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Local Sunday School Victor

The Teton County Sunday School contest has come to a conclusion with Cut Bank victorious. The contest lasted ten weeks. Valier, Conrad, Bynum, Coteau and Cut Bank were the competing towns.

The percentage of increase for the ten Sundays of the contest was: Cut Bank 103.5; Bynum: 91.9; Coteau 73. The basis was made the average attendance for the months of November and January.

The Cut Bank Scholars threw themselves enthusiastically into the contest from the start, and this explains the wonderful record made. The lowest attendance on any Sunday was 81; the highest 175. The entire attendance was 1241. The average attendance was more than doubled.

The friendly rivalry has been productive of much good, and the Cut Bank School proposes to go on to greater things.

A Momentous Discovery

A couple of prominent members of the local Wilson club were observed at an early hour Wednesday morning gazing mournfully at some far point low on the western horizon. When interviewed by a representative of the Pioneer Press the gentlemen had nothing to say; but it is conjectured that they had just discovered the rapidly declining Star of Democracy. This is important, if true, and a meeting of the club will be held in Donahue's barber shop Monday evening to consider the matter.

The New Council

The newly-elected town council met Tuesday evening and organized as follows: President, P. B. Anderson; Auditing Committee—Fred Adams, P. B. Anderson, T. J. Larson; Purchasing Committee—H. C. Putt and T. J. Larson; Water Committee—P. B. Anderson, H. C. Putt and Fred Adams; Street Committee—Fred Adams and T. J. Larson; Fire Committee—P. B. Anderson and H. C. Putt.

The appointive officers were all continued in their respective offices.

Presbyterian Church

Bible school at 10:30 a. m. Special music by the Junior Girls. Men's Bible class: "Jesus and the Bible."

Evening worship at 8 o'clock. "Universal Bible Sunday will be observed May 7 through out the world. The pastor's theme will be, "The Bible's Contribution to the Progress of the World."

This will be an interesting and instructive Centennial celebration. The public is earnestly invited to be present.

Browning

Messrs. McFrittridge, Steele, Crerar, Whistler and Perrine went to Choteau to attend a good roads convention of some sort, and came home very much the result of a bad road in the county seat neighborhood. Mr. Perrine, we understand, had a tooth broken off, while Mr. McFrittridge's friends hardly recognized their old neighbor. The mishap took place at a poorly-built culvert. And yet we pay road-tax to fix just such places. What becomes of the road-tax, anyway?

I have decided not to buy that Packard until the roads are fixed. My old bay team is good enough for me. Timeo Danaos!

The Hamilton delegation came back from Washington Saturday, claiming that the Walsh bill now up in the Senate was a compromise secured by them after a tremendous fight. So the present bill is a glorious victory for the Hamilton delegation, and also a triumph for the opposition faction. Good! Victory all round! Now we will have a peace within our tribal borders such as would warm the hearts of Carnegie, Bryan and Henry Ford. Hooray!

Rev. Dr. Gold attended lodge at Cut Bank Friday night.

Several of the employes of the Indian school were up to the picture show one night last week.

Some of the stockmen have returned from the south with imported cattle. New blood is a good thing, when the old has become impoverished. It is the mixture in the American that has placed him ahead of all other nations. That is why we "crap" inefficient methods so quickly.

Mr. Funk, of the Reclamation office is now stationed at Seville, looking after the ditches.

The new offices at the Agency will greatly facilitate the handling of the business at headquarters.

Many of our people have been vaccinated as the result of the small-pox scare, which is now happily a thing of the past.

Many friends from the surrounding country met in a social way at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Paisley on St. Marys river last week.

Mr. Seleeman has made a fine record here as principal of our schools this year, and the same thing can be said of all the teachers. Do we stop often enough to consider how much we owe to the school teacher? And, indeed, how much we owe to the school board?

Seeding is progressing in the Heart Butte neighborhood. That is the habitat of the big potato, onion, beet and turnip. Watch Heart Butte at our next fall Indian fair.

Dr. Nelson Here

Dr. R. G. Nelson returned from Kalispell Wednesday night after spending a week at the Flathead metropolis. His health is much improved and he is now able to look after his practice here.

Odd Fellows' Open House

What many describe as the grandest time they have ever enjoyed in Cut Bank was pulled off Friday night in the Oddfellows' Hall. The program consisted of recitations, songs, speeches and recreative games. T. B. Bomboy acted the part of mine host to the large company present. He was toast master, roast master and floor-manager combined. He called on Rev. Alexander Pringle who gave the statistics of the order in the United States and Montana, which were stimulating, indeed, to the pulse of the loyal Oddfellow. Nearly nineteen million dollars, last year, was raised and expended by the Oddfellows' lodges of the country. There are fifty homes for old Oddfellows in the United States, and the increase in the number of new lodges organized was larger proportionately during the past year than during any year in the history of the order, which has now passed its ninety-seventh birthday in the United States.

Dorothea Halvorson was then introduced and gave a recitation on the "Grouchy at Home and Pleasant Abroad" type of hubby that brought down the house. Dr. Gold of Browning was then called upon for a speech that kept the audience in good humor, with stories and sage advice, together with an eulogy on the spirit and progress of Odd Fellowship. Dr. Gold is well known here and his many friends heard him gladly, as they are always ready to do.

After the literary part of the program and many congratulatory remarks by members of the Order supper was announced by the ladies and a good social time had around the festive board, in a feast of reason and a flow of soul. The next stage of the evenings entertainment was the recreative part which was simply beyond description. "Shorty" Hull took the prize as a sure shot at the mouth-trap, while many others excelled at various stunts. The party broke up in the wee sma' hours after singing Auld Lang Syne. Altogether it was a social event any community might be proud of.

Loucks-Gould

Jim Gould, one of the prominent farmers of the Headlight section, and Mrs. Alice N. Loucks were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes Sunday by Rev. Alexander Pringle. Mrs. Gould is a niece of Harry Wilkins and has resided at the Wilkins ranch for the past two years. The Pioneer Press joins their many friends in wishing the happy couple a long, joyful and prosperous wedded life.

Church Supper

On Friday evening, May 5, the Presbyterian church will hold a supper and business meeting in the basement of the Teton building. Supper will be served at eight o'clock. The members and friends of the church and congregation are cordially invited. Business of much importance and interest will be discussed. There will be music and sociability. No charge will be made.

Catholic Services

Services first and third Sunday in each month. The following is the order of services: Morning mass at 8:00. High mass at 10:30 a. m. Christian doctrine at 2 p. m.

Fake Rural Credit Schemes

The department has recently received letters from a number of farmers who have subscribed for stock in rural credit companies, including so-called co-operative companies, which appear to have no real cooperative features.

In some of these letters the complaint is made that the agents selling the stock make misrepresentations as to when loans may be obtained by subscribers and that the companies later disclaim responsibility for statements made by the agents. In a number of instances, farmers seem to have gained the idea from the agent that they would be able to secure loans within a relatively short time, and express disappointment on realizing that they must wait for an indefinite period for the promised loan and go on making payments just the same on the stock which they have agreed to take.

Where farmers are confronted with a proposition of this character they should first read the prospectus and the contract very carefully and make sure that they know exactly what these mean, especially the contract. If the contract is so worded that its meaning is not clear after a careful reading, this in itself should be reason enough for extra caution. The agent's explanation of the contract is not a part of the contract, nor is his promise that the company will do things not specified in the contract by any means sure to be recognized by the company.

Farmers ought, first, to find out what provision has been made for the protection of the interests of subscribers, either through responsible government supervision over the activities of the company, or in any other way, and if they are in doubt they should consult competent advisors with regard to the responsibility of the company before paying over, or agreeing to pay over, their own good money. Always in the matter of subscription to stock in any kind of a company, they should exercise caution.—F. S. Cooley.

Town Treasurer's Annual Report

Town Treasurer's annual report of the financial condition of the town of Cut Bank, Teton county, Montana, for the fiscal year ending April 29th, 1916:

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand, Gen'l Fund,	
May 1st, 1915,	\$1572.64
Balance on hand, Water Fund,	
May 1st, 1915,	380.09
Balance on hand, Int. & Sinking Fund, May 1st, 1915,	1867.80
License receipts,	1733.00
Fines and receipts,	657.00
Water Department receipts,	2258.39
Int. on bank deposits,	75.18
Taxes—Co. Treas.,	6835.99
All other receipts,	579.48
Total,	15959.57
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid misc. and outstanding warrants,	\$4521.24
Paid Water dept. warrants,	3159.57
Paid Imp. Dist. bonds No 1	
Principal,	1000.00
Interest,	480.00
Paid int. on \$29,000 bond issue,	1744.40
Bal. on hand, Gen'l fund, April 29, 1916,	2054.98
Bal. on hand, Water fund, April 29, 1916,	79.20
Bal. on hand, Int. & Sinking fund, April 29, 1916,	2920.18
Total,	15959.57
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN	
\$29,000.00 bond issue.	
\$7,000.00 Special Improvement District bond issue No. 1.	
Outstanding and unpaid warrants:	
None.	

I, D. H. Bakeman, Treasurer of the Town of Cut Bank, Montana, do swear that the above is a true and correct report and accounting of the finances of the Town of Cut Bank, Teton Co., Montana, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. H. BAKEMAN, Town Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1916.
FRANK E. VANDEMARK, Notary Public for the State of Montana, residing at Cut Bank, Mont. My commission expires April 30, 1916.

North Headlight

Miss Mae Phillips returned to Cut Bank on Wednesday after spending a few months in Colorado.

Mrs. W. H. Manney spent a few days in Conrad last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Warde and Mrs. A. Langabeer were callers in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kingery and family, Ed Larson and Miss Celia Larson spent Sunday at the Pierce home.

H. H. Schneider is spending a few days in town visiting at the home of S. J. Rigney.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haulman and H. Stem spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. F. R. Warde was a Cut Bank visitor on Monday.

Martin Sulseth, who has been farming the Halgrimson farm, has moved to his ranch in the upper part of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Michaels entertained a number of friends at dinner Easter Sunday at Llandillo Lodge. Covers were laid for fifteen. The guests were: Mrs. Sarah Lewis, Lloyd Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Rigney and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Greene and daughter, Grace Alice, Misses Julia Lester and Celia Larson and Ed. Lester, H. H. Schneider and Ed Larson.

The town of Fowler can lay claim to the honor of being about the first town in the state to go dry, the said drying up process occurring this week when the liquid stock of Jacob Kraft was seized under attachment by Constable L. J. Hensler, and the thirst emporium went out of business. Jacob has been having some difficulty in making the county commissioners believe that he was conducting a hotel in connection with his bar that just came up to the plans and specifications for such a hostelry as provided by the state law. But anyway, pending a settlement of this dispute, it is said that Jacob continued to dispense wet goods to such of his thirsty neighbors as could raise the price. Jacob's creditors, however, did not think his chances for success were very good, so they settled the dispute by taking over the stock.—Conrad Independent.

Baccalaureate Sunday

Baccalaureate Sunday will be observed May 14 at the Presbyterian church. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. James D. Gold, D. D., of Browning, in the absence of the pastor.

W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Ransom Wednesday.

Just received—Car of good, dry firewood. See John C. Thayer.

Bank Organized at Browning

The First National Bank of Browning has been organized with a capital stock of \$25,000 and will probably open for business about the first of June. J. H. Sherburne of Browning is president of the institution and M. H. Worden of this city has been selected as cashier. The stock-holders are Browning and Cut Bank people and John S. Tucker, president of the Farmers State Bank, is also interested. A building is being erected at the Agency city for the bank.

This is the pioneer enterprise of its kind on the reservation and will be a great convenience to people who have their residence or business interests at Browning. The officers are men of sterling integrity and business men of long experience and this bank will stand as one of the best institutions of its size in the state.

Good Roads Wanted

James Perrine was in town Tuesday. Jim is wearing a pair of beautiful black eyes as the result of an auto trip to Choteau last week. It seems that the car struck a culvert that was several inches higher than the roadway. As the machine was going about forty miles an hour Mr. Perrine and the other occupants started heavenward, but were most rudely interrupted and returned to earth by the bows of the top, which was raised at the time. The party was on its way from Browning to the county seat to attend a good roads meeting, and the dilapidated appearance of its members upon their arrival was a very potent argument in favor of the movement.

Play at Browning

The Browning Dramatic Club will present a home talent play at the Browning hall on Friday evening, May 5. The play to be presented is "Mr. Bob," a clever two-act comedy. The play will be followed by a social dance. A good play, a good dance, good music and a general good time is assured every one. The people of Cut Bank are cordially invited to attend.

The Market:

The prices today:

Spring Wheat.....	.99
Winter Wheat.....	.94
Durum.....	.90
Flax.....	1.80
Oats, No. 1, cwt.....	1.00
Barley.....	.90
Rye.....	.70

Just Arrived—Fresh supply Vulcan Films, all sizes. Developing free. Putt's Studio.

R. A. Davenport of Judith Gap took charge as agent of the G. N. depot here yesterday, relieving T. J. Brennon.

FARM LOANS

We have plenty of money to loan on farm loan security, and are making a specialty of farm loans.

We can close loans quickly, and advance a part of the money as soon as papers are signed. The balance of the money handed over as soon as the abstract, showing good title, and other papers are recorded.

In case you have need of a loan of this kind, be sure and ask for our terms.

FARMERS STATE BANK

JOHN S. TUCKER, President F. H. WORDEN, Cashier

I HAVE A BUYER

for your farm if it is priced right. 320 acres preferred. He has a first class business property in Cut Bank to trade in on the deal and will pay the difference in cash. This property rents for \$20 per month and with a small expenditure can be rented for \$50 per month.

Don't call if you are going to boost the price of your farm way above what you would take in cash, as we know what we can buy farm land for.

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