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PLACER MINES COMING TO THE FRONT

Another big hydraulic plant will soon be added to the Libby placer district. W. H. Graham last week purchased the Criderman interests on Libby creek and will work the ground on an extensive scale. Mr. Graham has also acquired the drilling machine which has been operated there in test borings during the past summer with such satisfactory results. The machine will be moved to the lower part of the Criderman ground for further borings, and it is at this point where the gravel will be worked by the hydraulic plant.

On Monday last Mr. Graham, Foreman Sanders and Engineer Pratt went out with supplies to the camp to begin the preliminary work for putting the property in shape for machinery. Levels will be run and other engineering features attended to, so that the property may be equipped upon a systematic plan along modern lines.

Mr. Graham is from California, where he is familiar with the workings of the great placer plants which keep the golden state in the front ranks today among the gold producers. He is a man of considerable means and his acquisition to the mining interests of the Libby district must be of decided benefit in giving us mining on a practical, substantial scale.

Butte and California, two of the greatest mining fields of America, are now actively identified with the Libby district, in both placer and quartz mining, and the local outlook never looked as bright or has ever been upon such a firm footing.

With mining, lumbering and acreage farming backing the town—a trinity of resources on the eve of a wonderfully active exploitation—it must be a confirmed pessimist indeed who cannot see that here a city will grow up second to none in northwestern Montana.

THE LOCAL FIELD AT TROY

The Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church will again take up their work for the winter this week.

Dr. Frye of Bonners Ferry was down Saturday to attend the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, who has been quite sick the past week.

Wm. Rightbower and family returned Saturday, after a two weeks' stay on their ranch. Chas. Drake held down the deputy sheriffship while Mr. Rightbower was absent.

The show given by the Grace Burgoyne company Friday night was fairly well attended, but the performance was a fizzle.

Mrs. Kate E. Cantine, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen the past month, returned to her home at Cherokee, Ia., Sunday. Mrs. Cantine is a cousin of Lon Carle.

M. L. Dean, state horticulturist, is endeavoring to secure a building here for the purpose of establishing a nursery stock inspection station. This is to simplify the nursery stock inspection by establishing one at each end of the state line on all railroads in the state.

The Iola club gave their third tri-monthly dance Friday night, only members of the club being present. A good time is reported.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffman, a daughter, Sunday night.

Jack was up bright and early Monday with a sunny smile on.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin are in Spokane for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Doonan and baby daughter have gone to Whitefish and Kalispell to visit friends.

Members of the Eta Alpha club were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. F. Satran last week.

Miss Emma Van Weyke of Everett, Wash., arrived Sunday to take up a position as waitress at the Windsor. Miss Van Weyke is a niece of Mrs. N. W. Morrison.

Leo. Greenough, accompanied by W. D. J. Strawberry and R. E. Walters, arrived from Spokane Monday to inspect the B. & B.

Mrs. E. Roberts of Spokane arrived Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jack Coffman.

The young ladies of the Eta Alpha club gave a very elaborate Hallowe'en entertainment at the city hall Tuesday night. The hall was decorated with special care to meet the occasion. The hours were spent informally with witchcraft and games. Late in the evening refreshments were served. The tables were laden with pumpkin pies and other good things to eat. Vegetables were carved out to serve as dishes. The young ladies deserve great credit for their entertainment, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

FOR TREASURER IN NEW COUNTY.

J. A. Rose ("Archie"), who is well known in Eureka, where he was formerly connected with the Bradley department store, and later became cashier of a bank at Gildford, has been nominated for county treasurer of the proposed new county of Hill. The convention was held at Chester last week, was non-partisan and attended by delegates from all over the county. Archie has many friends in Eureka and other parts of Lincoln and Flathead counties who will wish him every success, both at the polls and officially.

PINE BEETLE IN FORESTS.

Thousands of dollars worth of timber in Montana forests is threatened with quick destruction by the pine beetle, a larvae which bores just under the bark and sucks the life from the tree, according to the Helena Record, which quotes as authority Sate Forester Jungberg. Mr. Jungberg has been on an inspection trip in the Swan river valley in Flathead county.

The insect made its first appearance in this district only last June. So rapidly has it multiplied that at present fine timber on more than three thousand five hundred acres of land has been destroyed and weekly the devastated area is growing larger.

Mr. Jungberg brought with him slabs sawn from trees killed by the beetles. From one square foot of bark were extracted one hundred and forty borers.

The larvae first made their appearance on the Tongue River Indian reservation in southeastern Montana. As the timber on this reservation is an isolated tract, no measures were taken to exterminate them. Then last June they appeared in the Swan river valley and began the work of destruction. It is feared that unless prompt action be taken the borers will infest all the timbered lands in northwestern Montana and destroy timber valued at millions of dollars.

The pine beetle was first discovered in this country in the Black Hills about ten years ago. Mile after mile of timber was destroyed. All sorts of remedies were tried, but the only one that proved efficient was to chop down the affected trees and burn them.

BONDS CARRY BY TWO TO ONE

The special election on the question of the issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes is over and by a vote of 2 to 1 the people of Lincoln county placed themselves in the first rank of the good roads movement.

Lincoln county is to have a system of highways and bridges second to none in Montana. The movement for good roads so strongly endorsed by the people at the polls is but the beginning of the greater advancement and progress of our county. A new era has dawned and a greater development is now assured.

Everyone should join in the progressive movement that means so much for every citizen of the county. There must be no delay, no blocking the wheels of prosperity, no failure. The slogan must be "Onward!" The citizenship of Lincoln county must be prepared to receive the great influx of newcomers that will soon enter our community, and while the election was so overwhelming in favor of good roads and bridges there are a few things we can learn from the results.

The Herald does not believe that the voters of Eureka are in favor of a "standstill policy." We believe that the great mass of voters of Eureka were misled and voted without giving the subject due consideration. There are always in every community those who, either for personal reasons or from selfish motives, are opposed to any advancement. But now that the election is over let all join in the movement that will open our county to all newcomers and will develop our natural resources more than any one method.

The Herald cherishes the hope that now that Representative Bernard has so fully demonstrated

his political supremacy in Eureka that he will not continue to fight that which the people so earnestly desire. Commissioner Garey favored the bond issue, but Representative Bernard demonstrated that he could muster 156 votes to Commissioner Garey's 6 votes. It was a great victory for Representative Bernard, even though at the price of placing Eureka in the false light of being opposed to good roads and bridges.

The Herald wants Rexford to forget that Eureka was opposed to a bridge at that point; it would have the citizens of Troy bury the fact that Eureka is trying to divert the trade of the Yahk valley to that point—let us all bury the past and work only for a greater, better and higher development of the resources of Lincoln county.

To those statistically inclined we submit the vote in detail, as far as they could be learned, pending the official count next Monday by the board of county commissioners. The returns are in from all precincts but two, Volcour and Stryker, which probably held no election.

	For	Against
Libby.....	221	6
Troy.....	86	2
Rexford.....	25	5
Warland.....	18	0
Ural.....	13	0
Bull Lake.....	8	0
Jennings.....	8	1
Getner.....	8	0
Snowshoe.....	6	0
Cabinet.....	12	1
Pleasant Valley.....	5	0
McCormick.....	5	3
Wolf Creek.....	3	3
Trego.....	1	4
Fortine.....	5	13
Gateway.....	0	19
Eureka.....	6	156

Totals.....430 213
Not learned—Porter, Yakt and Glen Lake.

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK.

(Items Culled from Old Troy Times.)

J. M. Barr was appointed general superintendent of the Great Northern.

E. L. Preston and Alex Mullin took a gold saving machine to their placer claim on Callahan creek for a test run.

Chas. S. Hartwell, assayer and chemist, removed from Leonia to Troy.

Frank Leonard and the other mineral land commissioners were in Pleasant valley and expected to wind up the season early in December, in Flathead valley.

Supervisor Moore had to quit work on the Callahan creek road for lack of county funds, but the B. & B. mine people continued at their own expense, as they expected to make some ore shipments to the smelter.

Ceo. Davis and Wm. Eaton struck a vein of asbestos while doing assessment work on Rainy creek.

Richard Knappka, commonly known as "Knapp," lost his life accidentally by being shot with a trap gun he was setting, on an island just below Troy, where he was living with Joe Wendlich. The bullet entered the right forearm and was then buried in the hip. He was brought to Troy and from there was sent to a Spokane hospital, where he died. He was about

big mining companies, and particularly mentioned as an offender Marcus Daly, manager of the Amalgamated, as having cut 75,000,000 feet of lumber. He recommended that the forests of these regions be put under a forestry system.

The Northern Pacific decided to rebuild the car shops, destroyed by fire at Sprague, in Spokane.

Weather item, which might just as well fit in today: The west-bound passenger Monday evening was eight hours late, caused by a blizzard in the Rockies. The weather here is still of the finest fall variety, and the blizzard we know of only by reading or hearsay.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered that mail boxes be placed on all depot platforms. This rule has been observed by the Canadian government for years. The boxes are painted a bright red and are placed in a conspicuous place for the convenience of passengers on trains.

During a hunting trip last week on Granite creek Senator Rossman killed two mountain goat which he will have mounted. He has returned to his home in Broadwater county, but will return in a few days to look up a mining proposition.

NEW PURE FOOD LAW STRINGENT.

After Jan. 1 all restaurants and bakeries must have a state license. Under the new pure food law all restaurants and public kitchens will be inspected at stated intervals and a system of grading will be adopted. When the place is graded at "70," recommendation will be made by the inspector, and when a grade of "60" is reached the place must be closed until conditions are remedied and the license restored. Other provisions call for proper precaution against flies, accumulation of dirt and uncleanness in general.

SOME WENT MILES TO VOTE

It is a pleasure for us to note the number of voters who came miles to vote for good roads and bridges. They showed an unselfish devotion to home interests and a progressive spirit in the right direction that counts for good citizenship and a wideawake appreciation of the needs of the community. Among those whose voting place was at Libby, but were at outside points, we noticed last Saturday—

From Cabinet: John Brannigan, J. J. Hibbard and E. L. Bowman.
From Silver Crown: H. Brink, A. W. Lounsbury and Aug. Brink.
From Snowshoe: M. A. Shanahan, Ed. S. Green and Chas. Hut-ton.

From Kootenai Falls: Woody Williams and H. Burrell.

From Troy: John G. Van Dyke and Henry Schriber.

From Fisher River: J. H. Geiger.

From Jennings: Frank Woods.

From Yahk Basin: W. A. Raymond and Roy Roderick.

From Sylvanite: J. I. Fox.

There may have been others, and probably were, and we regret we were unable to secure their names, as they were entitled to equal credit and public praise. But the list given will indicate the spirit which prevailed and which will make for a Greater Lincoln county.

The "Miracle Wheat," advertised by a Boston outfit at one dollar a pound, or sixty dollars a bushel, is pronounced by the department of agriculture as being less valuable than several of the ordinary varieties,

WEALTH OF THE COUNTY AND LEVIES

The total assessed valuation of all property in Lincoln county this year, as corrected and accepted, is \$5,282,943. From the levies made this will yield a revenue of \$147,956.59. The county and state levy for the year is:

State, 2 3/4 mills.
County, 18 mills.

There is also a bounty and stock indemnity tax of 4 mills, which applies only on live stock.

The special tax levy by school districts and the valuation of each district is given below:

No. 1. Troy.....	0.00	\$ 302,098
" 2. Fall Creek.....	4.00	224,392
" 3. Bull Lake.....	5.00	33,400
" 4. Libby.....	5.00	1,049,600
" 5. Phillips Cr.	5.00	80,050
" 6. Jennings.....	5.00	251,122
" 7. Warland.....	3.00	601,174
" 8. Rexford.....	5.00	228,632
" 9. Gateway.....	0.00	70,135
" 10. Glen Lake.....	7.00	87,495
" 11. Cabinet.....	2.00	215,833
" 12. Iowa Flats.....	0.00	152,247
" 13. Eureka.....	5.00	349,153
" 14. Fortine.....	2.00	304,678
" 15. M'Cormick.....	10.00	165,928
" 16. Kolln.....	10.00	17,880
" 17. Therriault.....	10.00	74,640
" 18. Pinkham.....	10.00	157,525
" 27. Joint.....	0.00	336,027
" 53. Joint.....	3.00	324,046
" 0. Joint.....	0.00	110,610

There are but two incorporated towns in the county, Libby and Eureka, the rates dividing as follows:

Libby—	
County tax.....	15 mills
State tax.....	2 3/4 "
School tax.....	5 "
City tax.....	20 "

Total.....42 3/4 "

Eureka—

County tax.....	15 mills
State tax.....	2 3/4 "
School tax.....	5 "
City tax.....	13 "
Water tax.....	6 "

Total.....41 3/4 "

Their assessed valuation is:
Libby.....\$167,746
Eureka..... 166,782

WHY GEN. GREENAN DIDN'T

No one in Montana is more loyal to the principles of government than Adj. Genl. Greenan. Last week he, in company with Major Ford and Lieut. Fravel, were hunting at the Scott Anderson ranch out of Libby.

It was agreed that all the party should surround the deer and let Gen. Greenan have a chance to capture one. The party started out early in the morning with tom-toms, beating through the timber while Gen. Greenan mounted the highest peak to await the coming of the game.

Gen. Greenan had heard how deer were enchanted by the sweet strains of music. He sat beside a large tamarack stump and began whistling "The Wearing of the Green." The deer approached and the general, seeing a fine, large buck, gave the order: "Advance and give the countersign!" The deer halted. The general raised his army rifle; he was unable to fire. The deer scampered away and Major Ford approached and asked why he had not killed the deer. Gen. Greenan replied: "I obey orders. The commander-in-chief, President Taft, has said we must have universal peace and I could not kill even the deer you chased to me. An Irishman is always a good soldier."