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## THE LAND OF HAPPY PEOPLE

### Makes for Better Men and Women with Red Blood in their veins Come to Montana

(Written especially for the Christmas Edition of the News)

To the individual who has lived an easy sheltered life, the thought of leaving familiar surroundings, breaking old ties and launching out for himself has always been an event fraught with deep interest and more or less fear for the unknown future. The prizes of life, the things worth while, that which makes for character, stamina and enduring value comes to him who dares. No mollycoddle, milksop, weak-kneed, spineless man ever got anywhere worth while. The easy, soft things breed a race of quitters, and the knocker, the skeptic, the fault finder soon finds himself doing the breadmill grind of a hum-drum existence and wonders why fortune fails to smile on him.

Fortunately for the future of the west most of its citizens are men and women of worth, with red blood in their veins and iron in their souls. The lofty mountains, the deep forests, the wide prairies, the bigness of western things, develop in a man a breadth of character that the circumscribed limitations of the older settled regions fail to develop.

Living on the high plains of Montana are thousands of men and women, carving out a splendid future, enduring hardships new to them, but with the hardships come not merely capacity to endure but force and quality to enjoy. Here sturdy manhood and staunch womanhood are the fruits of endeavor, here one does not exist, he lives, here the law of compensation is full.

The new Montana citizen gives up old friends, settled and staid surroundings but gains friends, as good, new scenes more beautiful

and surroundings, more crude and raw, 'tis true, but filled with life's richest rewards. Here the tide of life is at its flood, the joy of living is at its fullest. He becomes buoyant, efficient, resourceful, fit for the battle of life. Hard knocks? He laughs at them, and well he may, he is fitted to overcome, and the joy of victory is ten-fold greater than the existence of an effortless life. He may well have been a misfit or an unfit, but Montana ozone has made him fit.

The rock-ribbed hills of New England, where the land is so poor that honey bees have to get down on their knees to suck white clover, bred a race of hardy men and of sturdy women. The near Boston farmer, while he may have said "Porfornate the soil with thy proboscis thou Windy City quadruped or relinquish thy vitality," yet left to his children bonds and bank stocks, is of the same sturdy manhood as the Montana rancher who says "Root hog or die." But our Montana rancher is not a half dozen generations in getting results, because superior opportunities gives to him as well as his children, land, houses, cattle, fat bank accounts and with it efficient manhood with fullest capacity to enjoy.

All the old luxurious ease, all the dreams of home in other places have vanished like mists before a gale and our Montana man has taken root, to stay till this mighty state, the maker of manhood, of womanhood, of fortune, of fame is the great empire destiny has marked for its own. And with feelings of gratitude to the Giver of all good, his heart overflows. He is one of the chosen—a citizen of Montana.

## SWORD OF JUSTICE NOW PAIR OF SHEARS

The Schubert Symphony Club, which played here last Friday night, made a tour of Canada this fall, and on their return to the United States by way of Great Falls, met with a sample of Uncle Sam's methods of administering his laws. The following article written by Mr. Purcell, the manager of the company, is quite an interesting as well as humorous account of the incident. The sword of justice was turned into a pair of shears in this instance and Miss Corder was shorn of her plumage. We venture to say that if she had sung the crusty collector a solo he would have let her keep her plumage. Here is the story:

More trouble caused by the obnoxious feather law which went into effect on October 4, 1913. On Monday, Nov. 10, when the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette of Chicago returned to the "Land of the Free" (1) from their five weeks tour of Canada, Miss Corder, the leading soprano of the company, who had a hat trimmed with a small bunch of bird of paradise feathers, had the misfortune to come under the ever watchful eagle eye of "Sherlock Holmes" Myers, the Watch Dog of the Border line, who immediately arose in his might and confiscated this insignificant bunch of birds-wearing apparel, despite the fact

that the hat was an old hat remodeled up to 1913 standards, and the hat and feathers were both bought and worn in Chicago last August long before Miss Corder left the United States. In fact, she left the United States on September 29th, four days before the new law went into effect, and, being in Canada, did not even hear of such a law being passed. "Big Chief Myers", the "Border Sleuth," quoted the law to Miss Corder and Mr. Purcell, manager of the company, the law "Forbids the importation of various kinds of feathers", and all arguments to the effect that Miss Corder was not importing these paltry feathers, but simply bringing back her own personal property bought and worn in Chicago two months before the law went into effect, failed to percolate through the solid ivory dome of Myers, the "Desperate Desmond of Laurier." Perhaps Mr. Myers has at one time worked on the line between Russia and Siberia, where convicts entering Siberia have one side of their heads shaved and, not being able to shave the masculine heads entering the United States, still carries out the same idea by clipping and confiscating the feathers from defenseless ladies' hats, being backed up (1) by the law and might of the United States Government, and thereby reducing a beautiful stylish hat to the ridiculous likeness of a rooster without a tail, to say nothing of the

pecuniary loss to the owner of the hat who has no financial redress whatsoever, according to Mr. Myers, "The Personification of Justice." We are aware that Justice is supposed to be blind but did not know that she was so dumb she did not know the meaning of "import." We have often had our "Feathers Ruffled" when undergoing the customs examinations, but never before had them "Confiscated."

Had Mr. Myers known that the second soprano of the company was Miss Rhea Raven, he would undoubtedly have used his "Divine Right" and confiscated her, as she was born with the name of one bird and given another shortly afterwards. Mr. Purcell wonders if he is going to be arrested and shot before five o'clock the second Wednesday next week, for importing two birds in the person of Rhea Raven.

Should many more laws similar to the above mentioned be passed parties entering the United States will have to be met at the custom house exit by kind friends provided with pure and unadulterated American fig leaves to replace the personal clothing confiscated by the narrow minded, petty officers of the law.

Should Mr. Myers devote the same zeal and enthusiasm to discovering the numerous opium, diamond and lace smugglers as he does to operating on the feather appendages of ladies' hats, we predict rapid promotion and a brilliant future for him, but "Lord, help the Traveling Public," should he ever become Head of the Customs of the United States.

## VICTOR RUE HURT IN RUNAWAY

Last Saturday Victor Rue, a fourteen-year old boy, was run over and quite seriously though not dangerously hurt. He was riding on a load of hay with Crawford Doores and when they reached the Musselshell hill just out of town, the queen bolt broke pulling the boy off the load, under the wagon. One wheel of the wagon stopped on the boy's body and Mr. Doores had to get a rail and pry the wheel off the boys body. He was quite badly bruised up but no bones were broken.

At this writing the young man is resting easily and it is expected that he will be around as good as new in a few days.

The boy's father lately moved here from Big Timber and is proprietor of the Biethen Barn.

## THE SCHUBERTS ENTERTAIN

The Schubert Symphony Club and Ladies Quartette, which ap-

peared at the Ruby Theatre last Friday night in a high-class musical production, were all that their advertising claimed for them. They were unfortunate in following so closely the date of the Minstrel Maids which no doubt was the cause of getting a smaller audience than they otherwise would have had, but notwithstanding this fact they were greeted by a good-sized and appreciative audience. Miss Leeta Corter, the soprano, has a wonderful lyric voice which never fails to please. The violin playing of Mr. Purcell was artistic to a degree and the hearty applause he received after each number was an evidence of Harlowton's theatre goers appreciation of good music. Each and every number on the program was a gem and every musical taste was suited.

The company left Saturday morning to fill a date at Judith Gap. Those present at their concert on Friday night will look forward to a return date with this company next season.

## TWO TRAMPS ROB BUNKER ON ENGINE

Last Monday night two tramps broke into a bunker of an engine and robbed it of some articles belonging to Charles Hask and L. Gallagher. The names of the robbers are William Langsbury and Adam Powers. They were arrested and taken before Judge McParland who assessed them ninety days each.

### Presbyterian Church Notes

Ladies Aid met last Wednesday in the church.

The Brotherhood held its monthly meeting last week and decided to have a turkey dinner on New Year's day, with about 50 railroad boys as guests. Rev. G. W. Thomas will speak.

Next Sunday will be Home Mission Sunday. Both morning and evening offering will go to the Board of Home Missions which has so generously aided our church in the last four years. The pastor will preach that night on "New America for New Americans."

### Methodist Church Notes

M. E. Sunday School report for Dec. 7, Missionary Sunday: Attendance, 110; collection for missions, \$6.77. Mrs. Boifemillette gave an excellent talk on missions after the lesson study.

Mrs. Van Dyke's class with 12 attendance and 52 cents collection won the banner over the whole school. Miss Hatton's class was second with 10 attendance and 70 cents collection.

F. E. Robertson, butcher, of Two-dot spent a few hours in town, on Tuesday.

## HISTORY OF THE Protestant Churches OF HARLOWTON

### Presbyterian

The history of the Presbyterian church dates back to 1907 when the first steps toward a permanent organization were taken by a few persons who assembled under the leadership of Rev. W. N. Sloan of Helena and laid plans for a church building. Before the erection of the church Reverends Press and Hayes served as pastors to the congregation. In 1908 the building was commenced under the leadership of Rev. D. B. Ralston. The trustees were A. T. Anderson, A. C. Graves, W. O. Straight and Mrs. E. F. Ross.

The years following the erection of the church building were years

of stormy days. Unfortunate circumstances shouldered it with a heavy debt and interest and enthusiasm flagged, and for many months the Sunday School was the only active organization within the church. Reverend Ralston resigned and no regular minister was secured until 1912, although Reverends Chapin, Ludwig and Wilson supplied for a few months each.

In 1911 Rev. H. G. Klemme supplied for a few months and the church once more took hold of itself. During the winter of 1911-12 Dr. Sloan of Helena supplied occasionally. In June, 1912 Reverend Klemme returned and on July 24 was ordained and installed as

## REPORT ON LOCAL CHRISTMAS TRADE

### The Local Stores report a most gratifying trade for the holidays not One but is Pleased

Probably never before in the history of Harlowton merchandising has the holiday trade been better or the stocks of goods bigger or more representative. Each and every merchant is wearing the smile that won't come off and meet one with the heartiest good cheer. It is a pleasure to find them in this mood.

At The Harlowton Grocery Company Store the clerks are so busy they can hardly find time to talk unless it is about a purchase in they are all attention.

The Harlowton Grocery Company expect to add furniture to their already well diversified lines after the first of January. The Christmas trade at this store has made it necessary to increase their selling force.

At Urner's the new manager, Mr. Wallace is certainly bringing that store up to date. Many changes have been made in the arrangement of the interior and changes are still being made. The post-office section has been shifted and the place formerly occupied by it has been given over to the drygoods section. The office has been elevated to a position near the ceiling, in the rear and now they are cutting an arched doorway from the main room into the furniture room so that it will not be necessary to

go outside the building to get into the furniture department.

Marshall's Busy Corner is probably one of the neatest arranged stores to be found anywhere in the state, other things being equal. Under the able management of Charley Reiff, it is kept looking as though it were on dress parade all the time. And this effect is not accomplished at the expense of the business, as promptness is one of the features of this store and one does not have to wait for a clerk to wait upon you. It is certainly a fine store for a town of this size.

Johnson's Cash Grocery is moving from its former quarters in the old Fair Store to new quarters in the Harlowton Shoe store and Mr. Johnson is not getting the benefit of the holiday trade that he would like but he is going to have a fine little store where he is going and be much better located.

Not only is the trade of the general stores good, it is also brisk with other lines of business. The drug stores and the jewelry stores are doing their share of the business and nowhere is there any complaint of the season's business.

This has been a good year throughout in all lines of merchandising and the holiday trade is only the capstone to complete the year's business.

regular pastor. He has served as pastor since then and the church under a settled leadership has made wonderful progress.

The membership has been increased more than tenfold and the attendance of the evening services ranges from 50 to 95 with an average attendance of 70. The morning services have lately been better attended and the average is 42. One of the big factors in the church's success has been a highly efficient and enthusiastic Aid society. Mrs. J. V. Kelly is the president and her able leadership has resulted in an interested and devoted band of ladies who are doing more than their share in upbuilding the church.

The music at the services is one of the factors that makes them interesting. A fine company of singers offer their services and special solos and anthems are sung each night of worship.

A distressing debt of four years standing has been very nearly paid and the church will probably be self-supporting in a short time. Our townspeople who have seen the church take her steps forward as she has in the past year and a half are all ready to prophesy a splendid growth in the future. The appearance of the church has been greatly improved and is now a comfortable house of worship.

The Sunday School has a membership of over one hundred and the average attendance is sixty. There are several classes all having efficient teachers. Much enthusiasm is shown both by teachers and scholars.

Some two months past a meeting of the men of the church was held and a Presbyterian Brotherhood was formed. Their meeting time is the first Thursday night of each month. Several good speakers will address these meetings at different times during the winter. It is ex-

pected that these meetings will accomplish much good in the moral upbuilding of the town.

The present officers of the church are as follows: Elder, John Ross; Deacons, A. T. Anderson, J. Ross, C. L. Tinstman; S. S. Supt., A. T. Anderson; Pres. Brotherhood, R. Dunn; Pres. Ladies Aid, Mrs. J. V. Kelly.

### Wilson Memorial M. E. Church

By O. F. KREIGER.

Members and friends of the First Methodist Episcopal Church met at the home of Robt. A. Good, on Sept. 2nd 1908 for the purpose of organization and consultation. The meeting was called to order by the district superintendent, W. W. VanOrsdel. A song "I've reached the land of corn and wine," was sung, prayer was offered by Rev. VanOrsdel, and O. F. Kreiger was elected secretary.

The following were present: W. W. VanOrsdel, Robt. A. Good, Mrs. Emma Good, Elmer E. Pitney, Mrs. Dilla Pitney, John Fagua, Mrs. Nancy Fagua, Pearl Fagua, Norman Good, Ross Good, Mrs. Hazel Krieger and O. F. Krieger. Board of Trustees were: Robt. A. Good, chairman; E. E. Pitney, Silas E. Clark, W. W. VanOrsdel and O. F. Kreiger.

Methodist Episcopal services had been held irregularly for 8 years in Harlowton by Rev. VanOrsdel. The first pastor, Rev. Samuel Fletcher, was appointed and held services until Feb. 1908, when he resigned. The place was then supplied until conference by Rev. O. F. Kreiger, of Garnett, who at the conference was assigned the place in connection with Garnett and Moore. He served until his successor was appointed in June 1909, holding regular services twice a month.

In the fall of 1908 the first subscription for a church was taken

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