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Club Talks Over the Coal Situation

Water Famine Also Under Discussion at Club Meeting

President P. B. Anderson called a meeting of the Commercial Club on Monday afternoon to discuss the coal situation. It seems that nothing short of a new county division scheme or a crisis of some kind provides sufficient incentive for a good club meeting here. Monday's meeting was well attended, by business interests and a few ranchers. It was learned at this meeting that the Great Northern had a car of Fernie coal which it offered to sell to the club and after considerable discussion John Miller was asked to arrange to purchase this coal and distribute a ton to each person who made a request, as long as it lasted. However, Mr. Miller found it unnecessary to purchase this coal, as a shipment came in for him on the same evening and the threatened famine has been averted for the present. Secretary Frank VanDemark was asked to wire the Great Northern superintendent at Great Falls, asking that coal shipments to Cut Bank receive the road's best attention hereafter.

The water situation was informally discussed. President Potter and Alderman Anderson gave it as their opinion that persons whose hydrants were not working at present were free to use water from open hydrants of their neighbors. Mr. Potter stated that it would probably be necessary to purchase a new standpipe, as the pipe is badly cracked in several places. "The condition is extraordinary and may not happen again for forty years, so there is nothing to do but be patient and strive to make the best of conditions. We are doing all we can for water patrons, regardless of cost," said Mayor Potter.

Have We a Sherlock Holmes?

The other day Deputy Hughes received the following communication, which he promptly turned over to the Puzzle Editor of the Pioneer Press:

Mil City, Mont., Jan 26
Dear Sir Sheriff
have day Been any Pepl By this desipen 2 cart and to fancy Wagen Please I Wish you Wood do me this faver and answer me at Mile City Mont P O G Starks (Wild West)
Mile city Mont

Browning Items

Snow, snow, beautiful snow! What a relief from the 55 below.

Runners and sleds are in big demand these days. And it is hard sledging, too. But not nearly so hard as it will be among the politicians soon.

The losses among the stock of the Reservation have been remarkably low, considering the severe weather. A number of sheep and cattle however, have succumbed.

Donnybrook fair is now being pulled off in Washington, D. C., by the two antagonistic delegations from the reservation who are entertaining your Uncle Samuel with a good specimen of a Donigal scrap.

St. Patrick's Day in the "mar-nin" will be celebrated at the Presbyterian Church on the night of the 17th of March. So it has been announced, anyway, begorra!

Isaac Whistler, our popular Postmaster, has won the championship of Montana for domesticating of the wild. His domestic pet is a muskrat. Next.

The coal has arrived. The fact accounts for the present welcome thaw—by far more welcome than Harry would be.

O. G. VanSenden began the building of a barn about six weeks ago, but lo! he is smothered in the snow.

Mr. Street has returned from Sun River to the office of the Reclamation Service here and will start soon to survey around Two Medicine Lake. He made a very impressive talk at the Presbyterian Endeavor Society Sunday evening.

Robert Walters and Charlie Bust were out hunting lately, and Charlie had part of his hand shot away by an accidental discharge.

A son of Mr. Krieger of the Reclamation service had both feet badly frozen last week while out hunting. It was hot for a while that he might lose his toes. The later reports are more hopeful.

Angus Monroe is visiting at the home of Henry Stone here while convalescing from a recent operation for appendicitis at Conrad. His home is at Glacier Park.

The Market:

The prices today:	
Spring Wheat.....	1.04
Winter Wheat.....	1.04
Durum.....	.99
Flax.....	2.05
Oats, No. 1, cwt.....	1.25
Barley.....	1.00
Rye.....	.73

St. Valentine's Day

February Fourteenth



In Re Personal Preparedness

There's another lesson in what might be termed "personal preparedness" to be learned from the unusual conditions that have prevailed the past month, due to the severity of the winter. And it is rather human to "pass the buck" as the popular slang phrase expresses it, or in other words to excuse our own thoughtlessness and lay the blame elsewhere. There has been much condemnation of the Great Northern for failure to make prompt coal deliveries to different parts of Montana, but after considering all phases of the matter the Pioneer Press feels in accord with the following from the Havre Plaindealer:

The Plaindealer holds no brief for the railway company, but its sympathy is broad enough to embrace that carrier as well as unfortunate residents along its line who suffer for want of coal. Simply because the company cannot perform a physical impossibility is no just reason why it should be universally condemned. We live in a cold country; ordinary winters are sufficiently mild to permit supplying coal needs; until Christmas day the conditions were ideal for the laying in of a fuel supply; and if there is suffering now for lack of coal, it is more the fault of the communities affected than of the Great Northern railroad or any other human agency. Whatever human suffering exists, could in most cases have been avoided by due preparation.

Annual Meeting Held Today

The annual meeting of the Crown Hill Cemetery Association was held at 10 o'clock today. Mrs. Ora Bomboy was reelected president, John C. Benish, vice president; R. L. Taft, secretary and F. H. Worden, treasurer. The trustees for three years are Ora E. Bomboy and R. L. Taft.

Why the Papers Are Getting Yellow

We all have noticed for some time the yellow color of the daily papers. The past week we notice that a number of the weeklies have turned yellow also. This however, is not due to cheap paper, as printers are not guilty of cutting down expense but to the fact that the dye material is getting scarce. On account of the war there is no dye material being shipped into the United States and it cannot be obtained. However, the poorly colored stock costs the printer as much as the first class goods of yesterday.—The Browning review.

The increasing cost of print paper, bonds, linens, envelopes and ruled goods is one of the grave problems confronting the printer today. Print and other papers have recently advanced nearly 25 per cent. Yesterday we received a letter from a Spokane paper house, notifying us of a raise. The writer said in part: "Only those directly in the paper business can know the tremendous difficulty that the manufacturer is laboring under. It seems to be getting worse. We will try and keep prices from going still higher as long as possible."

"Impossible!" Say The Stockmen

A large number of stockmen in the section north of Cut Bank have called at the Pioneer Press office within the past week to look over the conditions of the grazing permits on the Blackfeet. After carefully reading the conditions the invariable declaration was "none of it in mine." The stockmen declare that the fencing provisions are absurd, since the fence must be donated at the expiration of the leasing period. A number have stated that the only feasible plan would be the organization of a stock corporation for the purpose of leasing and fencing the land and for the mutual protection of the stock.

Athletic Activity

Special Correspondence

About forty of the enterprising citizens of Browning and vicinity have organized a night school and are diligently studying the three "R's." An agricultural course will eventually be added to the present course of study. The movement is being supported by Browning merchants, who are offering a number of substantial scholarship prizes, a complete list of which will be published later.

On Friday evening, February 4, the Browning populace witnessed an interesting game of basketball between the Blackfoot town team and the Browning Public School. The game resulted in a hard earned victory for Browning.

We are authorized to announce the following schedule of basketball games to be played in Browning: Feb. 12, Girls' Team, Blackfeet Boarding School, vs. Girls' Team, Browning Public School. Feb. 11, Boys' Team, Blackfoot Boarding School vs. Boys' Second Team, Browning Public School. Feb. 18, Browning Night School vs. Browning Public School. Feb. 25, Blackfoot Town Team vs. Browning Public School. A social event will follow each of the above mentioned games.

Rebekah Installation

At a meeting held Wednesday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, the Headlight Rebekah Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

N. G., Regna Taft; V. G., Harriett Hughes; Secretary, H. G. Putt; Treasurer, Ed. D. Hughes; Warden, Daisy Danens; Cond., Nora Thomas; Chap., Cena Hebbink; I. G., Caroline Halvorson; O. G., Eliza Wilkins; R. S. N. G., Mary McClure; L. S. N. G., Dora Madison; R. S. V. G., Lula Davis; L. S. V. G., Nora G. Knapp; P. N. G., Barbara Putt.

Refreshments were served following the installation.

Entertain at Whist

Mrs. H. J. Halvorson and Mrs. M. J. Halvorson were hostesses at a progressive whist party at the Metropolitan on Wednesday evening. The drawing room of the hotel, the scene of the session, was tastily decorated and long-stemmed yellow jonquils carried the guests in fancy to verdant springtime. The color note was carried out in the score cards, which were white and yellow. Mrs. W. A. Hulbush won first honors in the contest and Mrs. C. A. Hulbush was awarded foot prize. Luncheon was served at the conclusion of the series.

Perrine Says Loss To Date is Light

Rumors Concerning Loss of Sheep Greatly 'Stretched'

"There is no foundation to the rumor circulated here that my sheep losses have been heavy during the past week or two" said Jas. A. Perrine to the Pioneer Press Tuesday. "I credit the rumor to a herder who left the band and came to Cut Bank for a celebration. I have lost a few older and weaker animals, but the percentage of loss to date is remarkably light."

Mr. Perrine states that there is plenty of feed on the reservation and recently he purchased a hundred tons of hay, as a reserve in case the cold spell should continue for a long period. Those who put up a large quantity of hay and have a surplus are making good money this winter, he says.

Mr. Perrine seems inclined to think that the Walsh bill, to open the eastern edge of the Reservation, will pass at the coming session and appears to have excellent reasons for this belief. Two delegations from the Reservation were recently called to Washington, to present the case, pro and con, before Commissioner Sells. Bob Hamilton heads the "antis" and Malcolm Clark is spokesman for those who favor the opening. The Hamilton lieutenants are Oliver Sanderville, Bird Rattler and Chief Wolf Plume. The Clark lieutenants are Dick Sanderville, Jack Galbreath and Mountain Chief.

"It has always been claimed heretofore that the agitation in favor of this move was confined to a few mixed-bloods of the more prosperous class" said Perrine, "but this time each of the delegations has a full-blood Pigan chief to present the opposing opinions and the Commissioner ought to be able to get a good angle on the situation, from the standpoint of the older Indians."

Notice to Maccabees

All members of the Lady Maccabees are requested to turn in their February assessment to the local record-keeper, Mrs. Ida Chasse, whose records are to be forwarded Monday.

Presbyterian Church

Bible School at 10:30.
Evening Worship at 7:30. Sermon: "Abraham Lincoln; Was He a Christian?"

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