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### Commercial Club Meeting.

You are earnestly requested to attend a meeting of the Commercial club next Wednesday night in Plummer hall, at which time important business will come up for consideration. Can't you be there?

### Push It Along.

Fruit and agricultural interests have passed beyond the theoretical and are demonstrated facts in the Kootenai valley.

The slogan of every one in Libby should be: If you can't pull then push for a greater development of the natural resources.

All who can't or won't push or pull ought to pull--out.

Every one who refuses to aid in the development movement should be denied the right to influence the work and policies of the future.

Let every one take part in the work. You have no right to kick if you are not using your best efforts to remedy the conditions against which you kick.

You can't get very far by kicking. Enlist your neighbors in the cause and put forward your best efforts. Don't stand alone asking, "What am I going to get out of it?"

The best thing in Libby for knockers is the train which leaves and never comes back.

### The Colonel On the Fence.

The North American Review of Philadelphia last Monday published an "authoritative statement" of Colonel Roosevelt's position with reference to the coming national campaign. Mr. Roosevelt reiterates and declares his statement that he "is not a candidate for the presidency; neither will he lend his aid to any prospective candidate, and that he never gave Mr. Taft any pledge or offer of support, nor did Mr. Taft ever have such a promise."

This is a strange statement to come from one who forced Taft upon his party and the country, as the one fit man upon whom the mantle of his greatness should fall, so that the "Roosevelt policies" could be faithfully and successfully carried out. Nothing could more clearly emphasize the utter failure in which Mr. Taft is regarded as a progressive president, and this aloofness of the man who made him the attitude of progressive republicans all over the country. Taft as a progressive republican is a joke, and the people know it.

Chester people have organized and have decided to take up a vigorous fight against Havre for the county seat of the proposed new county of Hill, which will have its election on the proposition February 20. On the same day the proposed new county of Blaine will have its election, with Chinook and Harlem fighting for seat of government. Both counties are being taken from Chouteau county, under the new counties bill passed by the last legislature.

### N. P. Kicking in Cascade.

Conrad Independent: The Northern Pacific Railway company is putting up a strenuous kick in Cascade county over having their land holdings assessed at three and one-half dollars per acre. Three dollars and a-half valuation was put on this year, but the company thinks this enormous sum too much, and wants the amount reduced before another year. There is no question but that the valuation should be revised, but it should be given a revision of the Payne-Aldrich variety. The N. P.

was given an enormous land grant by the government at the time they built into the state, and have persistently held these lands for speculative purposes ever since, declining either to sell or improve their property. They have depended on the development of the surrounding country to increase the value of their holdings, but while they are awaiting for still further advancement in values, they do not want to pay the increased taxation. Lands that are not worth a valuation of three and one-half dollars per acre had better be turned back to the government. But there is no danger of the N. P. turning anything back

Oregon is the first state in the Union to have a law giving electors a chance in the primaries to choose their delegates to national conventions. There has been whisperings that this method will be ignored by the standpatters, and a rump delegation sent to the national convention from Oregon in favor of Taft, as it is scarcely possible that Taft can win the popular vote. So insistent have been these rumors that the state committee-man will put it up to the national committee, which meets December 12, to recognize the Oregon system of presidential preferences, which was adopted by such a large majority last November.

The great slaughter of deer this season, not only in this valley, but all over the game sections of the state, has started a discussion of changing the game laws to prevent a practical extinction of these animals. The season has been so unusually favorable that they have been killed by the thousands, and whether there are any further legal restrictions placed upon their hunting or not, it is realized that there will be a scarcity for several seasons.

A Portland judge has defined "a sack of potatoes." It must be at least a full 100 pounds of spuds. A pedler had sold six sacks which a buyer found only averaged 83 pounds each. The pedler was fined \$15 and costs for short weight.

### Wisconsin's Income Tax.

From Saturday Evening Post.

Under the new Wisconsin law, which goes into effect next year, incomes above eight hundred dollars a year as to single persons and twelve hundred as to married persons are taxed; but for each child in the family under eighteen years of age, or other dependent, there is a further exemption of two hundred dollars. For an average family, then, the tax begins when the income reaches sixteen or eighteen hundred dollars. It is one per cent on the first thousand dollars above the exemptions, increasing a quarter of one per cent on each additional up to five thousand; then increasing one-half of one per cent up to twelve thousand. Above that it is six per cent. This is intended to supplant the farcial personal property tax; and any personal property tax that a citizen pays is deducted from his income tax.

This Wisconsin law is interesting, because sooner or later--sooner, probably, rather than later, the income tax will be a permanent feature of our revenue system, and all of us enjoying incomes above a certain amount will be subject to it. The first question is, What income should be taxed?

The exemption is small in Wisconsin. The federal law of 1894 began with incomes above four thousand dollars, but there was no abatement, of course, on account of any personal property tax paid by the income holder. Under the Wisconsin law a man, with wife and two children, whose income is three hundred dollars a month, would pay twenty-two dollars and a half--roughly one third of one week's income--which is not an excessive contribution to the public purse.

This is the fairest form of tax-

ation yet devised, for under it a man pays more nearly according to his ability to pay. Thus a married man pays less than a single man; a married man supporting children pays less than one supporting none; one whose income exceeds his reasonable needs pays more proportionately than one whose income is below that point.

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