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Another Visit of Engineers

Another corps of army engineers are now on an inspection tour of the Sun River project and, after inspecting and reporting on the Sun River project with special reference to the works projected to first construction, will also visit the St. Mary's storage unit. Surveys, which have been carried on during the past year, indicate that it will be feasible to construct a canal down the left side of the St. Marys river for a distance of nine miles, thence crossing the river in a combined inverted syphon supported on steel piers and avoiding the sliding formation encountered down the east side of the river. Surveys have been completed, and the computations and estimates being finished for consideration of the visiting engineers.

The Blackfeet Indian reservation project will also be inspected. This is one of the largest projects in Montana. Work has been carried on continuously for two and one-half years. Canals are being excavated mostly by Indians working as laborers and with their teams. Upward of 150 four-horse Indian teams working on Fresno scrapers have been engaged on the work during the past season.

Lower Two Medicine lake is being converted into a storage reservoir. The construction of the dam at the outlet of the lake is already commenced. The first development will give a storage capacity of 16,000 acre feet. Timber for the temporary camp buildings and other requirements of the works, is being sawed by a mill recently installed by the reclamation service at the lake. About 1,000,000 feet, board measure, will probably be cut into timber for use in construction with the several structures in the northern part of the reservation. A mill will subsequently be built in the southern part of the reservation on Badger creek, where a very large quantity of good timber can be manufactured into lumber for that part of the reservation.

A character who goes by the name of Casey was picked off by Marshal Arnett yesterday for employing the arts of a "secretary." He was fined by the magistrate and ordered to "beat it."

Mrs. Henry Hagan is at a Great Falls hospital undergoing treatment for her eyes.

Ben Boorman Busy Booster

B. J. Boorman, Booster Extraordinary for all Montana, is now touring the effete east. At Duluth Mr. Boorman was interviewed by a representative of the Duluth Herald, who quoted the big lumberman to the extent of about a column. Mr. Boorman told of the almost miraculous transition of Montana from a range to a grain state. He told of our fine fields of wheat, oats and flax, our elevators and our mills that are being built. "It is not necessary to irrigate in order to farm successfully; some of the best grain to be seen this year in our state is on unirrigated land" said he.

Donates Building

Jack Whittecar has again shown his generosity and good will toward the band by donating the old Mint saloon building for their use.

Revival of Interest Near Close

The closing days of the Piano Contest are drawing near and there is a revival of interest, on the part of both the candidates and the public. The time from now till the close will fly pretty fast and the constant hustlers from now until Saturday, Sept. 23 will have the best chance to capture the big prize. There is not much of a margin between any of the three leaders. It is no one's victory yet. The story is not yet told. On the face of the returns this week Miss Croff is still in the lead. The vote:

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| Miss Emma Croff | 50,319 |
| Mrs. D. B. Donahue | 40,605 |
| Mrs. Frank Neumuth | 32,470 |
| Miss Emma Krug | 2,945 |
| " Gladys Ferris | 1,495 |
| " Mary Pearce | 1,660 |
| " Anna Argenbright | 1,050 |
| " Harriet Wilkins | 1,025 |

Lukens Lots on Libby Market

The Western News of Libby announces the opening of the Lukens addition to that town and proclaims Mr. Lukens a very progressive and public-spirited man and possessed of great enthusiasm for the up-building of his adopted town. Mr. Lukens is president of the National bank at Libby, has an interest in its leading hotel and now has put his town property upon the market. Mr. Lukens came over from Libby on Monday and in conversation with the Pioneer Press editor stated that money was free and very substantial advancement was being made in the development of Libby's industries.

It was pointed out to Mr. Lukens that the complexion of conditions here—the "state of withdrawal" of lands in the community and lots in town—was not conducive to rapid progress and the Libby investor seemed to concur in this opinion.

Do You Catch It?

Cashier Taft of the First National estimates conservatively 1,000 acres of flax in the Cut Bank country. Some of this will yield 20 bushels per acre but the average will be about 15 bushels. On the big markets flax is today selling around \$2.30. It will bring about \$2.00 a bushel at the local elevator. That means \$30,000 for flax alone to be distributed in this country this autumn.

Cut Bank friends of Mrs. Frank Hammond, formerly Miss Biddy Connolly, are still mildly dazed over the manner in which she stole a march on them, going to Lethbridge in company with Miss Mary Connolly and there, on August 18th, becoming the bride of Frank Hammond, formerly a Cut Bank resident; an employe in the roundhouse as machinist. Even the ever alert and sleuth-like Pioneer Press reporter failed to get the information until a few days ago. Although not "taken in" on their plans connubial, the local friends of the young people will grant forgiveness and extend well wishes for all the rare joys of the married state.

Drowned in a Reservoir

While hunting ducks in the Jim Miller reservoir, Thursday afternoon, Paul Lang, a homesteader, became mired and drowned in 12 feet of water. The body was recovered shortly afterward.

Lang was 28 years old. His sister and mother resided with him. Acting Coroner Thomas went out this morning to view the remains.

Pure Patriot Is McCarty

Fresh from a jostle with the ponderous sheaves of winter wheat on John Hall's big Sweet Grass ranch, Charley McCarty, of Hibernian persuasion and a Montana patriot of the extreme type, bounded into the Pioneer Press office Monday evening.

For several years Charley operated a farm, in the capacity of tenant, back in Minnesota near the former home town of the writer. Charley now looks back upon his lean and fallow years as a tenant with sombre regret and wishes he had come to northern Montana a few years sooner, that his bank-role might be of more bulging proportions.

"Boy, I was sure a mark to play the part of renter in that country for so many years," he mused. "When I went there I was 'bent,' when I left there I was 'broke.' Why, back there they say that twenty bushels of wheat to the acre is a great big crop; our ranchers here turn up their noses and call that a failure. My friend John Long of Couettes threshed twenty bushels to the acre last year and they all called it 'half a crop.'"

"I have been trying to get a few of those renter friends of mine out here but they won't believe me. I wish they could see that 200-acre field of John Hall's. If that field doesn't yield fifty bushels to the acre I'll never again risk a guess. It was a bundle every step you took and the shocks are so thick that it is almost impossible to drive a team and wagon thru them. The heads are seven inches long and six rows of wheat on every head."

"This land north of Cut Bank will be selling for \$50 a acre when the farmers back east get the real facts and a few more crops like this will boost it to twice that amount" said Charlie as he took his departure and wended his way back to the laughing grain fields on the Hall ranch.

Braniff-Speth

Father Dunne came up from Conrad Sunday evening and immediately upon his arrival proceeded to the Metropolitan Hotel, where he performed the ceremony that united in wedlock Miss Margaret Braniff and Michael Speth of Pincher Creek, Can. Dennis and Bessie Braniff acted as groomsmen and bridesmaid. After spending a few days at the Braniff home the newlyweds will go to Pincher Creek to make their home.

Tom Connolly has had a fine granary erected on his property on the Heights, to store the crop from the Connolly ranch near town.

Sweep of the News Circle

A severe frost at Havre Sunday evening did great damage to gardens and late flax.

J. E. Webb, the veteran Choteau resident, is collecting exhibits for the state fair. Mr. Webb is making a personal visit to the various communities in the county.

Valier's second annual harvest festival will occur on Monday, Sept. 4th and a great jollification is promised. Several hundred Blackfeet Indians in full war paint will perform and this will be one of the big numbers. A special train will be run from Great Falls to Valier on that day.

Insurrection is rife in Conrad. David J. Ryan, who last week was ousted from the town council, has come back with a perishing punch, charging Mayor Pings and Aldermen Johnson and Merrill with unlawfully plotting and conspiring to put him away. On top of all this comes a Mr. Nigg, on whose land the sewage from the town has been dumped, with a damage suit for \$14,200.

Farmers in both the Shelby and Conrad sections have been having meetings to discuss the possibilities of building farmers' elevators.

Winter wheat on the Ryan and Withee farm near farm near Conrad is being threshed and is yielding 40 bushels to the acre.

A new course is to be added to the county high school at Choteau; a teachers' course. This course is intended to prepare the students that upon graduation they will be able to pass the state teachers' examination and do efficient work in the rural schools.

While a few of his close friends had been apprised of the fact a little before hand, the majority will no doubt be surprised to hear of the marriage of J. D. Perdue, the well known Great Northern engineer, to Miss Mae Spencer, which took place at Portland, Oregon.—Whitefish Pilot.

Severe Injuries

The Belyea family seem to be pursued by some evil genius of late. On Tuesday evening, while driving homeward from town, about a mile out, the horse which they were driving suddenly lunged ahead, the seat broke loose from the buggy and Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Belyea and her little girl were thrown violently to the earth. All sustained injuries more or less painful. Mrs. Wallace's injuries were the most serious, she having sustained a dislocated shoulder. Mrs. Wallace is now at the Conrad hospital, where the injury is being treated, Dr. Hulbush assisting the operation.

The Weather—clear, calm and warm. Harvest in full swing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neumuth have taken charge of the night service at the Great Northern hotel.

Sheriff Richards was a Great Falls visitor Thursday.

Browns Opera House Tonight A True Kentuckian

School Opens Next Week

Prin. T. E. Lewis arrived here from Wisconsin yesterday. Mr. Lewis informs the Pioneer Press that the local school will open for the term on Tuesday next.

Great Falls Gracious Host

Great Falls proved a generous and gracious host to the members of the Montana State Press Association who assembled there on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Rainbow Hotel, the most metropolitan hostelry in the mountain west, was made the rendezvous of the newspaper makers. Unlike many hotels of the pretention and "class" of the Rainbow, it is filled with an atmosphere of home-like cordiality, rare politeness and congeniality. No frosty formality among the clerks, no fawning for 'tips' in the elegant dining room, no insolent bell-hops. Over all is the guiding genius of Mr. Ward, the affable and seasoned manager.

The business session was enjoyable and profitable. The publishers of Montana are alert, red-blooded business men, the type you will always find in virgin lands or blazing trails in the far places. No whining or pleading for "support," no cord-wood-cabbage-subscription barter in theirs. They are constructive forces in the development of a bountiful commonwealth—and they know it.

Dr. O. M. Lanstrum, Good Fellow Extraordinary and ripened journalist, again heads the association. The Helena man has been one of the potent forces in preserving the integrity, the dignity and the influence of the organization for years and every member fully appreciates his valuable services. The suave and scholarly John M. Durston invited the editors to meet at Anaconda in 1912 and the invitation was accepted.

Dedication at Browning

Next Sabbath, Sept. 3, at 11 o'clock the new church building at Browning will be formally dedicated to the service of God. Rev. R. W. Edwards of Great Falls will preach the dedicatory sermon and conduct the services. Rev. Mr. Edwards will preach in Cut Bank next Sabbath evening at 7:45 o'clock. The people are most cordially invited to attend these services. L. J. Hawkins, Pastor.

To Build School House

The Sweet Grass school board have disposed of their bonds and are now advertising for bids for the construction of a two-room cement building.

The Other National Game

Mrs. Galey (as Galey arrives home at 6 a. m.)—Well! What in the world reminded you to come home at all?

Galey,—The game was called on account of daylight, my dear.—Puck.

Sherb's Fine Grain

Conrad Observer: Sherb Morse, who lives in the Spring hill country about twenty-five miles southwest of town, last week brought in a sample of the prevailing crops in his country. There was oats that measured 5 foot 9 1/2 inches, flax 25 inches, alfalfa 23 inches, rye 3 foot 4 inches, barley 4 foot 2 inches and some of as nice potatoes as one could wish for. Mr. Morse said all grain looked good and he predicted a yield of from 35 to 40 bushels per acre. W. D. Jones, the successful fall wheat grower in that section has a tract of 200 acres which Mr. Morse says will go 40 bushels or more to the acre.