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ROAD CONVENTION TO BE IN ANACONDA

Good Roads for Meagher County Is the One Big Question the County Commissioners Have to Decide.

At the last meeting of the Commercial Club the question of good roads was freely discussed by the members and it was decided to send four delegates to the Third Annual Good Roads Congress to be held at Anaconda, July 8, and 9. President Smith of the Commercial Club appointed the following delegates to attend the congress, Ward Beley, A. T. Anderson, R. N. Jones and Herbert Hawley, as alternates R. A. Good, C. L. McClave, Benj. Urner and J. Karnop. The good roads congress has attracted a state wide interest which is due to the importance of the questions to be discussed and the men who are to take part in the discussions of the different phases of the road question. Governor Norris will address the congress on the subject of "good roads." J. M. Hamilton, president Montana State College of Agriculture, "Economic value of good roads." Professor Clinton L. Moore, "Trail blazing, past and present," and there will be many other noted speakers who will talk on the good roads movement.

It would be a thing highly gratifying to the people of Meagher county as well as the rest of the counties of this great state of Montana if the county commissioners and other officials in charge of the public work would take an active part or at least attend this good roads congress. I venture to say that if the men in active charge of this public work and men in charge of the appropriation of the road tax funds in all the counties would unite co-operative action for the furtherance of this splendid movement which is now in its infancy in our state, the results would be astounding.

We claim to live in an advance age of civilization but were the old romans to invade our country and to judge our people by the roads

they have constructed or rather failed to construct they would no doubt class us as a semi-civilized people. Not only have the people in the state of Montana ignored this valuable asset but the other states in the union are equally guilty. If we as citizens of Montana could but bring ourselves to realize that good public highways are one of the most valuable, one of the most essential and one of the most susceptible to profitable investments for our public money which may be placed in any public improvements. The statement of the Hon. James Bryce, "that the one conspicuous failure of the American city," could well be changed to read, that the one conspicuous failure of the American people is the proper construction of public highways.

One of the failures that has come to light since the good road movement has been instituted is the county mismanagement and waste of the road improvement funds, all of which is due to ignorance upon the subject, fraud, apathy and lack of public spirit in the men who have control of the matter of this work.

Therefore, it is the hope of the writer of this article that our delegates and county officers attend this great good roads congress and get new ideas on the question. Much can be gained by the exchange of ideas and by enthusiasm which is bound to follow a meeting of this sort where the great men in the state and nation will assemble to discuss different phases of this movement. Let these experts show what can be done and how it can be done. We of Meagher county and our public officials need be shown a great many things but if we do know enough about good roads we certainly need to be imbued so that we will put our knowledge in action.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES

At the democratic county convention held in White Sulphur Springs, on Monday, May 27, the following delegates were elected to the state convention held in Butte May 29.

Delegates: J. R. Bain, Judith Gap, C. L. Pihlo Dr. Campbell, Harlow, J. V. Kelly E. V. Crew, Nihil, Powell Black J. H. Freeman, Lonnep, C. Sherman J. M. Holliday, Sixteen, Dan Smith N. B. Smith, W. S. S., Jas. Johnson John Berkin, Shannon.

Convention was unanimous in its indorsement of Champ Clark for president, and Meagher county delegates to Butte were instructed to use every effort to secure an instructed delegation to Baltimore for him.

The usual resolutions were adopted condemning the republican party for its broken promises and extravagance in the expenditure of public moneys.

WELL KNOWN HARLOWTON MAN GETS MARRIED.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Francis E. Brewster and Alma Barneko at

Spokane, Washington, on May 27. Mr. Brewster is well known in this town, having first worked in the machine shops here, afterwards taking a position with the Light and Water Co. He also belongs to the Masonic Lodge of this town. The News wishes them a long and happy life.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. P. M. Postum.

The funeral of the late Mrs. P. M. Postum, took place on Tuesday from the M. E. church of Harlowton, at 3:00 p. m.

Mrs. Postum died on Monday after suffering for over four months. She took sick in Billings, on Jan. 15 with a disease that seemed to baffle the skill of our best physicians. She was moved to this place some six weeks ago in hopes that the change would bring her relief. Last week they took her out to her mothers home, where she died. From the time she took sick, until death relieved her, she suffered immense pain, but was very patient, and died a true Christian. She was married to P. M. Postum on March 25, 1908 who was then living in Harlowton, manager for the Warren Jewellery Store. She was born May 9, 1888 in St. Johns, Putnam county, Missouri, and leaves many sorrowing friends to mourn her death.

A BOOST FOR HARLOWTON

The Younglove Construction Co. Establish Offices Here.

The Younglove Construction Co. of Sioux City, Iowa, builders of grain elevators and engineers of reinforced concrete construction of all kinds, have opened offices over the First National Bank, their main office will still be in Sioux City. All of their western work will be handled from the office here.

They have a large amount of work contracted for in Idaho, Utah and Montana, covering grain elevators and concrete storage, and they expect to build quite a number of country elevators adjacent to Harlowton.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Unclaimed mail matter remaining on hand at the Harlowton Post Office for the week ending May 25, 1912.

When calling for same please say "advertised."

Durre, J. T.
Dunn, Henry
Hoyanoff, Nicola
Benj. T. Stevens, Postmaster

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

The Rev. Horace Turner will preach in the above church next Sunday the 2nd of June both morning and evening.

Morning service, 11 o'clock, subject, "What wilt thou do at the swelling of Jordan?"

Evening service, 8 o'clock subject, "A great love offering."

Everybody welcome to the above services! Come and worship with us!

THREE-YEAR BILL TO PASS

Washington, May 26.—Senator Borah of Idaho, author of the three-year homestead bill expressed the opinion today that this measure finally will be approved by both houses of congress and will be signed by the president before adjournment. After canvassing the situation in the senate, Borah says that the bill will pass that body without serious difficulty and he believes it will be accepted by the house in the form in which it was agreed upon by the conference committee.

"The bill would have been reported to the senate yesterday," said Borah, but for the fact that one of the conferees is ill. It will be presented Monday and will be agreed to by the senate. I am advised that it will be reported to the house as soon as it is agreed to by the senate and I think it will pass that body.

"The bill readjusted by the conference, is practically the same bill which first passed the senate with the exception of its cultivation clause, which the conferees felt compelled to accept. I would rather the bill had been reported back as it originally went through the senate, had it not been for the fact that the latitude, which is allowed the secretary of the interior under the present law with reference to cultivation, would permit him to require cultivation of the whole 160 acres of each entry which he has said he thought should be the rule. That being his opinion it seemed safer to put something in the law to prevent this rigid interpretation.

AFTER THE LYNCHERS.

Major Groome and Captain Wilhelm of Pennsylvania Police.



THE OLD WAY AND THE NEW

How Montana Is Settled As Compared to Iowa and Minnesota.

This country is new, very new in fact, but not to be compared to Iowa and Minnesota in their pioneer days. Then they came in prairie schooners and ox teams, here its palae cars and automobiles.

This part of Montana will develop very rapidly in the next three years, much more so than it did in the past five, and the people that are trying to build up the state should begin right. We need more and better roads, these will come in time, but bridges we need and must have. Why, then, build tin bridges at exorbitant prices, that will have to be replaced in a few years with new ones, that will be sufficiently strong to allow traction engines to pass over, instead of making them ford the streams as at present.

Everything can be found here, ready at hand, for all purposes and for every nature of advancement. In place of garden patches of grain on the bottom lands, that we now see, will all be under cultivation. The bench lands, that were considered non-productive, will raise 30 bushels to the acre and this will be the average, not the exception. This may seem small compared to 50 to 60 on the irrigated bottoms, but 15 bushels is considered a good yield in the Red River valley in Dakota.

Then it behooves us to start right, beware of tin bridges, and let us profit by the experience of Iowa and other eastern states, and build our bridges of concrete and stone, and they will not have to be replaced in a few years by new ones.

Examination of the Rhoades Scholarship.

Missoula, May 29.—The Rhoades Scholarship trust announces in a letter to Dr. C. A. Duniway president of the University of Montana that the next qualifying examination for candidates for the Rhoades Scholarship will be held on Tuesday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 13, this year. All candidates from colleges in Montana must take the examination at the University on those dates. The examination questions will be sent to Dr. Duniway who will name a supervising examiner who will conduct the examinations.

WHEATLAND COUNTY

Some of the Leading Taxpayers Interviewed on the Same.

The opposition to its creation have frequently said that the big taxpayers of this part of the county were against its creation.

The editor of this paper determined to find out if this was true, or like many of the assertions made by the opposition, without any foundation. The first man, A. C. Graves, one of the largest taxpayers in the county, said he had made some study of this subject, and had made up his mind that there would be no material change in the rate of taxation or increase of assessment. The first year might necessitate a raise of two mills in rate but that it would then be the same or less than before. This would be offset by the great improvements we would have in roads, as we would have three times the amount to spend in the new county on our highways.

Mr. Benj. Urner, the next man interviewed, was of the same opinion as Mr. Graves, but more positive that the people living in the proposed county, would not pay more taxes, but less after the expense of creating the new county had been paid. This expense would not raise the rate more than two mills for the first year or two.

Mr. Jos. Labrie, another big taxpayer, claimed that with business men for county commissioners, the rate of taxation would remain the same while we would have twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars to spend on our roads. This would be more than five times the amount we spent on the roads in this part of the county last year.

The editor intends to interview the big taxpayers in this part of the county from time to time and their expressions will be printed in this paper whether they are for or against the proposition.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE FAIR CONTEST

The County Commissioners have appropriated \$50.00 to be given in prizes to two boys and two girls of Meagher County, between the ages of 12 and 18, as follows: \$15.00 to the boy who shows the best twelve potatoes, to be planted and raised by himself; \$10.00 to the boy who shows the second best twelve potatoes, to be planted and raised by himself; \$15.00 to the girl who shows the best hand made corset cover, with hem, French or filled seams, gathers and at least three button-holes, all made by herself; \$10.00 to the girl who shows the second best hand made corset cover as described above. Only the quality of handwork being considered.

It is required that the first prizes shall be applied to the purchase of transportation to Helena to attend the State Fair where free accommodations are provided for the prize winners. In event of the inability of the first prize winner to attend the Fair the second prize winner shall be entitled to attend as an alternate.

Time and place of judging will be designated later.

Any boy or girl interested may receive further instruction by writing the County Superintendent.

A. Belle Francisco-Spohr, County Superintendent.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Delegates Instructed to Cast Their Vote for Clark.

The state democratic convention held in Butte on Wednesday, May 29, instructed their delegates to the Baltimore convention for Champ Clark. There was only one dissenting vote. The following were elected delegates:

Governor Norris, Dillon
T. J. Walsh, Helena
Senator Myers, Hamilton
R. R. Purcell, Helena
O. C. Cato, Miles City
S. J. Coffee, Missoula
Major Baldwin, Kalispell
James Johnson, Anaconda
J. Bruce Kremer of Silver Bow county was re-elected national committeeman and R. R. Purcell temporary chairman, Gov. Norris permanent chairman.

REV. H. G. KLEMMER WILL RETURN SUNDAY.

Rev. H. G. Klemme a graduate of the McCormick University of Chicago, will preach in the First Presbyterian church on June 2nd at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Klemme is not a stranger among us as he had charge of the church for three months last summer during his vacation. While here he made many friends, and it is expected a large crowd will be out next Sunday evening to welcome his arrival back among us. There will be special music for the occasion.

MR. MACHIN IS HONORED

Old Gentleman Celebrates His Sixty-eight Birthday Monday.

Mr. William Machin, celebrated his sixty-eight birthday last Monday. The old gentleman is still hale, happy and well preserved, the fact that he can still do a hard day's work, is a splendid tribute to the man of good habits. Mr. Machin told his friends that he does not know the taste of tobacco or liquor, and never drinks tea or coffee.

In the evening the members of the bible class of the Methodist Sunday School, of which Mr. Machin is a faithful member, gathered at his home for a surprise party. The evening was spent enjoyably in playing various games, after which icecream, cake and lemonade were served. Mr. Machin was the recipient of a number of useful gifts, the tokens of esteem and friendship.

BASKET SOCIAL AND DANCE TO-NIGHT.

The Wheatland County Band are giving a basket social and concert for the benefit of the band, in the Opera House to-night. They should have a good crowd as they are worthy of it.

It is a good thing the Mississippi river was so far away from here, when it overflowed its banks or the marshall would have arrested it for being full.

The New Jersey lady, who lived to be 104 because she never worried, probably had not heard of Colonel's third term campaign.

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