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## LARGE CO. MEETING AT HEDGESVILLE

Many From the South and Eastern Parts of County Were Present--All Voted in Favor of Dividing the County

Last Monday several of our business men drove over to Hedgesville to attend the meeting held there in the interest of the new county. In spite of the weather being very cold and disagreeable, there was a very good crowd present, and a very enthusiastic meeting was had, several being present from the southern and eastern portions of the county.

Mr. H. J. Giltinan was made chairman of the meeting and presided in his usual able manner. Mr. A. T. Anderson of Harlowton was called on to outline the objects of the meeting, and gave a very interesting and instructive talk, outlining the work so far accomplished toward county division, and giving a very liberal estimate of the expense of maintaining the new county when created, based on the present expenditures of running Meagher county, which show that with an economical government the new county can be run with as low, if not lower, tax rate than we have now. Messrs. McCann, Giltinan, Pirrie, Ashley, Stevens, and others were called on to express their views on the subject, and all seemed to be heartily in favor of the new county.

After an informal discussion of several points that came up for discussion, a straw vote was taken by ballot and not a single vote was cast against county division. It was then moved and carried that a "ways and means" committee be appointed to assist in the work through this section of the county and the following were named as the committee: Mr. Halbert, Bercall; Mr. Gannon, Rothiemay; Mr. Crawford, Shawmut; Mr. Shanahan, Nihill; Mr. Ashley, Hedges. The meeting adjourned, peace and harmony prevailing.

Although there were a number of outsiders in Hedges that day to stay all night and some of them did not engage their rooms until late in the evening, everyone was provided with a good comfortable bed, and no one had to sit up all night or sleep in chairs.

### FIGURES AND FACTS

In making up these figures, the salaries of the officers of Meagher county is paid out of the general fund. We took 2-3 of the general expenses of Meagher county for the expenses of the proposed new county, besides the salary of county officers, making the general expenses of the proposed new county greater than the old county of Meagher.

Receipts	
Taxes on \$5,000,000 at 15 mills.....	\$75,000
Licenses.....	4,000
Penalty.....	100
Fees.....	2,000
Forest Reserve 1/4 of \$1,485.....	700
Poor Fund, 1/4 of \$9,400.....	4,700
Special Road.....	800
Total.....	\$86,500.
Expenses	
County Officers Salary.....	\$13,700
2-3 of warrants of Meagher Co., General 15,000 2-3 of Contingent Fund of Meagher County.....	12,000
To State, 2-3-4 mills.....	13,250
Roads and Bridges.....	12,000
Poor Fund.....	4,000
Rent for Co. buildings.....	4,000
Total.....	\$74,250
Balance.....	\$12,250

## GOVERNORS ARE ON JOURNEY

Special Train Starts Out on Missionary Tour of the East--Will Last Three Weeks.

The "Governor's Special" train of 11 cars, carrying seven western governors, left St. Paul shortly after 10 o'clock last Monday night on a three-weeks' tour of the east, covering more than 4,000 miles. Ten states are represented on the train—California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado and Wyoming. Governor Oddie of Nevada is expected to join the special in Chicago.

The seven governors who left St. Paul are:

Governor Eberhart of Minnesota; Vessey of South Dakota; Burke of North Dakota; West of Oregon; Hawley of Idaho; Norris of Montana, and Carey of Wyoming. In addition to the governors there were other representatives from each of the states and more will join the party at Chicago.

Lieut. Governor Fitzgerald represents Colorado; J. E. Barnes represents Washington, while California has its representative in former Governor Gillette.

The object of the tour is a "campaign of education." The products of the field, mines, opportunities of the vast empire of the north, will be talked of and shown to the people of various states through which the special is scheduled to pass.

Moving pictures of the departure of the train were taken. These will be sent east ahead of the special and exhibited in theaters in cities where the train is scheduled to stop.

## DR. MYERS WILL BE NEXT

The Third Number of the Lyceum Course Will be Dec. 7th by Dr. J. S. Myers.

Dr. J. S. Myers, the noted orator and lecturer, will be in Harlowton on the evening of December 7th as the third number of the Lyceum course. Those, who are acquainted with the names of American orators, will recognize Dr. Myers' name as one of the most entertaining speakers of his time.

The local committee has received numerous press notices and commendations in regard to Dr. Myers and the people here will have the opportunity to hear a noted speaker and charming entertainer.

Precaution has been taken to see that the opera house is heated for the comfort of the people, and the uncomfortable condition of the hall existing at the Everett Kemp number will not be repeated. The committee assures all patrons that the opera house will be comfortable for the audience.

For Sale—An elegant home in Harlowton. A two-story, 8 room house, nicely fenced, located in a most desirable part of the city. Apply to John Garner.

## THANKSGIVING

Let us be thankful—not alone because  
Since last our universal thanks were told  
We have grown greater in the world's applause  
And Fortune's newer smiles surpass the old.

But thankful for all things that come as alms,  
From out the open hand of Providence—  
The winter clouds and storms, the summer calms,  
The sleeping dread, the drowse of indolence.

Let us be thankful—thankful for the prayers,  
Whose gracious answers were long, long delayed,  
That they might fall upon us unawares  
And bless us as in greater need prayed.

Let us be thankful for the loyal hand  
That love held out in welcome to our own  
When love, and only love, could understand  
The need of touches we had never known.

Let us be thankful for the longing eyes  
That gave their secret to us as they wept,  
Yet in return found, with a sweet surprise,  
Love's touch upon their lids and, smiling, slept.

And let us, too, be thankful that the tears  
Of sorrow have not all been drained away.  
That through them still for all the coming years,  
We may look on the dead face of today.

—James Whitcomb Riley

## BOY DROWNS TRYING TO SAVE BROTHER

Two Young Boys Drowned in the Smelter Lake Near East Helena.

Frank Dibert, aged 13, and his brother, Arthur, aged 11, were drowned last Saturday while skating on the smelter lake at East Helena. Frank lost his life trying to save that of his younger brother. The bodies were dragged from the lake by employes of the smelter and taken to the power house, where a physician worked over them more than an hour, but all efforts at resuscitation were futile.

Arthur was skating near the upper end of the lake and came too near the open water. The ice suddenly crumbled beneath him and with a scream he sank in the water. Thirteen-year-old Frank, with no thought of his own peril, swiftly skated up to the assistance of his brother. When he reached him the rotten ice cracked and he, too, went into the water.

A few minutes later a boy rushed into the machine shop at the smelter with news of the accident. A crew of men ran down to the lake, waded in, picked up the bodies and rushed with them to the power house, where efforts at resuscitation were made in vain.

## STATE LAND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

Report of State Land Register F. H. Ray is as Follows—Large Amount Goes For School.

Total receipts from state lands for the year ending tomorrow were \$695,771.74, according to the annual statement of State Land Register F. H. Ray. Of this amount \$566,000 goes to the support of the common schools of the state and the remainder to the various state institutions. Of the sum that goes to the common schools, \$225,000 was derived from sales of land; 229,000 from leases of lands; \$91,000 from interest, and \$19,000 from timber sales.

## PROPOSED WORK IN GLACIER NAT'L PARK

The Department of the Interior Asking Congress to Come Across.

The department of the interior proposes to spend \$232,150 on the Glacier National Park during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, if the amount requested by the secretary of the interior is appropriated by Congress. This is an increase of \$162,950 over the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The work planned is as follows:

Bridge across the Middle Fork of Flathead river from Belton station to the new government road, \$125,000. The construction of this bridge will render unnecessary the long detour to the county bridge along a rough road which is too narrow to accommodate the large number of teams that enter the park. Repair of old trails and the building of new ones, \$25,000; construction and repair of telephone system, \$2,000; construction of bridge over McDonald creek, \$8,000; purchase of horses, \$3,000; logging operations and sawmill, \$5,000; administrative buildings, including superintendent's residence, two cottages, office, sewer, water and lighting systems, and stables, \$25,000; contingencies and miscellaneous expenses, \$6,750; for salaries, including those of eight additional rangers, \$32,400.

## THREE SET IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

The First Triple Execution to be Held at the Sing Sing Penitentiary

Three murderers were put to death by electricity in Sing Sing at dawn on the 20th inst. They were Pietro Falette of Port Chester, Frank Schermerhorn of Millbrook and Bert Brown of Rye. The executions lasted only 23 minutes. It was the first triple execution at Sing Sing.

## WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO MINNEAPOLIS

Millions of Bushels of Montana Grain Arriving at Minneapolis--All Lines of Railroads are Busy Hauling the Grain

## MONTANA RATES CUT 20 PER CENT

Interstate Commerce Commission Reduces Tariffs From the Coast Cities.

Class freight rates from Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., to points in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, were declared unreasonable last Friday by the interstate commerce commission and reductions averaging about 20 per cent were ordered by Jan. 2, 1912.

The decision of the commission affects all the railways operating in the Pacific northwest. The proceedings were popularly known as the "back haul rate" cases, in which the railroads charge for the back haul from Pacific coast terminals to intermediate points, although the freight is unloaded and delivered on the westbound haul.

The carriers explained they could not stand a reduction of 20 per cent. Examination of the revenues convinced the commission that the losses would aggregate only about one per cent of the net operating expenses of the lines.

## SKETCH OF SHERIFF BRANNIN'S LIFE

Has Lived in Montana Since Boyhood—Resided at Silver City Four Years.

Joseph S. Brannin was born June 14, 1883, in Grant county, New Mexico. When but 12 years old he came to Montana with his parents, who made their home near Silver City, where they continued to reside for over four years, when the family removed onto a ranch near Melville in Sweet Grass county. There he made his home until he was killed. He was the first of a large family of children to be called hence. He was an engineer by profession, and worked a short time for a nursery company at Helena and at other places in the state, and also in California. He leaves a widowed mother, his father having died about five years ago, seven brothers and five sisters.

He was single and stood highly in the community where he lived. He was temperate to the extreme and of excellent habits. As an officer he was zealous in the discharge of his duty, fearless and true. Because of his activity he was hated and feared by the lawless element. To his zeal in trying to discover crime and the perpetrators his death is attributed, as it is known that he had incurred the enmity of a number of men over whose movements he kept watch so closely as to be uncomfortable. That Jowell and Ricketts plotted the attack which resulted in his murder is generally accepted as a fact. While they probably did not plan to kill him, it is certain the attack by Ricketts was planned as a move to enable Jowell to escape. As he resisted to an extent they had not calculated upon and shot Ricketts, Jowell evidently concluded that unless he took more desperate means, he, too, might be shot, or at all events his escape would be prevented.

Five million bushels of wheat from Montana, on long haul loading that means 900 to 1,200 miles wheelage will move into Minneapolis before an inrush from the west has spent itself, according to Chamber of Commerce men, and it will make not only the greatest movement of Montana wheat of record, but will greatly increase the business of Minneapolis in Montana in all lines. The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Milwaukee roads are getting this remarkably heavy run of long haul grain. There is a barley movement of large proportions from Montana to Minneapolis, and it is expected that later on Montana flax will come in quantity. Old-time ideas of values and the trend of grain marketward have been upset by this eastern turn of the tide.

The Montana Central Elevator company, Royal Milling company, Rocky Mountain Elevator company, Russell-Miller interests and other companies identified with Montana, note the outward flow of wheat from Montana eastward to Minneapolis.

"Three or four years ago Montana bought wheat in North Dakota to run its flour mills," said P. L. Howe of the Imperial Elevator company. "This year Montana has raised somewhere from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, there is enough for the Montana mills, and much to spare, and Minneapolis is getting it."

James F. Cargill estimates that not less than 5,000,000 bushels of Montana wheat will go to Minneapolis.

G. H. Tunnell of the state inspection department said that there has never been anything like the quantity of Montana grain that turns up every day in the Minneapolis yards.

"It is the biggest quantity Montana ever shipped, and the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Milwaukee are bringing it in," he said. "Montana is going to figure in an important manner this year in the total Minneapolis grain receipts."

## MANY CATTLE IN THE STATE

Only One State of Western Group Shows Higher Valuation According to Census Bureau.

According to census bureau reports in 1910 there were 942,604 cattle in Montana, which were valued at \$27,459,000. Of the cattle 77,437 were dairy cows and 82,596 were calves.

Only one western state ranks Montana in cattle valuation, namely, Colorado, which was credited with the possession the same year of cattle valued at \$30,970,000.

Only two states ranked Montana in the number of cattle owned. They were Colorado, with 1,126,365, and New Mexico, with 1,072,656. Those of New Mexico were valued at \$26,245,000, or approximately \$1,000,000 less than the valuation of Montana.