objectionable features would be eliminated. These are facts which have been discovered by investigation and actual calculation of figures. Let them sink in. Figure it out for yourself. Be honest about it. If a few shares in the work of the church will thus assure the youth of our land of true manhood and womanhood, who is to blame if they and the nation are robbed of it? How much stock will you take?

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"Along the Kennebec,"

A New England comedy, comes to Tanners Hall Dec. 16th. The piece is now in its third successful season and has met with popular approval wherever presented, and has been used as a text by two ministers in their sermons. The play is full of comedy hits. It is comedy that a girl or woman can laugh at and not blush at the same time. The burlesque duel scene in the third act between Zeke Dasher and Bunlick Tubbs is said to be one scream from start to finish and five other comedy characters keep the audience in a happy frame of mind. All special scenery is carried for the production, and it is said to be strictly a scenic production from first act to last. Some pleasing singing and character specialties are introduced during the action of the piece, and "Along the Kennebec" sends its audience home feeling pleased and satisfied that "Along the Kennebec" had been in town. Seats on sale at the Valley Drug Store.

OF SCHOOL AGE

School Census of Valley County For Year 1912.

Dist. No. 1, Glasgow, 1388; No. 2, Malta 214; No. 3, North Saco, 111; No. 4, North Hinsdale, 160; No. 5, Homestead, 161; No. 6, Enterprise, 98; No. 7, Hinsdale, 88; No. 8, Saco, 77; No. 9, Poplar, 127; No. 10, Mondak, 137; No. 11, Leedy, 40; No. 12, Cowan, 133; No. 13, Dagmar, 375; No. 14, Tampico, 49; No. 15, Plentywood, 130; No. 16, Bainville, 52; No. 17, Culbertson, 209; No. 18, Lakeside, 27; No. 19, Antelope, 70; No. 20, Vandalia, 30; No. 21, North Medicine Lake, 36; No. 22, Medicine Lake, 103; No. 23, Lanark, 56; No. 24, Beaverton, 29; No. 25, Materson, 22; No. 26, Strater, 29; No. 27, Dane Valley, 240; No. 28, Outlook, 404; No. 29, Froid, 118; No. 30, Hawthorne, 37; No. 31, Gibson, 13; No. 32, Ueland, 69. Total 4833 children.

Cured of Liver Complaint

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

GREATER CULBERT'N

Government of the Ideal Town Should be Based Upon Intelligent Co-operation

Written by Rev. C. E. Wharton

Since the time is rapidly approaching that will decide whether this city will or will not be the County Seat of the proposed new county of Sheridan, it is well for us at this time to consider these matters that will make of and for Culbertson the most desirable town for the seat of county government.

A community as well as an individual should have an ideal, and should have enough civic pride and determination to work for the realization of that ideal.

That community is a complete success in which there is nothing that can hurt or destroy, but in which everything shall bless and benefit.

The ideal town is a community of high private and public morals, in which nothing is allowed that might degrade the individual and community life, and in which boys and girls may develop into true, strong men and women.

The ideal town is a community where every citizen shall be so educated as to fit him or her physically, mentally, and morally for that life work best suited to the individual.

The ideal town is a community whose government is based on intelligence, integrity, justice, and the cooperation of its citizens, and whose officers serve only for the public good.

Such a town is a community of opportunity for each and all; opportunity for a just income for value received; for wholesome recreation for the most thorough physical development. For this we need a reading room and gymnasium with bath.

There should also be the conservation of the public health, by inspection, by correct sanitation, by cleaning up alleys, forbidding the accumulation of manure, removing cans, crockery, scrapiron, etc., from the backyards and alleys, destroying weeds, repairing fences, laying concrete sidewalks, looking after the esthetic as well as the physical welfare of the town.

We should have a town where every man, woman, and child is thoroughly interested in the welfare of the community where strangers are so heartily welcomed as to soon cease to be strangers; where there is no class or caste spirit; and where all meet as friends and associates.

Above all and including all, we need a community whose highest ideal is to serve God by mutual worship in His House, cherished as making for the highest and noblest civilization and in which the public worship of God is maintained in spiritual power.

As citizens of Culbertson, regardless of nationality or creed, let us consecrate our noblest endeavors to make of this a city beautiful, morally clean, not utopian, but thoroughly worth while.

SCHOOL MAMS

Teachers Who Wrote on Examinations Nov. 29-30, 1912.

Margaret E. Kerr, Donnybrook, N. D. Marie McMahon, Ophelm. Florence M. Williamson, Hinsdale. Roy P. Huber, Lillian Hart, Cornelius, Epp, Pearl Yeager, Bessie M. Nolan, Glasgow.

Mrs. Blanche M. Stubblefield, Daisy O. Kenyon, Pauline Wilson, Mildred M. Wilson, J. Alberta Roder, Malta. Clara G. Morgan, Gerda M. Wehander, Froid.

Katherine Westergaard, Dagmar. Hattie M. Ralston, Brockton. Leone Parker, Culbertson. John S. Nyquist, Homestead. Elizabeth J. De tienne, Bainville. Olive Leasing, Ashdale. Cora E. Cogbill, Antelope. M. Gladys Devine, Jessie F. Miner, Plentywood.

Joseph E. Robinson, Daleview. Rosanna Langas, Westby, N. D.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sewelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Just received another shipment of fancy neckwear, hair ornaments, handbags and etc. Tanner & Best Co. 342