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Thresher Begins to Tell The Tale

Splendid Reports from the Marias Slope Section Coming In

The first threshing report of 1916 that reached the Pioneer Press office came from the Marias Slope country, south of Ethridge. Ten acres of spring wheat on the farm of Alfred Hallenbar, south of Ethridge, yielded 45 bushels. Alfred has 42 acres of wheat on his homestead. Threshing operations on his homestead were prevented by rain.

The crops in the Fthridge Valley this year are the best since farming began in that section. The Marias Slope country, southwest of Ethridge and south of Cut Bank has harvested a record-smashing crop. That section was favored with a heavy rain last spring, about ten days before the rainy season set in north of Cut Bank. Therefore the crop matured much earlier and threshing operations down there are now under way.

Harvest is general in the north country. The wheat is not so rank as last year and probably will not yield as heavily, but the big difference in price will more than offset the possible lower yield. The flax crop is the best ever seen in this section and the acreage is the biggest by hundreds of acres since farming began here.

The season of 1916 is, all in all, the most favorable that this section has ever seen. The grain and flax harvest will bring more money than the record harvest of last year. The big ranchers north of Headlight have gone into the stock business on quite an extensive scale and butterfat cattle in large herds can be seen on all sides. In the old cattle days the wealth derived from stock was for the most part absorbed by absentee owners at Helena and elsewhere. Today the herds are not so large but the collective number if probably as great, and owned by men who make the Cut Bank community their home.

This section is now in an exceptionally prosperous condition. Wise judgment and caution in planning for the coming years should temper our enthusiasm. If we build wisely now our stability as a great grain and stock region is assured.

If you need spectacles or eyeglasses and want them properly adjusted, see Dr. Howe, Eye Specialist at Cut Bank Hotel, September 20.

Mass Meeting Monday Night

Electric lights were the main topic of conversation at the council meeting Monday evening. An application and proposed ordinance presented by Lewis & Albin was read and discussed. This proposition if adopted as submitted would give grantees a twenty-year franchise and contract the city to purchase all current for lighting and power purposes from them. The proposition fixed maximum rates for commercial and residence lighting, heating, etc., and contained a clause allowing the city to participate in the profits of the plant whenever the net profits exceeded a certain amount.

S. M. Hawver also made application for a franchise, on similar terms, except that he offered a sliding scale of rates, becoming one cent per kilowatt less each year for three years, with a final rate of 15c, the fourth year, and thereafter. As the council did not feel justified in taking final action upon this matter with the information at hand it was decided to hold a public meeting at the council chambers next Monday evening, in order to ascertain the sentiment of the people in regard to the propositions submitted and the advisability of calling an election at which to decide whether or not such a franchise shall be granted.

Reports of the police magistrate, town treasurer and water department were read and approved, and the board of health was granted the use of the police department for enforcing sanitary laws.

Praises the Plant

(Independent)
C. E. Miles, a government flax fibre expert, was here last week and spent several days looking over the Conrad flax fibre mill and the flax crop in this section. Mr. Miles was most enthusiastic in his statements concerning the future of the flax fibre industry here, and stated that the Pearson process, used by the local concern, was one of the very best in the United States, and in fact was producing much better results than any other method of which he knew. The Flax Fibre company this week have an expert here operating a pulling machine, which is said to work very satisfactorily. This machine will add very materially the value of the crop.

The Market:

The prices today:	
Spring Wheat.....	1.37
Winter Wheat.....	1.35
Durum.....	1.37
Flax.....	1.75
Oats, No. 1, cwt.....	1.00
Barley.....	1.00
Rye.....	.72

Republicans Draft Platform to Meet the New Time in Montana

BY L. C. KARTACK

The re-united Republican Party of Montana met in convention assembled at the Placer Hotel, in Helena, at noon Saturday last. It was a meeting of tremendous importance for it brought together upon a common meeting ground all former factions of the Party in harmonious conference. It welded and merged those great forces that believe unequivocally in the principle that government was established to protect for all time the rights and opportunities of every individual, whether on land or sea; forces that advocate a virile Americanism that will tolerate no violation of the inalienable rights of mankind.

The voice of the people of Montana was heard in the Republican Convention at Helena. It rose above the voice of organized Capital; it drowned the voice of the Brewery and Distillery Interests; it hurled defiance in the face of Corruption and Greed; it dealt a telling blow upon an administration which refuses to put into operation a law that is of vital interest to the farmers of the State of Montana; it reverberated and swelled in volume until it dominated the Convention Hall; it worked its way into the Platform and crystallized there the promise of a Greater and Better Montana. Thus did the voice of the People speak.

The Platform of the Republican Party of Montana advocates: the passage of legislation that will bring about a more equitable and just distribution of the burdens of taxation; the principle of a license tax upon the net profits of mines to the end that the producing mines of Montana will be required to pay an equitable proportion of the taxes of the State; the passage of a law amending the present grain inspection law that will gain for the farmers of the State the full value of their products, less only a fair handling charge between grower and consumer; the passage of an act that will cause the railways of Montana to conform approximately to such rates that now prevail elsewhere under similar conditions; the revision of the Workmen's Compensation Law, to the end that the rate of maximum compensation may be increased and a fairer and squarer deal given to the working men and women of the State; the principle of prohibition; and the taking of steps to put the Farm Loan Law in operation.

Miss Rankin Is Coming Saturday

Miss Jeanette Rankin, republican nominee for Congress from Montana, will speak in Cut Bank Saturday evening, in Brown's hall.

The visit to Cut Bank of Miss Rankin is eagerly awaited by people of all political persuasions. Miss Rankin, by her spectacular lead of over a half dozen aspirants for congress on the republican primary ballot, has jumped into national prominence. In fact Miss Rankin had attained national prominence in a measure before her nomination, having been actively identified with the suffrage and temperance movements in the state and nation for the past few years.

Towns and cities all over Montana are clamoring to secure the little lady for speaking engagements, besieging the state committee. So Cut Bank is rather fortunate in being favored by a dating so early in the campaign.

Regardless of your political belief, come out and hear Miss Rankin Saturday evening.

'Dry' Rally

At Brown's Hall, Wednesday evening, Sept. 20th. Speaker: Fred C. Kelly, of the Anti-Saloon League. Come out and hear a clear presentation of this great issue.

Miss Miriam Worden returned from Spokane this week.

There was a rumbling noise heard in the Convention. The delegates had their ears close to the ground and were soon advised that the Equity Co-operative Association were bringing in the steam roller. Votes is votes.

NOTES

Teton County was ably represented by George Coffey Jr. of Choteau. "Jeannette Rankin for Congress." So said the small yellow badge worn by the delegates on their coat lapels. Those words have come into a meaning all their own. They carry with them not only something of promise, but much of substance. Miss Rankin will poll the largest vote in November ever accorded a candidate for office in the State of Montana. Montana will have the distinction of electing the first Congresswoman.

Sam Teagarden, ex-candidate for Secretary of State, who said on the ballot "Let see the books," was there to see that the prohibition plank was eliminated from the platform, but the delegates did not loiter very long in the Tea Garden premises.

Visit is Brief But Very Pleasant One

The Great Falls Trade excursion train made a stop of nearly an hour in Cut Bank last evening and during the brief time allotted the business men of the northern Montana metropolis had an opportunity to learn of the cordial feeling for that city that exists in Cut Bank and the genuine good wishes for the attainment of its ambitions to be the marketing and distributing point for this territory. There was no set program. Band music, auto rides about the city and suburbs and a closer cementing of good fellowship consumed the time that the delegation remained here.

Threshing is under way on the John Graham ranch on the Marias Slope. The spring wheat is running about 40 bu. to the acre, we learn.

A heavy frost visited this section Tuesday night, the first of the fall season. Some damage to late grain and flax is reported.

The Ladies Aid will meet in the Masonic rooms, Sept. 21.

Miss Ida Mohondro is now a member of the sales staff at Halvorson's.

A reception will be given at the manse Friday evening. A cordial invitation is extended the members of the congregation, their friends, and the community in general.

'Dry' Special Here Monday

Cut Bank had a presidential candidate as its guest on Tuesday afternoon. J. Frank Hanley ex-governor of Indiana, prohibition candidate for president, his running mate for vice president and a gentleman named Stewart, together with their wives and other members of the party, came in on a special train at 2:10 and while the train crews were changing short addresses were delivered. The speakers exhorted those who assembled to renounce the democratic and republican parties and vote the prohibition ticket. The talks were listened to attentively but few if any converts were made. There is no need for a prohibition party in the nation. The big political parties are falling in line for prohibition. The question is all but settled in Montana. Both political parties have come out for a "dry" state. So a vote for prohibition is a vote wasted, as we see it.

Railway Changes

Changes of considerable importance in official circles of the Great Northern railway in which Great Falls is affected to a considerable extent will take place today, according to announcement made yesterday following the issuance of a bulletin by General Manager G. H. Emerson.

The changes consist mainly of a series of promotions following the retirement from service of General Manager C. E. Leverich of this city, who has been in charge of affairs of the Central district for the past 19 months. Mr. Leverich is understood to be leaving the Great Northern and is not at present prepared to make known his plans for the future.

Mr. Leverich will be succeeded as general superintendent by F. D. Keisey, who has been assistant general superintendent here for about two months, coming here from the superintendency of the Minot division to succeed Macy Nicholson when the latter was assigned to general duties in St. Paul in connection with the trainmen wage controversy.

The position of assistant general superintendent of this district will be filled by W. R. Smith, at present superintendent of the Cascade division with headquarters at Everett, Wash., and previous to that superintendent of the Kalispell division with headquarters at Whitefish.

J. M. Boyle, who has been superintendent of the Montana division with headquarters at Havre for more than two

Senate Passes the Big Homeste'd Act

But House Fails to Act on Amendments Before Adjournment

Washington' D. C., Sept. 8. In the closing hours of the session, today, the Senate passed the six hundred and forty acre grazing homestead bill, with some amendments. It had already passed the House. It did not pass the Senate, however, in time for the House to act on the amendment and for the bill to be enrolled before adjournment. The bill retains its status though. At the beginning of the December session it will come up in the House, when the amendments will be concurred in or go to conference and be disposed of. It applies to all public land states and provides for homestead entry of six hundred and forty acres of land of such character that it takes that much to support a family and is not susceptible of irrigation but is capable of growing forage crops. Persons who have have homesteaded lands of that character in less quantity than six hundred and forty acres may enter enough additional to make that area, whether contiguous or not.

Glacier National Park this season has broken all previous records as a "See America First" tourist attraction. More than ten thousand travelers visited the park from June 1st to August 29th, an excess even over last year when there was heavy travel to the San Francisco and San Diego expositions and also to an unusually large number of conventions held in Seattle, Portland and other points on the Pacific coast. Government officials announce that this is a record for rapid popularity in the history of national parks, when it is taken into consideration that Glacier Park is one of the newest of Uncle Sam's group of playgrounds.

Oh, Boys!

With every 5c purchase at Pete Delre a coupon will be given, good for a vote in favor of any boy or girl. The prize to be awarded the boy or girl who has the most votes is a handsome auto truck. This will be given away on Nov. 17th, Double coupons given in our candy department. The City Bakery and Confectionery.

years, has been transferred to the superintendency of the Cascade division to succeed Mr. Smith, and the superintendency of the Montana division has been assigned to A. K. Stone now trainmaster at Whitefish.

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