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Ask that Railway Build a Viaduct

Residents North of Track Have Petition Praying for Relief

A petition, originating among residents on the north side of the tracks, asking that the Great Northern open up Broadway street or construct a viaduct is now being circulated. We fear that the prayer of the petitioners will not be heeded, although it must be granted that they should have some relief from present conditions. We should be more in favor of a bridge over the tracks, somewhere between the elevator sites and the coal sheds. That would also afford relief to farmers in the north country, whose patience is sorely tried by having to wait at the east crossing while long freights and switching crews block the crossing. This state of affairs is growing more intolerable daily and a move should be made to remedy the condition.

Stores to Close

We, the undersigned business men of Cut Bank hereby agree to close our respective places of business, all day, Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30th, 1916. Peter Delre, Cut Bank Cash Store, Northern Montana Lumber Co., Pioneer Lumber Co., Cut Bank Meat Market, Lee & Jacobson, Cut Bank Hdw. Co., Mr. Bush, Cut Bank Drug Co., Broadway Meat Market, Libby Lumber Co., Joe Ungar, Nick Arnett, Halvorson & Co., Teton Commercial Co.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and family departed last evening for Estacada, Oregon, the present home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stauffer, Mrs. O'Brien's parents. They will remain at that place during the summer at least and if conditions are favorable may make Oregon their permanent home. Their many good friends here hope that they may enjoy good health and fortune on the west coast.

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

The county Convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Chouteau May 31st.

"The Other Side"

The Pioneer Press has received a communication from a Washington resident who is well known and has business interests here. This man pays his respects to the Montana organization that is publishing reports to the effect that Washington is suffering as a result of prohibition enactment whereby that state is minus saloons. He declares that never in the state's history has prosperity been more widespread and the people more industrious and happy than since the state went "dry." He has arranged for the purchase of space in this paper and will submit clippings from Washington papers to prove his contentions.

In Re Late Seasons

The Sweet Grass Advocate of last week contained an interview with P. J. McDermott of West Butte and P. H. Buckley, the sheep king of the north hills. These gentlemen fell into a reminiscent mood concerning weather conditions in Montana, past and present. Their conversation went back to the spring of 1902 and both agreed that beside it the weather this spring has been altogether tropical. A big blizzard hit this section that spring on the 16th day of May and snow fell to a depth of several feet. Thousands of ewes and lambs perished in this big blizzard and many of the cattle companies were put out of business.

The editor of the Pioneer Press recalls a description of that big storm, given him by Mr. Buckley, who declared that the weather following this storm was ideal and that the year proved one of the most favorable ever seen in this part of Montana.

Presbyterian Church

Bible school at 10:30 a. m. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. The evening services will be under the direction of the W. C. T. U. Mr. Rhinehart of Helena will be the speaker.

Lane Sobs Again

Senator Lane of Oregon, who never misses a chance to release a sob for Lo, made a little talk in the Senate the other day concerning the piteous state of the Indians on the Blackfeet. He declared that they were starving, going blind, and that 60 per cent were tubercular. We are mindful of the fact that there is poverty on the Reservation, but we are certain that the Oregon senator is, as usual, exaggerating. Mr. Lane, being a morose and melancholy character by temperament, dearly loves to spread gloom through the classic halls of the Senate.

Experienced elderly woman wants work to cook for crew of men, kitchen helper or chamberwork. Address cook, Cut Bank Hotel, Cut Bank Mont.

Northern Montana Has Gone Wet; Great Rejoicing

Northern Montana has gone wet—not boozelogically any more than usual, but meteorologically—as the weather man would say.

For two days this section has seen nothing but heavy, low-hanging clouds that are sending down a mixture of moisture; first rain, then snow, then rain again.

Sod and cultivated soil are thoroughly saturated. Farmers say there's enough moisture to keep the crops booming until the early part of July. Everyone is in high glee over the splendid outlook.

About twenty power outfits and dozens of horse-drawn breaking outfits have been at work in this community, turning over the virgin sod. These outfits will resume work with renewed spirit and hundreds of acres of flax will be sown on the sod. Another successful crop year is almost assured.

The total rainfall for May is 1.38

Impressive Ceremony and Pleasing Program at Graduation Exercises

The second commencement in the history of the Cut Bank High school was marked by impressive ceremony and a pleasing program. The assembly room of the school was crowded to capacity. C. W. Tenney, state rural school inspector, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Tenney's address was delivered without notes, a refreshing departure from previous occasions. He was followed by Atty. John W. Coburn, a member of the board, who presented the diplomas to the graduates in a very neat little address.

The vocal and instrumental program was very pleasing. Mrs. Whitford and Miss Ethel Worden alternated at the piano. The singing by the girls' quartet was greatly enjoyed and Mrs. R. Cullen sang with her usual sweetness of voice "Flowers Awake" and "A May Morning." Dr. J. D. Gold of Browning delivered the benediction and invocation impressively.

Following the exercises the trio of young graduates were the recipients of hearty congratulations and the hope was indulged by all that they might enjoy the opportunity of a higher education in the larger educational institutions of our state. They were favored with many handsome and appropriate graduation gifts by their friends in and outside the city.

Citizen Urges Action Local Light Question

A local citizen recently made the suggestion to the Pioneer Press that the town of Cut Bank confer with the Great Falls Power Co. in regard to the matter of extending its line from Chouteau to Cut Bank. Although the company has never given it out officially, it has often been surmised that the extension of their light and power line from Chouteau to other northern Montana towns was contemplated. The time is certainly ripe for power and light in Cut Bank. If the town does not

Big Homestead Provisions

The principal provisions of the proposed new homestead law which will permit the filing upon 640 acres of land in the so-called public lands of the states, which will be operative only in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Washington and Oregon, are as follows:

The land susceptible to entry under its provisions must be that designated by the secretary of the interior as chiefly valuable for grazing and the production of forage crops and any person possessing homestead rights may take advantage thereof. Preference rights may be secured by the presentation of an application accompanied by a petition for designation.

While residence on the land is required, cultivation is not. In lieu of cultivation, however, improvements to the amount of \$1.25 an acre must be made. In case a person has heretofore made a homestead entry, this may be augmented, provided the total does not exceed 640 acres, and further that the two tracts are within a radius of 20 miles. Again, one who has filed under the existing law may relinquish and make a new filing embracing 640 acres.

Not An Arrest in Week-End Today

Chief of Police Hurst Declares this Year to be Light for Police

Not an arrest in the past week has been recorded on the docks of the East Grand Forks police department, according to Chief of Police A. Hurst.

"Old residents tell me that never in the history of the town have there been so few arrests at this season of year. Seeding is in progress and with it generally a large horde of working men come here in search of work. With them come the hobo and pilfering element. The working men are here but the hobo has been eliminated by the passing of the saloons," declared the chief. East Grand Forks went dry at the election last fall.—Adv.

Meadowbrook

Walter McAllister, better known as the mayor of Demers, visited at the John Sim and Schutte Bros. ranches last Friday. Farmers in the north and east country, say the mayors of Demers and Meadowbrook should get together at the Meadowbrook school-house, and entertain the farmers thereabouts with speeches on community betterment.

Bob Montgomery of Meadowbrook recently moved a large barn onto his place. He is also figuring on building a full sized

Flax Looks Like A Promising Crop

So Says a Writer in Bozeman School. Flax is the Thing

Bozeman, May 19.—"Flax is a promising crop for 1916," says Professor Alfred Atkinson of the Montana State college. "Reports show that for the years 1914 and 1915 the United States produced about half of the flax used by the flax consuming industries of this country. This deficiency has been made up by flax importations from Argentina chiefly. Previous to the beginning of the war the transportation rate on flax from Argentina to the United States ports ranged from eight to 15 cents a bushel, while the carrying rates and the insurance charges at the present time are from four to five times this amount. A further fact in the situation is the active demand for wheat with the resulting high price of this crop which is being planted in the flax producing states.

"The above facts point to a continuance of the present good price for flax. In many sections where the winter wheat has killed out and especially where spring wheat is hard to get, flax may be planted with the reasonable assurance of pretty good returns. From 14 to 20 pounds of seed per acre is sufficient and in most sections of the state the crop is pretty sure of maturity even if the spring planting is little delayed. Early planting is advised, but fair returns are frequently harvested even with late planting. "There are two points to which those planting flax ought to give special attention. Be sure to get flax seed free from weeds. Such weed seeds as mustard, Russian thistle, and a few other bad ones are frequently present in flax seed and the flax crop does not have much power to hold down these weeds. By all means growers ought to get clean seed. The second point is to treat the seed for disease. Flax seed is subject to certain diseases and when these are present they seriously reduce the yield."

Mrs. S. L. Potter and daughter miss Grace, left for Spokane Thursday evening. Miss Grace will study during the summer at the Normal School there.

Mrs. A. J. Whitehead is suffering with an attack of tonsillitis.

basement under his house which will be equipped with steam heat and electric light. Robert says leap year isn't altogether past yet.

Decoration Day dance at Brown's hall next Tuesday evening.

FARM LOANS

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