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Crowd Throngs Electric Theatre To Hear C. N. Pray and F. Edwards

Pray Delivers Ringing Address on National Issues, Particularly as to Mexico and the Tariff. Edwards Covers State Issues

A crowd that packed the Electric Theatre and overflowed to the street turned out last evening to listen to the stirring addresses by Charles N. Pray, republican candidate for U. S. Senator, and Frank J. Edwards, republican candidate for Governor. The rally was a bit different to the usual political gathering. The speechmaking was preceded by a short, crisp movie comedy that the big audience greatly enjoyed. At frequent intervals a group of high school boys rent the air with cheers for Pray, Edwards and Hughes.

Bruce R. McNamer presided and opened the program by introducing a male quartet from Choteau. This quartet sang two or three catchy songs, playing upon the weaknesses of democracy, that caused much mirth.

Charles N. Pray was then introduced and in the time allotted to his part of the speaking presented two or three of the salient arguments why the present administration should not be retained in power for another four years. The Mexican chapter of dark misdeeds and the failure of the Underwood tariff law before the European war were handled with telling force and the speaker was frequently interrupted with vigorous applause.

Frank J. Edwards followed Pray. Edwards is a strong personality. It must be admitted that many republicans in the audience were not in accord with a great portion of his speech, in which he lambasted the present state administration with withering invective. His exposé of the Northwestern Trustee scandal, by which two state officers are now under indictment, was true to record but when he veered into a scathing denunciation of the railways that traverse Montana he lost the sympathy of a large number of fair-minded people, who believe there is too much of this rant and arraying of class hatred in this campaign. It is on a par with that wheezy cry of democracy—"Wall Street is backing Hughes." As between the fearless, honest, radical Edwards and the sleek, smug pet of privilege in Montana, Governor Stewart, take your choice.

A dance and get-acquainted meeting with county candidates followed the speech-making, in the Electric Hall. The first big republican rally was a successful and enjoyable event.

Stewart-Mitchell Get Good House

The democrats had their inning Wednesday evening and "went to bat" with a big audience. Earl M. Davis very efficiently presided and made gracious little talks in introducing the speakers.

Harry Mitchell was the first up. Harry is not so happy in the role of public speaker. The job is laborious to him, nevertheless he manifested more sincerity than the headliner, Gov. Stewart. Harry deplored the "military spirit" in America but forgot to say that the present democratic congress made the biggest appropriation in history for military preparedness and that at Kansas City President Wilson declared for "incomparably the biggest navy in the world."

Gov. Stewart, sleek, well kept and of pleasing pulchritude, is very much at ease on the rostrum and is a speaker of no mean ability. The Governor can paint the sunset, gild the gold and flop the wings of the eagle to your heart's desire. It was to the women he made his strongest appeal and when he shot across that now very trite slogan "thank Gawd for Wilson" his voice was so full of emotion that it would seem that the hardest heart should be touched. In playing to the women the good Governor invoked what in rude parlance is known as the Big Sob, or more rudely, the Sob Sisters. With his little wand he conjured these overworked sisters and paraded them up and down the stage. One had mental images of bleaching bones on blistered deserts, wives and sweethearts waiting in humble cottages for the return of the loved ones in distant lands—and then, the familiar slogan was shot over again "thank Gawd for Wilson."

But the women in the assembly did not seem to fall hard for this weepy line of language. No subdued sobs were heard and few handkerchiefs were brought into commission. The women are commencing to realize that this weepy-willow "Thank Gawd" appeal is being overplayed.

Gov. Stewart and Harry Mitchell were given an opportunity to meet the voters of all parties after the speechmaking and all enjoyed meeting the head of the state government and the man who aspires to go to Congress. From here the party went to Kalispell.

Noted Suffragist to Speak Tomorrow

Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain, noted lawyer, orator and suffrage leader, declared the "most beautiful woman in America," will arrive here tomorrow at one o'clock and will deliver an address from the train platform. The famous lecturer will have a special message to the women of Cut Bank.

Hear this brilliant woman at the Railway station tomorrow

Parent-Teacher Meeting

Thursday was "Mothers' Day" in the kindergarten of the local school and Miss Waldron provided a very pleasant program, with the assistance of the other teachers. At the close of the program Principal Fairbrother suggested the organization of a Parent-Teacher association and the idea met with much favor. Mrs. Daniel Whetstone was chosen president and Mrs. R. L. Fairbrother secretary of the association. A meeting to perfect the organization will soon be held and all parents having children in school will be invited to affiliate with this commendable movement.

C. Ed Lukens has applied for a charter for a bank at Sunburst, we understand.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce R. McNamer are spending the week end in Great Falls.

George Paisley, St. Mary stockman, is a business visitor in Cut Bank today.

A number of county candidates, Judges Ewing and Leslie and Judge Berry of Great Falls were holding sessions with the voters here Wednesday and Thursday.

W. S. Carson is back on duty at the local railway yard office, in charge of the night business. Mr. Carson is rapidly regaining his health and energy and his friends hope the improvement will be permanent.

A. E. Paisley and son Allan were down from the St. Mary country on Wednesday and Thursday, purchasing supplies.

J. E. Fitzpatrick, north country stockman, was in town Wednesday.

Report comes from Douglas, Ariz., to the effect that James Allison recently made some excellent shooting scores. Out of 50 shots he hit the 8-inch bull's eye 38 times, at a range of 600 yards, with a rapid fire gun, 10 shots a minute.

W. P. Costello. (Adv)

The Market:

The prices today:	
Spring Wheat	1.50
Winter Wheat	1.34
Durum	1.51
Flax	2.13
Oats, No. 1, cwt.	1.00
Barley	.60
Rye	.95

Getting Stale

During the past year this section of Montana has been deluged with cheap so-called western performances, known as Stampedes, Carnivals, Roundup and the like, managed in the main by frowsy-dowdy professionals who travel from place to place, coining into currency the curiosity of the newer element in our population for something "wild western." This from the Portland Live Stock Reporter, pertaining to county fairs is to the point:

Cheap hurdy-gurdy shows and games of chance, which we find at the usual county fair, serve no purpose whatever and should be eliminated. In the average agricultural hall you will find fine exhibits of farm products, and the work of the children of the county; the barns contain a goodly showing of well-bred live stock worthy of the closest study. Given a crowd of 5000 people, 4500 of them will be congregated around a "duck pond" trying to throw three balls into a tin bucket, in the hopes of securing a poor duck for which they have no use. Other people will be throwing at nigger babies or trying to ring a cheap 10-cent knife. The people really do not care to do these things, but are swayed by the "bally hoo" of the fakers in charge. These fake concessions have no more right at a county fair than the cheap "wild west" feature and sooner or later will put out of business any agricultural association that tolerates them.

Paper Panic

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 4.—"Unless the print paper situation is relieved before long half the country papers in the United States will have to suspend publication temporarily, at least, Bruce Bliven, head of the journalism department at the University of Southern California, today told members of the Southern California Editorial association at the opening session of their meeting.

He proposed co-operative action to correct the evils responsible for this condition.

Mrs. I. A. Iverson returned this week from an extended visit in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Fatal Ending of Hunting Trip Is Deplored By Entire Community

While Hunting Ducks in Ethridge Lake Andrew Hoffman Loses Life by Accidental Discharge of a Shot Gun

The discharge of a shot gun in a boat being rowed by Andrew Hoffman in the small lake near Ethridge, last Sunday morning, caused the death of that young man the same night about midnight, after a day of great suffering, from shock and exhaustion of blood.

The victim of this deplorable accident was approaching a small flock of ducks and a movement either of the oar or his body caused the discharge. The charge entered his right leg about the knee, shattering the bone and flesh in a horrible manner. He instantly called for help and several from town heard the cry and rushed to his aid. He attempted to row to shore, but was overcome by faintness and exhaustion. Two or three persons waded in and brought the boat to the shore and the injured man was taken to the Ethridge hotel. Drs. Neraal and Nelson were called over phone from Cut Bank and went at once to the scene, in company with the stricken father. They remained by his side constantly, administering sedatives and striving to allay suffering, but to no avail. The young man, the attendants say was brave and cheerful to the end, resigning himself heroically to his fate.

The news of the accident and death caused sorrow in the community, deep and widespread. Andy, as his friends affectionately called him, was a clean-cut young fellow of strong character and sturdy moral fibre. He was associated with his father, Christ Hoffman in the carpenter contracting trade and was a very competent workman and valuable aid and counsellor to his father. He was well equipped educationally, having graduated from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, seven years ago. He was twenty five years of age at the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted from St. Margaret's Church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. Father Greven, who spoke with feeling upon the life of the deceased and his many traits of character that were worthy of emulation. The memory of such a life to the sorrowing parents and other members of the family should help to lighten their sorrow, he declared.

Following the ceremony the remains were conveyed to Crown Hill cemetery and laid

to rest. The Pallbearers were: Walter and Chester Poor, I. C. Kartack, Art Brash Fred Egels-ton and Robert Rasmussen.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express sincere thanks to the people of Ethridge, Cut Bank and our home community who rendered such generous aid during our recent great bereavement, and to those who contributed the beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Hoffman and family.

A Prediction As to Wheat Prices

"The young man does not live today," says the Western Grain Journal. "Who will ever see wheat sell below a dollar a bushel. A great many experts doubt if it will ever get below \$1.25 per bushel for many years to come. Not only will the price of wheat remain excessively high for a great many years, but all products of the farm will be correspondingly high, as is always the case.

"High food price for many years to come are now as certain as the sun rises and sets as sure as day follows night. It cannot be otherwise. With millions of the producers in Europe being killed, leaving women, children and old men dependent upon themselves, Europe will not be self-sustaining for generations. With millions upon millions of acres of the finest agricultural lands in Europe, rendered worthless through present day war methods, the task of crop cultivation becomes a difficult one.

"There are not sufficient agricultural lands lying idle in all the universe to make up for the ruined area of Europe. Even though the last acre of unoccupied land in this country were intensely tilled, the production would be insufficient to supply the demand. As a consequence prices of all food products will run exceptionally high for years to come."

Absent Voting

Persons planning on leaving the community should see the local registry agents regarding the absent voter's law. Register before leaving.

During his stay in Cut Bank, Governor Stewart was a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs. T. Bruce Bomboy.

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BRUCE R. McNAMER
REAL ESTATE AND
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On Keeping Us Out of War

The claim that President Wilson has kept us of war with the belligerents of Europe is most farfetched and ludicrous, and would do credit to Munchausen. We all know that the warring nations of Europe have had their hands full on land and sea in battling against each other. None of them had any ships or soldiers to spare an attack upon, or invasion of our country, and none of them has manifested a purpose or desire to make such an attack or invasion.—Senator Knute Nelson at Sunburg.

A GAIN a bounteous harvest has returned to our community and the whole world is waiting to be fed from our "No. 1 Northern" and willing to pay well for the privilege.

It is essential at such a time that you have connection with a bank where you can transact your financial matters and where your business will receive courteous and welcome attention at all times.

We know the banking needs of our farmers and have made every provision to meet their requirements most satisfactorily. We desire to be your business friend, offer dependable advice and render personal service under all circumstances.

FARMERS STATE BANK

JOHN S. TUCKER, President

F. H. WORDEN, Cashier