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\$2.00 PER YEAR

FOR ROADS and BRIDGES \$125,000

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COME TO AN AGREEMENT

Meet Wishes of People and Order Election for Good Roads and Good Bridges.

By a unanimous vote the county commissioners last Saturday morning passed the following resolution, and ordered that the proclamation of election be issued:

Whereas, the county commissioners of Lincoln county, Montana, do deem and consider that it is essential to the future growth and prosperity of the county that an adequate system of highways, bridges and ferries be constructed through the county, all connected and making accessible each city and town of the county with one another and with every part of the county, to the end that the said county may develop the immense natural resources, now largely latent by reason of the lack of roads and bridges and ferries throughout the county; that the present road and bridge and ferry facilities are quite inadequate; that a system of roads and bridges and ferries connecting the various parts of the county are so naturally and necessarily related that they are in fact a single project consisting of interdependent parts; and that the acquisition of rights of way for such roads,

sites for necessary bridges and approaches thereto and landings for ferries are essentials to such proposed improvements as an entirety; that it is necessary and essential, and to the best interests of Lincoln county and all the people and property holders thereof, that Lincoln county incur indebtedness of One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of raising funds in such amount with which to construct the proposed roads, bridges and ferries, and that the best way to raise such funds is to issue bonds against the general credit of the county of Lincoln, as provided by law.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, and it is hereby ordered by the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county, Montana:

That a system of roads, bridges and free ferries comprising one general highway be laid out and constructed in manner as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Lincoln county line southerly of Stryker, thence to continue northwesterly through Trego and Fortine to the town of Eureka, thence westerly to the village of Rexford,

Features of the Proposed Bond Issue.

Date of Election: Saturday, Oct. 28, 1911.

Qualified Electors: Only those registered at last preceding election are qualified to vote. As registry agents have been done away with, no transfers can be made and votes must be cast in precinct of last registration; county clerk will send certified list to each polling place.

Estimated Cost of Bridges: At Troy \$28,000, at Libby \$28,000, at Rexford \$33,000. For roads in each commissioner district \$12,000.

With present debt drawing 5 per cent., and proposed issue at same rate, yearly tax charge will be \$10,550.

Who Will Pay Taxes: This year's assessment roll shows that 85 per cent. of the property of Lincoln county is owned by non-residents.

Nearly half of the realty of the county was donated by congress to the Northern Pacific Railway company, which steadfastly refuses to part with same to settlers and has done so for twenty years, but has transferred large blocks to lumber and mining companies for speculative holdings.

To proposed bond issue should be added \$25,000 in general road and bridge fund annually, making \$150,000 available first year.

Prospective Free Ferries: Leonia, Jennings and Warland.

Six hundred voters petitioned for \$150,000 bond issue and 135 against.

thence southerly and westerly to the city of Libby, thence westerly to the village of Troy. That a steel or iron bridge be constructed across the Kootenai river at the town of Troy; that a steel or iron bridge be constructed across the Kootenai river at the city of Libby; that a steel or iron bridge be constructed across the Kootenai river at the village of Rexford; that each of said bridges be connected with and be a part of

said system of highways, bridges and free ferries; that there shall be constructed such other branch roads leading to and connecting with said system of highways, bridges and free ferries as the board of commissioners may determine; that such free ferries as the board of county commissioners may deem necessary, and as a part of said system of highways, bridges and free ferries, shall be constructed for the purpose of and as a

VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE RESOLUTION

Which Says Proposition is Necessary to Develop Our Immense Natural Resources.

means of transportation across the Kootenai river.

That from the proceeds from the sale of said bonds there shall be appropriated by the board of county commissioners for the construction and repair of said system of highways, bridges and free ferries the following amounts:

The sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars for the construction, repair and improvement of said system of highways, bridges and free ferries located and situated within the boundaries of the road districts of Lincoln county numbered one, two, three, four, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen respectively. The sum of Forty Thousand Dollars for the construction, repair and improvement of said system of highways, bridges and free ferries located and situated within the boundaries of the road districts of Lincoln county numbered five, six, seven, eight, nine, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen respectively. The sum of Forty Thousand Dollars for the construction, repair and improvement of said system of highways, bridges and free ferries located and situated within the boundaries of the road districts of Lincoln county numbered ten, eleven, twelve, twenty and twenty-one respectively.

That all roads now laid out and built or partly built along the proposed routes, or any of them, shall as far as practicable be repaired and utilized in definitely establishing highways and roads; that none of the money obtained by this proposed bond issue be expended upon any roads or highways used as a part of, or connecting with said system of highways, bridges and free ferries situated within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town, save and except necessary approaches to any bridge or free ferry.

That necessary sites for all of the proposed bridges across the Kootenai river and the necessary approaches thereto, and the construction of said bridges, iron or steel, shall be procured and done in conformity of law.

That a special election of duly qualified electors of said Lincoln county, Montana, be called and the same is hereby ordered called to be held on Saturday, the 28th day of October, 1911, in form and manner as provided by law, at which the proposition of so bonding the said county in the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars be submitted to such electors for their approval or rejection. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the board of county commissioners.

Breezy Notes From Troy

The mumps has made its appearance here and some of our youngsters are giving exhibitions of the swellhead.

W. L. Rothwell, representative of the Parker Brokerage Co., a Portland house, called on our people for grocery orders. Don't forget your home merchant, who has often extended you credit and who also helps to pay the taxes. The former doesn't.

J. H. Ehlers of Spokane, "the financial promoter," stopped off at Troy between trains Sunday, while on his way home from the east.

The fruit movement on the Great Northern has commenced and we note a great many cars loaded with fruit passing through here east-bound. Troy will shortly be numbered as one of the fruit shipping points.

Rumors are out that V. A. Sather, our popular Great Northern operator, has placed his order for a brand new suit of clothes, and speculation is rife whether it is a wedding cut or just the ordinary fashionable sort.

Dr. Fliinn was down Thursday to attend the infant son of Frank Benning, who has been quite sick.

Mrs. A. F. Satran has been on the sick list for a few days with a bad cold.

Misses Pearl Eaton and Etta Reynolds returned last week to resume their duties as teachers in the Troy school, this being their second

and year. Their many friends and scholars welcome them back.

Miss Estell Milnor left for Eureka Saturday to take up her school work at that point.

The dance given by Geo. Coffman at Woodmen hall Saturday was well attended and every one reports a good time.

J. B. Chase received a large shipment of school desks and other school supplies for district No. 2 last week.

Mrs. Campbell and the baby boy have returned to their home in Spokane, after an extended visit with Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Whiting.

W. F. Doonan, who was called to Port Huron, Mich., on account of the serious illness of his mother, but who died before he reached her bedside, returned home Saturday.

Lew Walsh arrived Monday from Nelson, B. C., to spend a few days visiting with oldtime friends. Mr. Walsh is on his way to Los Angeles, Cal., where he expects to spend the winter.

Cliff Clay, one of our most enterprising citizens, has purchased four lots and has commenced the construction of a fine residence thereon.

School opened here last Monday for the fall term with a full attendance in the two departments. The exterior changes that have been made on the school grounds are a great improvement and give very general satisfaction.

Wm. Raoul, acting organizer of the socialist party for this state, gave an open air lecture Friday evening, his subject being "What we are up against," explaining what the socialists are going to do about it. The meeting was well attended.

THIS WEEK GIVES ONE MORE MYSTERY

The ozone of the Kootenai valley is so charged with electricity that some natures cannot withstand its exhilarating effects. Be this as it may, it seems to us that people have a penchant for disappearing from the face of the Kootenai earth and leave behind them a lot of speculative talk and a puzzled set of officers to worry with their gray matter in vain efforts to fathom the mystery. If it isn't the rare climate, you can figure it out some other way.

Scarcely ten days ago an old resident left a note that he had gone hence and that is the last of him. This week another mystery takes first place. Mike Buseth, of the mercantile firm of Bergdahl & Buseth, has been missing since Tuesday morning, when his hat was found in the early morn on the ferryboat apron by the ferryman. If it wasn't his hat it was a hat looking very much like it say those who profess to know. At any rate, no other person has appeared to claim the hat.

Mr. Bergdahl, his partner, is at a loss to account for the disappearance, and says that it was not because of business or financial matters concerning the firm.

John Whitl and Merritt Town, official county examiners of timber lands, have returned from the Eureka country and will do some work in the Fisher river and Pleasant valley.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS MORE TOOLS

The arrival a few days ago of more equipment for the Libby fire department is putting this organization into position to do more efficient work for the protection of property from fire loss. The full equipment for present needs comprises a chemical engine, two hose carts, one 30-foot extension hook and ladder truck and 1,000 feet of hose. The officers are:

Chief—W. S. Megquier.
Asst. Chief—W. R. Kemp.
Secy.—R. T. Fleek.
Treas.—W. W. Blew, Jr.

There are now twenty active members enrolled and it is earnestly desired to increase the number to the full membership of fifty, necessary to efficiently carry on the work of the department. Volunteers are asked for, and those wishing to join this worthy organization are requested to hand in their names to the chief or secretary.

Every business man should join, not only as a practical expression of his good will, but as an encouragement for others to actively connect themselves with one of the most important organizations of our city.

MAY HAVE MARRIED TOO SOON.

The following from Monday's Spokesman-Review is of local interest:
Robert Fix, a Great Northern

fireman running out of Hillyard, yesterday to friends at Hillyard confirmed the report of his marriage on August 31 at Coeur d'Alene to Stella Williams of Libby, Montana.

Fix was barred by a decree of divorce given him April 4, 1911, in the superior court, from re-marrying for a period of six months. In a period of seven and one-half months Fix has been married to two different women and divorced once.

His first wife was Ruth Dudley, to whom he was married at Hillyard January 13, 1911. A few days after the marriage Fix started a suit for divorce on a statutory charge. The decree was granted through default April 4, 1911, with a string to it in the shape of a six months' period of probation.

Fix says that he waited as long as the law requires, but the record would indicate that his second marriage was a month ahead of time.

Frank Bryant has brought in samples from the copper strike on Parmenter creek, in which he and LaCharity, Doe and Hurley are interested. The rock is freely sprinkled with peacock copper and evidently there is a mountain of it. A 200-foot dyke carries veins of this ore running from a foot to twenty feet in width, and the dyke can be traced for over 3,000 feet. The work so far done shows a constant improvement and it would seem that this will become one of the big propositions of the camp.

County News Boiled Down

Board set aside \$250 for institute fund and ordered warrant drawn in favor of school superintendent.

A. J. Smith having resigned from the educational examining board, Mrs. J. W. Scott was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Jas. Sherry, Jr. was granted renewal of liquor license at Fortine.

Road petitions of Jos. Cechlosky, Jr., and P. Ryan were laid over for future consideration.

In matter of road petitioned for by C. B. Roberts, no satisfactory agreement having been reached between board and Carrie Sherry for right of way over lands of Carrie Sherry, by mutual consent the question of damages was left to an arbitration committee.

Board ordered transportation furnished to D. L. Hoagland to Traverse City, Mich.

It was ordered that salary of deputy sheriff at Troy be raised to \$75 per month.

Petition for a deputy sheriff at Rexford was rejected.

Board ordered county treasurer to transmit to city treasurer proceeds from road taxes erroneously collected by the county from 28 residents of the city of Libby.

A complete set of weights and measures was ordered purchased, at a price not above \$500.

Gordon Shafer has gone to Great Falls on a business trip.