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## The Big Contest Closes in Thirty-One More Hours



MR. J. J. HILL

The Empire builder celebrated his 73rd birthday last Saturday.

### The Tale of the Thresher

The threshing machine is now telling the tale of the extent of the crop yield in the Cut Bank community. Judging by what threshing has been done to date, oats is the top-notch. The season was too cool and moist for the propagation of spring wheat and the yield is hardly up to expectations. No flax, to our knowledge, has been threshed yet, so the yield of this crop is still problematical.

On the Connolly ranch, where the first threshing on a large scale occurred, 3100 bushels were threshed from sixty acres. In one part of the field it is estimated that the oats yielded 70 bushels per acre. On the Whetston ranch 920 bushels were threshed from a 16-acre field, this being a yield of about 60 bushels per acre. On the George Weaver ranch the wheat yielded about 16 bushels per acre and the oats 52. On the Jim Ritchie ranch oats yielded 55 bushels per acre. On Andy Bakke's ranch wheat yielded 21 bushels and oats 47.

The Pioneer Press desires to keep in touch with grain yields in all parts of the community and will consider it a favor if ranchers and owners of threshing outfits will keep the paper posted on the yields of different grains.

### Reciprocity is Badly Beaten

A message to the Pioneer Press this morning states that the Canadians rejected the reciprocity issue and that the mighty Laurier was overwhelmingly defeated. This means that there will be no reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Canada.

### Corrections

The description of the restored tracts as published in the last issue of the Pioneer Press was taken from the Great Falls Leader. There were a few errors that are corrected below:

T. 31 N. 3 W.—North instead of west half, Sec 35.

T. 35 4W repeated and T 32, 4W omitted.

T. 36 instead of 26, R. 5W.

Tom Delaney was a business visitor at Browning Tuesday.

### Leaders are Running Neck and Neck and Uncertainty of the Outcome Makes Finish Intensely Exciting

### Ballot Box to Close Promptly at 6 O'clock Tomorrow Night and Three Judges will Count the Votes

It is now a matter of hours instead of weeks and days until the close of the Big Piano Contest. A hurried checking with the Drake Drag Co. shows that the leading candidates are running mighty close—so close that the finish is bound to be intensely exciting. The contest has been an interesting one from the very start. People in town and country "took sides" in selecting their favorites and while there has been no bitterness or personal ill feeling at any time the rivalry for every advantage which the rules afforded has been eagerly sought.

Cashier Taft of the First National has been asked to assist the judges in totaling the vote tomorrow evening and has consented to act. Every effort will be made to give the public the result soon after the ballot box is closed—at 6 o'clock sharp tomorrow evening.

Persons who desire to help any of the candidates should do so some time today or early tomorrow. Give the candidates a chance to get their votes in on time.

Those who may not be considered "leaders" in this contest should not forget that by a little hustling for the next day and a half they may secure a certificate that will be worth \$100.00 or more. Pretty fair wages for a little energy spent in vote-getting?

### 5--Five Krause Piano Prizes--5

First prize to the person receiving the highest number of votes—a \$350.00 Krause piano.

Second prize, a due bill for \$260.00 to apply as part payment on a Krause Grand Piano.

Third Prize, a due bill for \$250.00 to apply on a Krause Grand Piano.

Fourth prize, due bill for 240.00 as above stated.

Fifth prize, due bill for \$230.00 as above stated.

### The Fine, Free Prize that will be Awarded Tomorrow



### A Good Investment

It has been suggested to the Pioneer Press that the town council be given encouragement consideration of the matter of purchasing the old school house building for city hall purposes. It is the writer's opinion that the purchase would be a wise move. The town fathers may feel that they are somewhat handicapped at present in a financial way, but we believe the school board would give the town pretty liberal terms and most people who are in position to do so are eager and anxious to invest in town orders that pay a small interest rate—especially on a town with such a prospect as Cut Bank. It will not be long before the town treasury will be in good condition but it may not be safe to defer this purchase until then, as it is a pretty desirable building for many purposes. It would make a splendid city hall. Later on, maybe, the fathers could rent part of it to the county commissioners of the proposed St. Mary's County.

### Announcement

The School of Agriculture offered by the Montana Agricultural College, opens October 10th and extends thru three years of six months each. It comes during the winter season when the young men can be spared from the farm work.

For entrance to this course, students must have passed the eighth grade or its equivalent. Young men 21 years of age or over will be admitted to the course without having completed the eighth grade in the public school, provided they have had some practical work upon the farm.

The work in the School of Agriculture is made as practical as possible. The students are allowed to secure a great deal of actual experience in farming. They become familiar with the different breeds of live stock and the different varieties of grains and grasses. A large amount of experience in judging both grain and live stock is given.

Briefly, the School of Agriculture has for its specific purpose the training of the younger generation in such a way that the term "farming" will mean a pleasure and a profitable source of income.

No tuition is charged. The students are asked only to pay a small fee to cover some of the laboratory materials. Board and room may be had at from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per week.

Any one desiring further information relative to this course should address,

H. F. Patterson, Principal School of Agriculture, Bozeman, Montana.

B. J. Boorman was looking after his large interests here Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Boorman recently returned from a trip to the principal points on the Atlantic seaboard.

Yesterday Tracy Poor brought in four potatoes raised on sod on his ranch in the "rim" country that weighed 4 1-2 pounds.

Raw hides are higher today than at any time in the history of the leather industry and harness and all leather goods are bound to advance. Buy your harness goods now before the rise. G. C. Putt.

Samuel L. Potter, president of the First National, was a visitor here on Wednesday.



Thos. H. Carter, Foremost statesman of the West, who died suddenly at Washington last Sunday.

### Comes to a Violent End

Local relatives of John M. Connolly were pained to learn of his sudden death, last Friday, by being thrown from a wagon, while driving from Fort Benton to his home at the head of Highwood canyon, several miles from that city.

Mr. Connolly, wife and one little son resided in Cut Bank for more than a year, leaving here early last spring to reside on their ranch near Highwood. Mr. Connolly was employed in the local roundhouse for several months. He was very devoted to his home and family and spent all his leisure time with his wife and little son. His sudden taking off is regretted by all Cut Bank people. The Great Falls Leader gives the following account of his death:

Fort Benton, Sept. 16.—John M. Connolly, son of John Connolly, Sr., was accidentally killed about 4 p. m. yesterday at the head of Highwood canyon, about three miles southeast of town. Mr. Connolly was about 35 years of age and a son-in-law of Wm. Cecil of this city.

The victim of the accident had been to Fort Benton looking after business matters and after purchasing some lumber and a few shingles started for his home, about 10 miles up the Shonkin.

A young rancher, Oliver P. Ritter of Nine Mile, met Mr. Connolly on the river bridge, as he drove into town about 3 p. m. After purchasing various supplies Mr. Ritter started home. He discovered the body at the above mentioned point, unconscious, but still breathing. The team and wagon were nowhere to be seen.

C. L. Gaines, who was coming toward town, reported having seen the team and wagon wandering aimlessly about the prairie, but drove on and did not investigate. He assisted Mr. Ritter in loading the body and bringing it to the James Nolan undertaking establishment.

The supposition is that Mr. Connolly lost his balance from the wagon and the horses either kicked or stepped on him, as his skull was fractured in several places.

Anna, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Connolly, sustained a broken arm, Tuesday, by falling from her baby carriage. The broken member was attended to at once by Dr. Hulbush and is mending rapidly.

John Hall's outfit is now threshing on the Axel Rasmussen farm. The Taft boys are threshing on their own ranch at present.

A carload of shiplap for grain bins at the Big Red Shed.