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## MONTANA IS A GRAIN PRODUCER

### Good Yield This Year

Montana is One of the Best Wheat Producing States of the Union. This Year a Successful One For the Farmer.

Nineteen million bushels, that is the estimate of J. H. Hall, commissioner of agriculture, as the wheat yield of Montana, this year as against ten million bushels last year.

The estimate was contained in a telegram Mr. Hall sent from Helena to the Dakota Farmer in response to a request from that publication for his opinion on crop conditions in the state this year. In speaking of the matter Mr. Hall said:

"Montana is one of the best wheat producing states of the union, and with a bit of advertising I cannot see why the nineteen million bushels of wheat raised this year cannot be made to reach the forty million mark within another year.

Mr. Hall's telegram follows: "The crop conditions in Montana are a little better than normal for a ten-year period. The acreage in cultivation has greatly increased in the past three years, but no state officer has accurate statistics on the subject. While the crops are short in certain limited areas, owing to drought, hot winds, and improper cultivation, and hail has damaged some fields, the yields of all crops are most bountiful.

"The yield of wheat will be about nineteen million bushels as against ten million six hundred thousand last year and the greater part will be winter wheat on non-irrigated land. Of winter wheat the average yield will be about twenty-five bushels to the acre; of spring wheat, most of it grown on irrigated land and will average about thirty-five bushels. Oats will maintain the Montana high average of yield add quality on an increased acreage.

"Barley, rye and corn are less important, but are yielding well. Hay crops are large and the range is in good condition. The acreage planted to flax has more than doubled over last year and the yield of flax seed will average about twelve bushels to the acre.

"This year has been a successful one for the Montana farmer. Millions of fertile acres which will make yields similar to the acres in cultivation, have never been tilled. Montana has good unoccupied land for thousands of homeseekers and invites them to come and share in the general prosperity.

### SHOOTING AT PERKINSON

The preliminary hearing in the case of James Robert and Dean Parkinson, charged with shooting Homer Hodges, at Parkinson, on the Musselshell, on the evening of September 16 was concluded before Judge Brassey Saturday, Oct. 8. Dean and Robert were held for trial, and James the youngest of the three, was discharged, there being no evidence against him.

Hodges who was shot three times, was able to be present and the states case rested chiefly on his testimony. The defence offered no testimony at all.

### WILL FILED FOR PROBATE

The will of the late Senator Carter, filed for probate, is one of the briefest on record in Washington. The value of the estate is not indicated, but it is estimated at half a million. It is written in ink in the handwriting of the senator himself and covers a single sheet of foolscap and is dated May 18, 1911.

The executors are directed to turn over to Edward J. Carter, a brother, all notes and other claims in "full satisfaction of their affairs."

His sister, Julia, is left a life annuity of \$600; to be paid out of the income from the estate. In bequeathing the whole residue to his widow, Carter provided that at her death everything remaining should go to his two sons John G. and Hugh Thomas, equally. Widow and sons are named as executors, but the wish of the testator is that the widow shall act as sole executrix until the younger son reaches the age of 24. To the widow the large estate is entrusted during her life to deal with as she may like and the probate court is requested to dispense with bonds.

### KILLED WHILE PLOWING

Another fatal accident occurred Monday afternoon in the Sherman field, west of White Sulphur Springs, in which Dennis Lewis lost his life. The unfortunate young man was engaged in plowing with a four horse team, and just how the accident occurred will probably never be known. W. Reed who resides in the vicinity noticed the horses standing in the field. Thinking that something was wrong, he investigated, and found Lewis under the plow, covered with mud. One of the horses was down while the other three were entangled in the harness. Mr. Reed immediately notified the officials, when it was learned that the man had been dead about two hours. The body was taken to the home of Charles H. Sherman and prepared for burial.

He was born in Michigan and was 38 years of age and unmarried. He came to Montana to years ago and has worked for Mr. Sherman ever since making this state his home. He was a sober, industrious and capable young man, and was a member of the Eagle.

### WEBSTER A. EDGAR.

United States Commander on Board Gunboat Wilmington.



### EXPECT BIG ATTENDANCE

That the winter school of agriculture conducted by the Montana State College of Agriculture will be well attended this year is indicated by the prospects now. The course, which is six months in duration, opened last Tuesday. Already there are a number registered for the work and Prof. H. F. Patterson, principal of the school, is in correspondence with many who will be there this week.

The course is given for those who have neither the preparation nor the time for a regular college course in agriculture. During the past summer the plan of the short course has been revised and the practical side of the work emphasized more than formerly.

The department has collected prize samples of grain and corn from the state fair and other sources and has purchased stock of first-class quality for the benefit of the students.

### TO BUILD NEXT SPRING

From the expressions of L. C. Gilman, assistant to President Hill of the Great Northern, who has returned to the city after a trip through the Judith basin accompanied by Chief Engineer A. H. Hogeland, R. E. Taft, engineer in charge of construction, and several local Great Northern officials, it is the belief that the work of constructing the proposed Great Northern line from Mondak to Lewistown and on to connect with the Billings line, will be taken up next spring.

Mr. Gilman was amazed and pleased with the farm conditions and the great grain yields of that section.

The party also inspected the construction work on the Sun river line and found grading almost completed. The laying of track and the building of bridges will be taken up as soon as possible and it is expected to have the line completed early in the spring, and it will then be continued through the Flathead to connect with the main line near Columbia Falls.—Montana Daily Record.

### COUNTY LAW SUSTAINED

The supreme court last Friday rendered its first decision on the law passed by the last legislature providing for the creation of new counties, and although the constitution of the law was not raised in the arguments in the case at issue, the court reviewed the various provisions of the act, and, it is believed by those who have read the decision, inferentially upheld the law. The specific point at issue was the question of whether the entire registration roll or merely the present actual electors of the portion of the county sought to be divided should be used as a basis of computing the number of signatures to the petition, the law requiring that one-half of the electors of the territory out of which it is proposed to create a new county shall join in the petition for its creation.

### SHIP STOCK WEST

Tacoma and other western markets are getting a large share of the business from Montana this year and from the start of shipment of stock from the ranges in the summer the coast markets have been proving the strongest competitor of eastern markets in their history. Spokane has been getting quite a portion of the stock from the Great Falls territory.

### BOZEMAN AND N. P. MIX

The city of Bozeman has been made defendant in a suit filed in the federal court by the Northern Pacific Railway company to restrain it from preventing the company from extending its tracks across certain streets and alleys in the "Uptown" yards in Bozeman. Judge Rasch issued a temporary injunction and ordered the defendant and Mayor Mannery and Chief of Police Reynolds to show cause October 11, why a permanent injunction should not be granted.

The complaint alleges that July 6 the city council of Bozeman passed an ordinance giving the complainant permission to extend its tracks across certain streets and alleys, that subsequently a petition was filed to have the ordinance referred to a vote of the people, but this petition, it is alleged, was not signed by 15 per cent of the qualified property owners and that therefore it does not suspend the operation of the ordinance. October 3rd, when workmen began on the extension across Broadway they were stopped by the mayor and chief of police, the complaint recites. A permanent restraining order is asked for; the court is asked to adjudge that the complainant is entitled to occupy the streets and alleys designated in the ordinance and it is also asked to issue a temporary restraining order.

### LAND OPENING IN S. DAK.

Announcement is made that there will be 8,000 names drawn in the process of establishing filing rights for the Rosebud and Pine Ridge land opening, for which registration commenced last Monday. This is 2,000 more names than were drawn at the Tripp county, S. Dak, opening, although there is less land to be appropriated. It is planned to clear up the land as much as possible through the number system.

Under the arrangements the 8,000 names will be drawn in three days, beginning October 24th. There will be 2,000 in the first day's drawing and 3,000 in each of the subsequent days. All remaining names will be carefully indexed and compared with the "lucky list" for the purpose of detecting any duplicate registration.

### Laurier Cabinet Resigns

The Laurier cabinet resigned at 3 o'clock on Friday Oct. 6 at the government house following a cabinet sitting.

Earl Grey sent a message to the residence of the incoming premier and asked him to undertake the task of forming a new government. Mr. Borden accepted and requested a few days in which to complete selection of the new ministry.

It is now announced semi-officially that the personnel of the Borden cabinet will be published soon.

### CONRAD ABANDON CATTLE

The Conrad Circle Cattle Company Directors, of which William G. Conrad, democratic leader and recent candidate for U. S. senator, is President, at its meeting held at Great Falls last week voted to divide \$110,000 of its \$139,000 in the treasure as a dividend and retire from the cattle business. The company owns large land areas in Canada.

### DIED AT ROCHESTER

John H. Kirk, one of Montana's most brilliant lawyers, dies at Rochester, Minn. Mr. Kirk promoted many Montana mining enterprises, and was a prominent politician. The body was taken to Butte, where the funeral services were held.

## NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS

### At Chicago December 5

The Congress Means Much to the Entire Western Country--The Inter-mountain Country will be well Represented.

Keen interest is manifested throughout the Northwest in the 19th National Irrigation Congress in Chicago and indications are that the Pacific slope and inter-mountain country will be represented at the sessions, December 5 to 9. Districts in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, where large acres of land, at one time thought to be worthless for agricultural purposes, have been reclaimed, are arranging to send delegates and make exhibits of their products at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition in the Coliseum.

We feel confident that there are more genuine interests in many parts of the Northwest today in National Irrigation Congress than there has been at any time since their organization. The reason for this become apparent when it is understood that while the development and progress of the country has been rapid and substantial since the introduction of irrigation, the problem now confronting the people is the necessity of attracting ambitious workers to the land by inducing them to invest some capital and labor in an industry that pays satisfactory returns for intensive and persistent effort.

The coming congress means much to the entire western country and its influence in directing the attention of thrifty men and women, seeking profitable openings, to the vast areas of undeveloped land and the opportunities and advantages presented for mixed farming.

The eastern investors, formerly large buyers of irrigated securities have been holding off of late, owing chiefly to misleading statements published in certain magazines that irrigation is a gambling proposition. The writers of these articles have, however, in nearly every instance, refrained from mentioning the fact that every financially responsible project de-

signed to reclaim land by irrigation, whether by pumping, gravity or syphon, constructed under the direction of competent engineers, is today successful in doing its work and paying adequate returns on the investment. The economic value of the science of supplying the land with moisture by artificial means is no experiment; it has become so thoroughly established in the western country that the vast expanse, once called "The Great American Desert," is bound to become the home of the highest civilization on this continent. Where the pioneers toiled in the sagebrush country, when not fighting off hostile indians, there is today a crop producing, home supporting areas of inexhaustible fertility, greater in extent than the cultivated lands in the New England and several adjoining states and capable of supporting a larger rural population.

It has been demonstrated in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington that under irrigation these former sagebrush wastes and cut-over timber lands will produce paying crops on anything which grows in the temperate zone. The products are known for their brilliant coloring, unusual size and excellent flavor and they command the markets of the world. Vegetables and root crops in almost endless variety and tree and vine fruits follow each other in rotation and fill out the season.

Government officials report that eventually more than \$50,000,000 will be expended by the Reclamation Service in the state of Washington in reclaiming 1,500,000 acres of land now entirely or partly waste. Fifty thousand acres are in the Elensburg district, two hundred thousand acres in the Rattlesnake and Coal Creek districts and ten thousand acres in the valley of the Okanogan.

The government projects southern Idaho are the Mindoka, with an area of 160,000 acres, completed at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000 and the Payette-Boise, 200,000 acres, costing 3,000,000. The payette-Boise project covers at present the largest single tract in the United States. Oregon has the Umatilla project, 18,000 acres, costing \$1,100,000 and the Klamath part of which extends into California, 120,000 acres, costing \$3,600,000.

Montana has the Milk River, Saint Mary, Lower Yellowstone, Huntly, Sun River, Blackfeet, Flathead, and Fort Peck projects which contemplate the watering of 949,000 acres. There are also several hundred thousand acres to be irrigated by private projects.

There is nothing problematic about the projects in operation or under construction in the northwestern states. As it is the modern method of intense cultivation is building new communities and adding millions of dollars of new wealth annually to the nations assets.

### MRS. DUNBAR HONORED

Mrs. H. Dunbar, of Three Forks has been appointed to represent the state at the meetings of the National Congress of Farm Women to be held at Colorado Spring, Col., October 17 to 19, 1911.

Mrs. Dunbar has accepted the appointment and will join the delegates to the convention. She leaves sometime this week.

DANNY MAHER. American Jockey Winning Prizes and Honors in England.

