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BREEZY LETTER FROM TROY CORRESPONDENT

Thos. Walker, one of our old pioneer residents, has returned from Toronto, Ont., where he was visiting relatives and friends whom he had not seen for 25 years. The many friends of Tom are pleased to see him back again.

J. W. Prince is back from Cut Bank, where he had been employed as extra gang foreman.

Mrs. Jessie Thomas of Portland, Ore., is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Inman.

Duffy Doonan has added a shipment of ten young Poland China pigs to his pen.

Mrs. Julia Ryan, mother of Dave Kelsey, has arrived from Chicago to pay a visit.

Geo. W. Wilson of Great Falls was here last week looking over some mining prospects.

A step in the right direction has been taken by some of our wide-awake young men by organizing a social and dance club for entertainments during the long winter evenings. At a recent meeting officers were elected and rules and bylaws adopted for the management of the club. A small membership fee will be charged to meet current expenses. The entire community, both old and young, are cordially invited to co-operate in making the club a grand social success.

A very comprehensive exhibit of grain, grasses, fruits, vegetables and poultry constituted Troy's exhibit at the county fair at Eureka last week. Geo. Gladwyn made the collection and had charge of the exhibit at the fair. Representatives of the emigration department of the Great Northern attended this fair and are also present at the state fair at Helena this week. They are endeavoring to secure some of the best exhibits for the use of their Montana advertising car, which will visit various land shows to be held this fall in eastern cities, where the wealth, fertility and opportunities of the

west will be shown to the people of the congested east.

The chicken pie supper given by the ladies of the First M. E. church last Friday evening was a financial and social success. The ladies of the church are to be complimented for their fine supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Williamson came down from Libby Friday to visit friends and to attend the M. E. social given at the church.

The Great Northern general officials were at Troy Tuesday and Wednesday. They are making their annual inspection tour.

J. C. Martin and wife arrived from Spokane Tuesday to take up their residence on their new ranch recently purchased from Fred B. Callow. Their stock and household goods arrived Wednesday.

Miss Vera McKnight of Seattle is visiting with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Doonan.

"Thank goodness," remarked one of our young men, "that the brims of the ladies' hats are to be turned up this fall, as we young men find it difficult in recognizing our lady friends by their chins."

J. H. Ehlers of Spokane visited at Troy Friday and left for Leonia Saturday morning.

J. W. Prince made a trip to Libby Sunday afternoon to visit with relatives.

Mrs. A. L. Ketchum of Libby arrived Monday to visit with her sister, Mrs. Prince.

Wm. Lawrence left for Spokane Monday to visit his daughter and other relatives.

Mrs. E. Clark returned Monday to her home in Spokane after a week's visit with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen. She was accompanied home by her son, T. J. Clark, master mechanic of the Spokane division.

F. B. Callow left for Spokane Tuesday morning to visit relatives and friends.

Wanted, 25 More Firemen

Secretary Fleek and Chief Megquier are anxious to increase the membership of the Libby fire department to the full working force, which will require the admission of about twenty-five new members.

Chief Megquier calls our attention to a protective feature given to members by the laws of the state. Any member meeting with an accident while on duty will receive half the salary he was last earning during his disability. In case of death, the half-salary pension goes to the heirs. After continuous service for a number of years, the member may retire on a pension salary. Twenty-five per cent of the premiums paid by insurance companies doing business in the city is set aside in a benefit fund to guarantee such payments.

An effective fire department is an asset to the town, the value of which can hardly be appreciated. Libby has the nucleus for a department which can be made second to none as far as present needs go. Business men should actively take hold of this proposition and use every effort to recruit the force to the membership desired, if for no other reason than that it will give the better insurance and protection from loss to their own property.

It is organized effort and team work that counts.

Secretary Fleek will be glad to take down your name and enroll you among the organized fire fighters of Libby.

News 16 Years Ago This Week

(Items culled from old Troy Times.)

Dr. Sailey was exhibiting a number of Turkish roses in his observatory in full bloom.

Idaho and Montana each claimed the Yahk as territory within its own borders, but the Times stated that it was now definitely known that Mineral Hill, the scene of the original discovery was a little east of north of Troy, and therefore the camp must be in Montana.

A laboring man named Mitchell committed suicide at Libby by shooting himself with a revolver. His body was found near the railroad track, with the revolver lying beside it. The man was a newcomer at Libby and had been in the town but a few days.

The taxable property of Montana by counties was published, as equalized by the state board. Flathead county was in the 7th class with an assessed valuation of \$3,040,446. Carbon county was the lowest, having a valuation of \$1,213,518. Valley and Sweetgrass were considerably under two millions. We all remember the protest that went up against the creation of Lincoln county because of insufficient taxable property, having only about four and a-half million dollars.

The state anti-gambling law was declared unconstitutional and games were again running wide open.

The Times was a year old and talked about getting out a daily before very long. Um-um.

SENATOR MYERS IS QUITE OPTIMISTIC

Senator Henry I. Myers is at his home in Hamilton for a short visit before returning to Washington to look after departmental matters, and will remain at the capital until the regular session of congress in December.

From an extended interview in the Western News of Hamilton we give the following extracts, which will be of interest to our readers as expressing not only the views of the representative of Montana democracy in congress, but the eastern sentiment among democrats.

Senator Myers, who was on the bench for years before his election to the United States senate, has no fear of the power of recall extended to the judiciary, which so many judges and members of the bar oppose, and says on this subject, alluding to the presidential veto of the Arizona statehood bill:

"I think the president was woefully wrong in vetoing it. I have no objections to the recall of judges. I believe that no honest and competent judge has anything to fear from the recall. Oregon and Oklahoma have the recall, but there has never been in the history of the country a judge recalled. California is going to vote on it and no doubt Arizona also will. I think the president was wrong because I believe that any state has the right to adopt any constitution that it wants so long as it provides for a republican form of government and does not violate the federal constitution."

As to presidential sentiment, the senator says:

"To begin with, I will say that there is absolutely no doubt that Taft will be renominated. He has the interests back of him and they will see that he is named. While democratic sentiment has not crystallized, I believe that Woodrow Wilson will be the democratic nominee. He is my choice. He is strong in the east and south. He is leading in sentiment at this time, Champ Clark is not far behind. He

also has a strong following, but I believe that Wilson has the stronger following. Either can beat Taft. If the record of the democrats in the regular session is as good as their record in the extra session the election of a democratic president next year is absolutely certain. The democrats throughout the country are hopeful, while the republicans are on the whole discouraged. The democratic party is better united than it ever has been; the republican party is worse split than it has been since the war, and I think that the differences between the insurgents and stand-patters are irreconcilable. They are countrywide.

"Harmon is not talked of as much as Wilson or Clark. He is not much in favor. Bryan's opposition to him is fatal. The sentiment of the democrats, in both houses of congress, is that while they do not want Bryan to dictate, they wish to nominate some man whom he can support cordially. No one can win with his opposition."

"How do the democrats in the senate and house regard Bryan? Do they concede that he was the originator of the progressive movement throughout the country?" he was asked, and replied:

"Mr. Bryan received a remarkable ovation in the democratic house when congress convened. He was not on the floor of the senate, but he met all the democratic senators. The sentiment among democratic members of congress is that Mr. Bryan is the greatest living democrat and is entitled to more credit for the progressive movement than all the rest of the party put together. I myself so regard him."

The west end of Lincoln county fared pretty well at the fair at Eureka last week, bringing home for Troy 20 firsts and 11 seconds and for Libby 17 firsts and 11 seconds, which isn't bad for forest reserve farmers.

Stopping a Speculative Among Railroads

The state supreme court of Washington has probably stopped a practice common among railway companies of condemning land on the ground that its ownership is necessary to properly carry on their business as common carriers and then pass it over to others for private use. In a recent decision it was held that this could be done only where the acquisition was necessary as a part of the company's business in the interest of the general public and that the use for such purpose must be constant. The case went up from Spokane, where a railway company condemned a piece of land and immediately gave a long-term lease to a wholesale concern for warehouse purposes. The man who was compelled to part with his land could not see why, if the land was to be leased for private use, he should not have had the privilege of dealing with the party himself, if he so desired. He brought suit for restitution of the land and won in the courts, as far as taken.

S. H. Dennis has leased the Hotel Richards, taking possession last Tuesday. Mr. Dennis is an old-time hotel man and knows how to cater successfully to the trade, following the practice that the best is none too good for patrons.

Herald Man Meets Oldtime Live Wire

A. E. Purviance, representing a big St. Paul house in gents' furnishings, was a caller this week. Al is one of the pioneers of the section and with the writer was a Yahk stamper in the days of gold bricks and other accessories of a howling mining camp in the making. When the gold brick output ceased Al took to the road and now carries eight big trunks packed with samples and the writer landed in the best town in the United States with a hand grip. So we are both happy and never more so than when we get together to swap tales of the days of old.

County Institute Next Week.

All the schools of the county will be closed next week to permit the teachers to attend the institute at Libby, which begins Oct. 2 and continues three days. An interesting program has been arranged and it is anticipated that the session will be the most entertaining ever held in the county. The first evening a social affair will be given in honor of all the teachers attending. State educators will be present to give instructive lectures and altogether the county superintendent has planned the meeting on a scale which will prove very entertaining and instructive.

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.

Lincoln County at State Fair.

A big portion of the Troy, Libby and Eureka district exhibits was shipped to Helena for the state fair. A. C. Herbst of Libby, Geo. Gladwyn of Troy and P. N. Bernard and Willis Scott of Eureka accompanied the exhibit to Helena and will look after the county's interests at the big state event. J. W. Scott of this place has also gone to Helena for the same purpose, so that Lincoln county has an able delegation of publicity agents.

The Delightful Autumn Days.

That Kootenai valley is the favored climatic region of Montana is so well known by our own people that it is taken as a matter of course, and the natives sometimes wonder how such things can be that at this time of year the papers tell of snow storms and disagreeable cold weather. We may have frosty nights, but the days are those delightful, dreamy autumn days, clear and balmy, sparkling with the invigorating ozone that makes life worth the living.

No Greater Scenic Country on Earth

Photographer Wm. Warwick, the scenic artist, has ordered a panorama camera for field work. There is no such high-class lens in the territory between St. Paul and Seattle, aside from that belonging to Kizer, the Great Northern view expert. This machine will permit of a view being taken up to 28 feet in length and ten inches in depth without a joint in the picture. No other portion of America, or of the world, for that matter, can show grander scenic beauty than the Cabinet range south of town and other sections of the Kootenai valley and we may look for some wonderful reproductions of the beautiful scenes lying at our door.

Real Estate Transfers.

Prepared by the Lincoln County Abstract Company.

Alma S. Downing and husband to Lincoln County Abstract company, w d to lot 1 and 1 all of lot 2 east of Spring creek, in sec 32 31-31, \$500.

Libby Realty Co. to Frances Millett, w d to lots 1-2-3-4-5 blk 2 Lukens add to libby, \$500.

William R. Biggs et al to Z. W. Smith, w d to s hf se qr, se qr sw qr sec 2-29-30, \$3500.

M. A. Shanahan et ux to C. A. Adams, w d to lots 9-10-11 blk 7, Leonard add to libby, \$1.

Paul D. Pratt et ux to A. C. Ross, w p o lot 19, blk 1, libby, \$15.

Prosperity and Good Roads Go Together

If something is wrong with the popularity of a community it is just as natural to look for the trouble on the roads leading to the town as it is to glance first at the spark-plugs of a balky automobile. The community that desires prosperity, and home trade, must see to it that all of the possible avenues for outside patronage are open and in first-class working condition. Every good road leading into a town means just that many more dollars profit to every merchant in that town. This is a statement without qualifications. The community that desires to develop into something more than an obscure hamlet must look to the condition of its roads.

The Libby contingent that went to the fair last week at Eureka all say that it was a most wonderful display of resources of a wonderful country, which drew people from all over the county.

Yeggmen blew open the safe of the bank at Priest River Tuesday morning and got \$2,000 in money and \$7,000 in warrants.

The next electoral college, with Arizona and New Mexico as states, will have a membership of 531, making 266 necessary for a choice.