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HUSBAND APPOINTED FRUIT INSPECTOR

State Horticulturist M. L. Dean Here on Inspection Trip Through Central Montana

State Horticulturist M. L. Dean was in Harlowton last Tuesday, on official business. Mr. Dean is making a tour of inspection in northern and central Montana, of the orchards and fruit conditions of these localities.

Mr. Dean came to Montana some three or more years ago from the state University of Michigan, and has been a most valuable acquisition for the fruit growers of Montana. Since his appointment as state horticulturist many important innovations have been made in the cultivation and handling of the apple crop, prominent among which was the apple and orchard inspection laws.

No doubt exists as to the wisdom of an inspection and, whereas in the beginning, there was considerable opposition to the law, it is now accepted as a blessing to the orchardists of the state and it is doubtful if fruit growers would now do without such a law.

Mr. Dean has made the study of horticulture one of his life's aims and is an undoubted authority on questions appertaining to the culture of fruit. In speaking of the prospects of this section of Montana as an apple country, he says: "You may quote me as strong as you please on the statement that this country will grow apples. When the ground is thoroughly subdued by the growing of a few crops of wheat or other small grain and the ground is thoroughly pulverized and put in condition by

cultivation, there is not the slightest doubt that you have here a fine apple country. Care should be exercised in the selection of the varieties that are to be grown and along this line I would recommend anyone of the following varieties, preference in the order named: First, for an early apple, the Yellow Transparent or Lielveland Raspberry; Duchess of Oldenburg or Sweet Bough for sweet apples; Wealthy, Gravestine and Macintosh Red for a fall apple. I would not plant the Transparent crab for the reason that they blight too easily but as a good substitute I would use the Hyslop or Bailey Crimson as they do not blight so easily. For a green apple the Northwest Greening, Patton's Greening or McLahan's White are good apples for this climate. All the varieties named above are hardy and will do well in this section. We are extending our inspection force all over the state for the purpose of preventing the diseases that attack apple trees so readily when not properly cared for. The state is quite free of apple pests now and we propose to use our utmost endeavor to keep it so."

While here Mr. Dean appointed W. C. Husband inspector for this vicinity.

Mr. Dean says the apple crop in the famous Bitter Root valley is much better this year than last both in the quality of fruit raised and in prices obtained.

HUNTING PARTY RETURNS HOME

The hunting party composed of Walter and Boone Trimmer, C. A. Klingensmith and wife and L. W. Crandall and wife of Ohio, Charles and Irene Decker, Don Grivetti and the Misses Husband and Olson, returned Monday evening and not empty handed. Walter Trimmer and Don Grivetti each got a deer and Walter got a bear and thereby hangs a tale. The writer feels his limitations when it comes to telling the story of this bear hunt. It would take a more graphic pen than ours to paint an adequate word picture of the thrilling situation in which the doughty hunter found himself for a few tense moments. The bear was just twenty-three steps from Walter when mutual recognition occurred. Now how he knew it was exactly twenty-three steps he makes no effort to explain. But we have our own opinion that the old saying "Twenty-three for you, skiddoo," was uppermost in his mind and he has since confounded it with his distance from danger. This theory gets substantial support from the fact that Walter's first shot at Bruin was a clean miss. At this juncture some degree of reason returned and Walter began shooting in earnest, feeling that the occasion was unpropitious for unnecessary delay and it is solemnly averred by reliable witnesses that had he not been grabbed from behind and caused to desist he would have been shooting yet. Outside the little unpleasantness between Trimmer and the bear the party report a most en-

joyable time and a splendid outing.

Mr. Trimmer is having L. C. Casper, the local taxidermist, transform Bruin's hide into a rug and the fur, coming, as it does, from a 400-pound carcass and at the best season of the year, will make a magnificent floor ornament.

Mr. Casper is also mounting the deer head for Walter and has numerous orders for other work in taxidermy. He is a skilled workman having had years of experience.

THE STATE OF OUR HEALTH

It is sometimes a good thing for us to look ourselves square in the face once in a while and see if we have improved or retrograded in the general state of our health, morals and conditions generally. There came, recently, to our desk, a little pamphlet bearing the legend, "Bulletin of the Department of Public Health." While scanning its pages in a desultory way we noticed the tables of mortality published therein for the state, by counties, for the month of August. Out of curiosity we read the data of the mortality of Meagher county and were amazed at the facts found therein. The number of deaths reported for the month were seven. One from tuberculosis, one from organic heart disease, from violence four, all other causes one. We compared the number of deaths from violence with those of other counties and found that we tied Flathead county for fourth place in the list. Butte, naturally, headed the list with seven deaths by violence. Custer came second with six. Teton third with five and Flathead

and Meagher with four. When it is considered that there are no hazardous occupations in the county outside of railroading, four deaths by violence is too big a percentage.

In Butte, where there are so many mines and men are facing death hourly, it is not so surprising, but in a sparsely settled county like Meagher it would seem that we should be among the lowest in the state rather than fourth in the list of forty-three cities and counties.

It has often been said that human life is held very cheaply. It would seem that with all the time and labor spent in scientific research with the object in view of lessening the death rate from disease, something would be done to lessen it by violence.

ABE HOGELAND IS RECEIVER

Abe Hogeland, a well known old timer and formerly county surveyor of this county, today stepped into the office of receiver of the local United States land office, succeeding W. A. Hedges, who served his last day yesterday in that capacity.

Mr. Hogeland's appointment by President Wilson has been confirmed by the senate.

The retiring receiver served for seven years and three months, and served in a most efficient manner. He was an obliging and competent official in every respect and kept his work up to a high standard. Mr. Hedges will continue to reside in Lewistown and will soon open an office to practice law and carry on a general real estate business. Mr. Hedges has a host of friends here and should succeed well in his new vocation.

Yesterday afternoon he was given an agreeable surprise by the employees and fore at the land office. At about four o'clock they all went into the back office and a few minutes later called Mr. Hedges back, stating that the special agent wanted to see him. Mr. Hedges went back and Fred Griffith then made a neat speech and presented Mr. Hedges with a hand bag which was given him by the present and former employees.

Mr. Hedges appreciates this token very highly.—Lewistown Daily News.

MRS. A. F. WALDORF DIES IN BUTTE

This community was never so shocked and grieved as it was to learn of the sudden demise of Mrs. A. G. Waldorf, one of Dillon's most charming and substantial residents at 10:32 p.m. Tuesday at Butte, where she had been taken to a hospital for treatment. She had submitted to an operation and was thought to be improving but late Tuesday afternoon there was a change for the worse and not withstanding the attention and skill of a staff of eminent physicians and gentle ministrations of loved ones, passed peacefully to the great beyond.—Dillon Tribune.

Mrs. Waldorf was a sister-in-law of Mrs. C. P. Tooley of Twodot, who has the sympathy of the entire community in her sad bereavement.

THE LYRIC OPENED LAST EVENING

A picture show was opened last night in the Tamplin block. The interior of the building has been remodeled and made into a first class show house. For the first three nights this week they will run a three reel picture show with three separate vaudeville acts, and will charge .25 and .35.

Next week will be all pictures at the moderate prices of .10 and .15.

The show is owned by Mr. Barlow and son who have had ten years experience in the moving picture business. They own their own light plant and assure their patrons of a first class show. They have rented the new house erected by Mr. Davies and will move their family into it as soon as completed. They intend to make this their home and give their children advantage of our schools.

A company has been formed, with headquarters at Hedgesville, to assist farmers in stocking their farms with high bred cattle, horses, sheep, milch cows, hogs and poultry. This company, if rightly managed, will be a great assistance to the homesteaders. Good for Hedges!

LENNEP VISITORS IN HARLOWTON

Senator A. C. Grande, Martin Herin and Andrew Berg spent a few days in town this week on business. In an interview with them they assured us crops were all good in their territory. Wheat is running from 25 bushel to 40 bushel to the acre non-irrigated.

Martin Grande threshed 80 bushel oats to the acre, irrigated.

Andrew Berg threshed 30 bushel wheat to the acre and 35 bushel oats, non-irrigated.

Andrew Hoyems wheat will go about 40 bushel to the acre, non-irrigated.

Most of the ranchers around Lennepe sold their beef to C. C. Hopkins realizing a good price for them.

"BEGGAR PRINCE" FAVORITE HERE

The well known and always welcome "Beggar Prince Comic Opera Co." will be in Harlowton on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, for one night only. This company made the biggest hit of any company ever here and their return will be welcomed with a crowded house.

Harry Mosely, the little comedian who plays farmer Rocco and that musical instrument he calls the "Gimic" is still the principal comedian. Miss Bertie Palmer, the dandy little soubrette prima donna and Miss Virel Davidson are both artists of the first water. Sid Cox, Stanley Dale and the beauty chorus make up a company said to be superior to last season's.

Don't forget the date and that it is for one night only, Tuesday, Oct. 14th. The prices are the same, .75 and \$1.00.

B. B. BLETHEN RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Blethen returned last Sunday from a two months visit in Maine. Mr. Blethen says Maine is a fine state but was glad to get back to Montana. He has re-opened his blacksmith shop and feed stable and will be glad to accommodate all his old friends and customers.

He is one of the old timers in Harlowton, having opened up the first black smith shop here. They have many friends who will be glad to hear of their return.

M. E. Church Notices.

Sunday School, 10:00; Morning service, 11:00; "The Ministry of the Home"; Junior Epworth League, 3:00 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.; Mrs. Ball, Leader; topic, "Forty Years of Missions in Japan". Evening service, 7:30; "A Religious Experience—'I, being in the way, the Lord led me'."

JOHN R. BALL, Pastor.

Mrs. Gene White, who has been very seriously ill for the past week, is slowly recovering. All of her friends are glad to hear of her convalescence.

RETROSPECTION VS. OPPORTUNITY

R. H. Dunn, of the Firm of Lynn & Dunn, writes Interestingly of the Past, Present and Future

Along about 1840, when Texas was a republic, the territory of Iowa extended to the British possessions, the Mexican Republic reached to the "Oregon Country", the great cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis were not on the map, and the entire central west, now the home of millions of prosperous people and the granary of our nation, known as the western or Indian territory—settlers from the east were pouring into Ill. to make homes on the fertile prairies.

At that time the state had a population of 476,000 and the great city of Chicago less than 5,000 people, there were only 26 miles of railroad in the entire state.

Wheat was selling at about 40 cents a bushel, corn 25 cents, oats 15 cents; hogs brought 2 to 3 cents a pound and fat cattle 3 to 4 cents a pound, with practically no markets. And yet this was the "land of promise" to thousands, and subsequent years show the wisdom of the choice of these pioneers.

The opportunities of these pioneers are repeated and multiplied many fold in the present opportunities of the greatest undeveloped state of the union—peerless Montana. With a population today less than Illinois had in 1840 and an area of as good farm land as you will find out of doors, as large

as the whole state of Illinois, another as large as another Illinois of good grazing land and another Illinois in size of mountains, forests and mines. And all this vast territory has but one third as many people, area considered, as did Illinois 75 years ago.

In the light of these facts there is no reason to regret lack of opportunity but there is every reason to congratulate ourselves for present superior opportunities. And fortunate indeed, is the homeseeker today, that Montana is practically unsettled, ready to supply homes for him, when all the cheap lands of the older states have been taken.

But an important and vital difference to the settler coming to Montana today, is that he comes into communities fully organized with all the conveniences of modern civilization. He will suffer none of the inconveniences or hardships of his pioneer fathers, nor the danger from hostile Indians. He can come to his new locality in a Pullman and go onto his land in an automobile. He will find good schools, churches, lodges, markets and a country sufficiently tried out to know what are the best crops to raise and the best methods to follow. A country new in opportunities but old in all that goes to make satisfactory homes.

PRESS COMMENTS ON MAX HOFFMAN

An audience of perhaps three hundred persons listened to Max Hoffman lecture on Christianity and Spiritualism at the Island Park tabernacle Tuesday evening. His talk was on scriptural and spiritual phenomena, and he interested and entertained all, holding the closest attention and met approval by nearly all who heard him. Aside from his argument along his particular cult his discourse was full of many homely

can slang terms with an innocence indescribably droll.

Among his sayings remembered is one he told a local newspaper man. "You write cute, very cute. But you are not as cute as you think. You would be more satisfaction if you were not so cute." In a church in Cedar Rapids he took a front pew, and three ushers rushed up to him saying: "You can not sit there." He said, "Excuse myself." "I had to go way back un sit down" he added ruefully to the audience. In the story of Cain and Abel he told how Cain went to a far country. "Un there vas vomans! Vere from comes that vilians? Did God swipe another rip!"

After the lecture he gave some tests. Coming down into the audience he allowed his spirit control to lead him to various persons. He told these persons about things that would serve to identify the spirits who had messages. He approached believers and unbelievers indifferently, and certainly made some puzzling remarks. Things were mentioned that the bearers thought no one knew but themselves. How much was shrewd guess work, mind reading, or knowledge of human nature it is hard telling. Many people believe these things firmly. The reporter tried to place himself in the roadway of some of the spirits, his mind open to conviction, but none came his way. He knows he has some hundreds of dead ancestors, but most of them spoke only Irish and Hoffman may not be up in Gaelic.—Cedar Rapids paper.

Jack McLeod, clerk in the Urner Mercantile Co. was in Helena last week and took the examination for licensed embalmer. Jack's many friends will be pleased to hear that he was successful and is now a full fledged licensed embalmer.



truths and much sound christian doctrine.

He speaks English with a most charming accent, and his transpositions of the order of the words is delightfully quaint. In a perfectly natural way he has the three famous German characters in "Hoity Toity" bested a lot. If any one thought they were overdrawn he should hear Hoffman. He does not say three words in succession but there will be a harmlessly amusing transposition, pronunciation or termination, worth paying a good fee to hear. He uses Ameri-