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Let's Observe Fourth of July

Now is the Time to Plan
for a Real, Old-Time
Celebration

Cut Bank should begin at once to plan a celebration of the Fourth of July. It is three years since Cut Bank celebrated Independence Day. If we take action early, it is quite probable that other towns in this section would be governed by this action, since Cut Bank has been generous in times past in aiding neighbor towns in promoting successful celebrations.

This is the year to give vent to our patriotic impulses. We should turn our thoughts for at least a day from the somewhat sordid vocation of ringing the cash register to a consideration of our beloved America, standing out as the greatest and freest nation of the world and alert to defend its freedom and honor at any cost.

So let's arrange for an explosion of ammunition at peep o' day, to release our pent-up patriotism, for patriotic outbursts of melody by the recently reorganized Cut Bank band, a patriotic oration and patriotic songs for a big program of field and street sports, to satisfy all our desires for a real "ye olden day" Fourth of July celebration.

What do you think of the idea, Neighbor? If you think favorably, see your neighbors, talk it over and then let us meet and make definite arrangements.

A meeting of democratic chieftains is being held at Valier today. A number of the faithful from here autoed over to the irrigation town and will sit in at the conclave.

J. E. Thompson has sold his interest in the Cut Bank Drug Co. to Will Yunck. The Pioneer Press has not learned what Mr. Thompson's future plans are.

The Cut Bank Implement Co. has purchased a Ford and Klein's friends are exclaiming, "Hoch der Fying Dutchman!"

Dr. Neraal and Jerry Flynn have begun the erection of modern dwellings on Cut Bank Heights.

Judge Thomas has announced the arrival of the 1916 fishing licenses.

FOR SALE—25 head of horses, mostly work horses. Teams from 2,000 to 3,500, some in good condition and ready to work.
James Miller (tf)

Seed

Hulless white barley, purity test better than 99 1-2, germination test; 99. Flax, purity test 99 1-2, germination 99. Oats, purity test 98; germination 98. Test of samples at Bozeman College—
E. L. Morgan.

Browning

Indian Day was celebrated at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning, with a splendid program of music, recitations, talks and essays. Miss Callison's essay on the history of the American Indian showed much thought in preparation.

The people are still bragging about Browning's ability to stage a drama. Miss Martin's part, especially, is calling for prolonged praise.

As actors it would be hard to equal Speck, Murphy and Monley, to say nothing of the Misses Stewart, Sherburne, Callison and Martin. Many think they gave the best show that ever appeared in Browning, and that is saying a good deal.

The people are still singing the praises of Mrs. Thompson as conductor, and the members of the chorus in the recent Cantata, and especially the sweet voice of Miss Virginia Barnes.

The First National Bank of Browning is a go. The preliminaries will soon be completed, a building secured and the cashier at the window with a quill behind his ear.

Say, what do you think of Browning, anyway, with its bank and a baseball team that can lick every town around here? With a bank, ball team and the well-edited Browning Review. What's the matter with us?

With our District No. 9 public school, our wide-awake trustees and our interested citizens, why should anyone leave the Reservation to give his children an eighth-grade education. Echo asks, Why?

If you are going to secure a town house for the winter in order to send your children to a first class school, secure the house in vigorous Browning and let your children be educated here. We have the best climate, the grandest scenery and the kindest people in Montana.

Every member of our tribe should trade in the Reservation. Our white friends have organized in many communities to encourage this local loyalty.

Mr. Ellis, our Agent, was present at, and took deep interest in our Indian Day exercises. The celebration of this day last Sunday was urged upon our people by Cato Sells, who is the head of the Indian Bureau. Mr. Ellis shows sincere interest in our tribe.

Mr. Tweedy's new refreshment room is finished and ready for business. This is one of the best additions to the public square.

Arthur Sherburne's "Jitney" is a dandy, and there is no bigger-hearted soul than "Art."

Mr. L. L. Loomis visited his family in Kalispell this week.

There is a likelihood of the government building a new Reclamation office on their lot just west of the Sherburne store.

Try a Pioneer Press ad reader.

LOCAL PASTOR DELIVERS "SAFETY FIRST" SERMON

The Christian ages have witnessed a growing conviction of the worth of the average man. Hence the widespread revulsion against the mania and killing so prevalent in the industrial world. The toll of killed and wounded is as follows: 35,000 killed, and 2,000,000 wounded each year. That is to say, every hour 232 workman are killed or injured. If we reckon on the basis of 300 working days of eight hours each, the figures mean a workman killed every 4 minutes, and an injured workman over 4 seconds. If all the facts were known it is safe to say that the annual deaths from industrial accidents reach the appalling proportions of 50,000 each year. Statistics show that Montana has the highest morality of any state in the union, namely, 129 for each 100,000 population.

How can this dreadful loss and sorrow be reduced? To answer this question some of the brightest minds in present day industry have inaugurated the "Safety First" crusade, altogether the most creditable enterprise to the brain and heart of America that has appeared for many a day.

Without knowing the facts we are too inclined to harsh criticism, very frequently attaching blame where it does not belong. Rather than wholesale denunciation of railroads for wrecks and disaster, let us once in a while, ask ourselves how we may assist these great agents of modern life and happiness in safeguarding the lives of their armies of employees, as well as the lives of the ever increasing army of those who travel.

Accidents, however, are not confined to railroad travel. Indeed, to those acquainted with the facts, it is known that one is safer on the railroad than by any other means of travel. Accidents are constantly occurring on the farm, in the home, on the streets of our cities towns, and villages—accidents whose only excuse is carelessness. Order, system, discipline, in the home and the school will go far to educate a generation trained in the practice of attention, including the willingness and ability to carry

Gas Well at Havre

The quest for gas by the Havre Oil & gas company proved successful on last Sunday, when at a depth of approximately eleven hundred feet a flow of natural gas was struck that equalled if not surpassed in volume that of the first commercial well penetrated in the Havre field—15 million feet daily. Measurements of the volume have been made, it is understood, but The Plaindealer could not reach anyone in authority to ascertain the figures. It is from this well that the Mutual Gas Co., recently granted a franchise to pipe the city, expects to get its supply of natural gas. It is understood the new company has ordered the necessary pipe for the system, and that the work of laying the pipe line will begin just as soon as the material arrives. Under the franchise as granted, the Mutual is committed to a maximum charge of 15 cents per thousand feet for domestic use, which if carried out will give this city the cheapest gas to be found in the northwest.

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Wins Track Honors

George Benish, brother of our townsman, John, won signal honors this week at the big Minnesota-Wisconsin Universities track meet. The Minneapolis Journal states that the sensation of the meet was sprung when young Benish, long an athlete of note in college circles, beat Watson, the famous cross country champion in Saturday's two-mile run, and was declared the winner.

out orders. The swiftness of the age in which we are living teaches the supreme lesson of Sobriety; and this does not mean moderate drinking, but total abstinence from all intoxicants. If modern life is to be safe for its members there must be sobriety. Every one of us needs to have all his faculties about him, the demand for efficiency is so severe, and terrible. Whether one drives a locomotive, a team, or an auto, or whether he is the modest pedestrian trying to get out of the argument is the same—he needs to be sober. This is a gasoline age: booze and gasoline don't mix.

We haven't gotten far enough along in the evolutionary process to expect masculinity to give up the weed; yet it is no secret the damage done by half-lighted cigars and cigarettes carelessly tossed aside. One illustration will suffice. Everyone is familiar with the burning mines of Pennsylvania. For fifty years or more these coal mines have been burning, defying all efforts to put them out. Vast acre of the best coal in the world have given their treasures to the winds. Miners have gone to their doom, entire towns have been wiped out, from the fire now engages the heart of the coal bed. But still the fire burns. Still it takes a toll in human life. Still fortunes are being spent to save the veins yet untouched. How did the fire originate? it is said, from a miner's pipe.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" This question, scornfully asked by the first murderer, can be answered in only one way. The New Testament gives the answer: "We are members one of another." We are inextricably bound together in the great bundle of life. No one can recklessly throw away or waste his life without injuring all the rest of us.

Join the ranks of the safety enthusiasts today, so that the record of the decade will be written not in the blood of the needlessly killed and wounded, but in the shining letters of new achievement in the safeguarding of human life and limb, and in the raising of standard of which all Americans will be proud.

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The commencement exercises of the Cut Bank high school will be held at the assembly room tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. The address will be given by C. W. Tenney, state inspector of rural schools. The event will be an auspicious one in the annals of the local high school and it is certain that the exercises will be attended by the patrons of the local school and many others. The graduates are Arthur J. Halvorson, Dorothea L. Halvorson and Laura J. Spear.

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The Baccalaureate Sermon

(Contributed)

Last Sunday night, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. James D. Gold, D. D., of Browning, preached the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school before a large audience of relatives and friends of the graduates. A Trio was sung by members of the choir and the congregational singing was of a hearty nature.

Dr. Gold's sermon was crisp and bright and was well received by those present. He defined education as an impulse to research and observation, which is derived from contact with the teacher and the facts acquired in school. He gave a rapid sketch of the great teachers of the past and present, beginning with Socrates and Aristotle and coming down to Horace Mann, Thomas Arnold, Mark Hopkins and James McCash. The educational impulse leads to travel, history, science and all sorts of sacrifice in the interest of discovery and invention. Ernest Shackleton, Langley and the Wright brothers were cited as shining examples. Altogether, the sermon was characterized by deep thought, wide reading and apt illustration from personal experience that made it a treat to all who heard it.

Ben Shaumburg failed to watch the slow ticking of his faithful clock, last Saturday evening, and said clock ticked past the time that the Montana code provides for the closing of saloons in cities of this class. Marshal Richards sauntered in and placed Shaumburg under arrest and on Monday Judge Thomas assessed him \$50.00, which he paid.

Pete Ruetten has sold his barber shop to S. Dawley, who has been employed in the Ruetten shop several months and who is a very competent workman. Pete will spend some time on his ranch, southeast of town.

George C. Whetstone, who helped launch the Pioneer Press in the summer of 1909, is here to give the Pioneer Press a little physical aid. He has been assisting his brother Joe, who owns a couple of newspapers in Sheridan county.

Carl Clapper reports the sale of a three-speed Harley, to Blum Nelson, clerk at Lee and Jacobson's.

If it bears the "Gopher Brand" it must be good. A complete line at the Harness Shop.

C. A. McArter sold a big bunch of fine cattle to local stockmen here today.

Will Wilkins this week purchased a big Buick, from the City Garage.

Jas. Sisk, a Galata land and stock broker is a visitor here today.

Gas and Oil on Blackfeet

Standard Oil Co. Desires
of Exploring Upper Milk
River Country

Quoting a government official now located on the Blackfeet reservation, the Great Falls Leader of last Saturday contained an article to the effect that a representative of the Standard Oil Co. had recently made a proposition to the Blackfeet Indian Council, to the effect that if permission could be secured from this council to explore the upper Milk river section in quest of oil, this company would expend one million dollars and if oil were found would take an equal chance with other oil companies in negotiating for the development of same.

The Standard's representative conveyed the impression, according to this interview, that the dome of the great oil and gas belt of northern Montana was in the upper Milk River region and since the Rockefeller wizards seldom go wrong in their calculations and do not go chasing wild-cat ideas, it is pretty safe to conclude that this representative has pretty certain knowledge of the existence of gas and oil—taking for granted that the Leader story has a basis in fact.

A meeting of the Blackfeet Council was to take place on May 17th, to consider the matter, but nothing has been learned as to whether such a meeting was held.

Presbyterian Church

Bible school at 10:30 a. m. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. This will be an evening of song and story for old and young.

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.

The Market:

The prices today:
Spring Wheat..... 94
Winter Wheat..... 88
Durum..... 81
Flax..... 1.65
Oats, No. 1, cwt. 90
Barley..... 90
Rye..... 70

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

Jas. Miller this week purchased the Chris Stilling ranch, a mile east of town.

Clayton Hamil this week sold his ranch near Hay Lake, to Berger Bros.

Mrs. S. O. Sturgeon, of Spokane, is a guest at the A. E. Peterson home.

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

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

\$1,800

One-half down, balance in two equal payments at 8 per cent, buys a fine quarter section 11 miles north of town.

See me about this now!

Bruce R. McNamer
Real Estate & Insurance
CUT BANK, MONT.