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RED CROSS GOES OVER TOP WITH COLORS FLYING

Every Community Does its Share—There Are No Slackers in Sheridan County—Plentywood Trebles its Allotment.

Over the top went the Red Cross in the recent drive.

There can be no doubt of the universal sympathy felt for the Red Cross in its humanitarian labors, evidenced by the people of Sheridan county. There are no disloyalists here.

The response to the appeal of the Red Cross committee for aid was greater than was expected by the most optimistic member.

This response was not confined to any particular section of the county, every town more than subscribing its quota, some doubling and it appears at this time that Plentywood will more than treble its allotment. The local committee is justified in being elated over what Sheridan county has done, and what it has done it will continue to do until the most call has been sounded.

Sheridan county has no slackers. In the following paragraph the figure shows quota and second amount collected in the different communities:

Medicine Lake, \$300, \$401.50; Plentywood, \$400, \$1,050; Redstone, \$300, \$300; Outlook, \$200, \$400; Reboys, \$100, \$80; Westby, \$200, \$100; Comertown, \$50, \$57; Scooby, \$100, \$925; Flaxville, \$200, \$315; Deer Creek, \$150, \$181; Dooley, \$100, \$131; Whitetail, \$125, \$171.

Reports from Antelope and Madoc indicate that these branches go over their quota. Dagmar, Raymond, Daleview, Coalbrook and McElroy have not been reported at this time.

J. F. REDMOND, Second Chairman, A. R. C., Second War Drive, Plentywood and Branch Chapters.

THREE DOLLAR RAINS ARE QUITE FREQUENT

Montana is supposed to be semi-arid. A general three days' rain is considered something to be talked about. But commencing a little while ago, it rained for three or less steady until Wednesday afternoon. Today it is raining again. The weather has been generally wet this spring and the crop conditions are ideal.

Sheridan County Bar Association Hold Annual Banquet

Sheridan County Bar association held a meeting and banquet at Plentywood hotel last Tuesday evening. Hon. John Hurley, judge, and Hon. F. M. Mathousek, sheriff, and Sheriff Jack were guests of honor. It is stated that a good time was had. Mr. Ellery of the office in refreshments is accused of conspiring to disperse the solemnity of the deliberations of the "August Assembly" by the purchase of refreshments and sundry arrangements. The purveyor of refreshments was of which things were not which they seemed. In any event a great amount of good feeling between the members of the bar in this county. Guests at

WEATHERHEAD AND DOUGHTER JOIN GEORGE AT GREAT FALLS, MONT.

George Weatherhead and Miss Margaret, left yesterday morning for Great Falls, where they will make their home, joining Mr. Weatherhead's family.

Weatherheads have resided in Plentywood for the past two or three years, Weatherhead having been in the Plentywood Pioneer for a few weeks ago.

Weatherhead is a newspaper man of ability and has been

REBECCAS TRIUMPH SPLENDIDLY GIVEN

Plentywood Dramatic Society Render Play for Benefit of Red Cross

Rebecas Triumph, a very clever dialogue in three acts, was presented to the people of Plentywood and Sheridan county by a clever cast from the Plentywood Dramatic club at the Orpheum theatre last Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The theatre had a capacity audience, over four hundred adults being present, and it is reported that about \$190 was netted after all expenses were paid.

MUCH HISTORIC ABILITY SHOWN

The large audience demonstrated their appreciation of the artistic interpretation of the characters assumed by the different members of the cast by frequent and prolonged applause.

While all of the acting was far superior to the average amateur dramatic, there were two characters who demonstrated that they were verging on the professional; viz., Mrs. George Tilton and Mrs. Garner, the former interpreting the part of a romantic spinster in love and the latter portraying the heavy part, Meg, the Vagrant. The work of these two ladies was as good as is usually seen on the metropolitan stage, and was certainly appreciated.

WELL TRAINED AND GOOD MUSIC

The fifteen members of the Dramatic club who presented the play were trained by a professional, Mrs. Ed Gray, nee Miss Anna Hughes, of the Maude Henderson company, whose ability was proven by the success of the play.

There were musical numbers and duets that were cleverly rendered and presented. Music was furnished by the Orpheum orchestra.

The spectators got their money's worth and then some.

JUDGE HURLEY HELD COURT IN CHAMBERS

Judge Hurley of the district court and Court Stenographer Kenney were in town Tuesday, hearing motions in chamber and attending to court work.

The court calendar will be called June 3rd, for the term commencing June 17th.

FACTS CONCERNING OUT-COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE RAGES AT MILES CITY

Report of the Interference With the League Meeting at Miles City, Sunday, April 7, 1918, Together with the Law and Decision of the Supreme Court under which the Kidnapping Cases were Instituted.

THE LAW IS ABSOLUTELY DEFIED AND STATE AUTHORITIES ARE INSULTED

The following affidavit by Mr. McGlynn shows on what foundation the recent prosecution of the Miles City Kidnappers was brought. The leading citizens of that city by their influence over a servile justice secured the dismissal of the cases in spite of the fact that they were considered of enough importance to command the attention of the State of Montana, the Attorney General himself being represented.

The people of Miles City, or the influential ones, made this prosecution a joke. The State of Montana was insulted itself by a picked mob who was there for that purpose. After the dismissal of the case, all Nonpartisan League organizers were immediately arrested on charges of sedition, although they were there only as witnesses for the state.

It is reported that the court was treated as a burlesque and that hoodlums dressed as Red Cross nurses, sold tickets to the court room and on the tickets were printed remarks calculated to ridicule the courts and constituted authorities of the State of Montana.

The United States government has special agents at work investigating the above profane use of the uniform of the Red Cross and other lawlessness by these notorious desperadoes, and when warrants are issued in the Federal courts for the criminals, it will not be the source of so much merriment. They can't insult the United States and the old flag and get away with it, even if they can ridicule and spit in the face of the State of Montana through contrivance of the machinery of justice.

MCGLYNN'S AFFIDAVIT

A committee consisting of James Congdon, secretary of the Miles City Trades and Labor Council; A. J. Appenzler, secretary of the Miles City Equity Society, and H. M. Morgan, president of the Carpenters' Union, sent out sixty-two invitations to friends and their wives in Miles City to attend a meeting at the Wibaux Hall in Miles City to hear J. A. McGlynn explain the Nonpartisan League. Meeting at 8 p. m.

About 5:00 p. m., while eating dinner at the Madison Cafe, three men came to my table, one man said he was Deputy Sheriff May and they wanted to see me at the sheriff's office; another man was F. K. Woods of Powderville and I did not know the third.

I told them I would go to the sheriff's office as soon as I had dinner and sent for a lawyer, they said they would wait outside for me. A few minutes later another committee came in and informed me they wished me to go with them and have a talk. I told them I was going to the sheriff's office and we could talk there; the spokesman was Nugent, another man from Stockhill, the other man I did not know. This committee stood up and waited for me to finish dinner, various men came in, conferred and went out, only one of whom I knew, Pete Jensen of Powderville.

I telephoned for Attorney W. W. Palmer to come to the Mission cafe, also to A. G. Appenzler. These men, with Morgan, came and promised to walk to the sheriff's office with me, then I left the Mission Cafe. I told Palmer, Appenzler and Morgan we would walk and Nugent said "no", we would ride and insisted, he and the other two pressing against me, when I was forced into the front seat, he (Nugent) said, "get into the back seat," I said "I prefer to walk"; he shoved me

with his shoulder and said "get into the back seat, while the getting is good".

The car into which I was forced was driven by State Senator Rolla Hern, Nugent and others I do not know acted as guards and they drove east on Main street to the next street, then north in various directions until they arrived at the Elks Club; the basement of which is occupied by the Chamber of Commerce. They stopped at the side door, ordered me to get out and follow them, turned to the right into a cement walled dungeon-like room used for bath rooms, where they had chairs all arranged in a semi-circle. After a long wait some ten more men were seated, and a little later a few more came in. A heavy iron grey-haired man called the meeting to order and said: "Gentlemen, the meeting will come to order and you know our business and Mr. Farr will render our decision".

Mr. Farr said: "There will be no discussion here on this decision, it is already decided. This meeting will not be held tonight and a committee of you men will see that the speaker leaves town on the first train in either direction".

They filed out leaving me in charge of a guard of four men; among those I recognized at the meeting were Senator Hern, Atty. Farr, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Robinson, McClintock head of the Custer County Bank; McVey, former salesman for Cuddehay; Nugent, Shothill, Contractor K. I. Woods and Pete Jensen, ranchers of Powderville, Mont.

At about 6:30 p. m. they asked me to follow them out to the same car and driver and drove around back streets until they saw the Milwaukee train No. 17 coming, when they drove up to the depot and with guards all about me, asked me to not get on until the train was ready to leave. I got on and bought a ticket to Forsyth, which is the first stop made by this train. I returned to Wibaux through Miles City on N. P. train No. 4 that night.

At 10:40 p. m. I telegraphed the facts to D. C. Dorman.

J. A. MCGLYNN.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April, A. D. 1918.
Art E. Jeffers,
Clerk of the District Court,
Wibaux County, Mont.

DISMISSES THE CASE

Upon the presentation of the evidence above set forth, the Justice of the Peace, refused to hold the defendants for trial, and declared that they were not guilty of the charge of kidnaping, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HAS HELD IN THE CASES OF STATE VS. McDONALD AND STATE VS. BRADLEY, 149 PAC. 279, THAT SUCH EVIDENCE IS SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN A CHARGE OF KIDNAPING.

THE LAW ON THE CASE

In the McDonald case, some of the members of a labor union among whom was McDonald, ordered men belonging to the old labor union, out of line, and inspected their union cards. McDonald was charged with kidnaping a man by the name of Towey, who was found passing through the company's yard and was held, while other members taken into custody were questioned. Mc-

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE MET ON MONDAY

Several Citizens of Sheridan County Called before the Council and Examined—Several Held for Trial for Sedition.

The County Council of Defense held a meeting last Monday at the county court house.

Samuel Nickey was charged by the council with the crime of sedition and was bound over to the district court by L. S. Olson, justice of the peace, under ten thousand dollars bond but upon the filing of the information in district court, Judge Hurly reduced the bail to five thousand dollars. Mr. Nickey will be given a trial in the June term.

Dr. J. S. Geiser of Froid, who is also charged with sedition, appeared before the board with a retraction of certain remarks alleged to have been made by him. He has also been

bound over to district court under five thousand dollars bond. Atty. J. J. Gunther, mayor of Plentywood, is defending Dr. Geiser.

Harrison Umbreit of Medicine Lake was before the council but no charges were preferred.

Peter Lutness of Westby was charged with sedition and was held for trial in district court under five thousand dollars bond, which was furnished immediately. Attorney McLaughlin is defending Mr. Lutness.

Gilbert Burd of Dooley was before the council but was released upon his promise to join the army.

ALL YOUNG MEN COMING 21 SINCE LAST JUNE MUST REGISTER JUNE 5TH

According to the law recently passed by congress amending the draft law of last June, all male citizens arriving at the age of twenty-one since June 5th, 1917, must register June 5th, 1918, before 9 p. m. Those who do not register on that day will be required to come to

Plentywood to register, thereby incurring considerable additional expense. Don't forget the date.

A complete list of the registrars will appear in these columns as soon as the Governor appoints them and the list is available, together with such other information as is pertinent to those registering.

DR. MOHR AND MISS EVA THOMPSON WED

Young People Quietly Married Tuesday and Quit Town without Telling

Dr. Earl S. Mohr, the popular young veterinarian of this city who has been called to the colors, and Miss Eva Thompson of Harlem, Mont., surprised their many friends on Tuesday of this week when they were quietly married at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. E. W. Savage. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Carlson and Mr. Calvin Rogers.

Dr. and Mrs. Mohr left Thursday evening for the east, Dr. Mohr being en route to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., where he will assume his duties as a veterinarian in the United States Army. They will stop for a short visit with Dr. Mohr's mother at Shelbyville, Ind. The marriage was kept secret until the departure of the young couple. Their many friends wish them happiness and success in all things.

RED CROSS WILL HAVE MARKET DAY

Will be Held at Plentywood Saturday, June 15th—Donations are Wanted.

Preparations are well under way for the Big Red Cross Market Day to be held here Saturday, June 15th, and it is hoped that everybody will "get in the harness" and assist to make this the biggest success ever. Chas. Davis of the Farmers Store, C. R. Hilland of the Helland-Strand Hardware store and J. W. McKee of the First National Bank have charge of the detail work and all who wish to make donations can list the same with any of these gentlemen. A depot will be provided to store the donations in, so don't hesitate but bring your donation right in and it will be taken care of. If you don't care to bring it in at once that's all O. K., but list it right now. Remember, anything of value is acceptable, from 'snoos' to gang plows, will be taken, the larger the variety the larger the sale, so don't be a slacker in this case but step right

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Nonpartisan League Members of Gallatin Plan Big Picnic

Members of the Nonpartisan League in Gallatin county held a meeting in the office of A. J. Walrath, in Bozeman, Saturday, and after discussing the matter thoroughly proceeded to appoint a committee to have charge of arrangements for a huge picnic to be held somewhere in the county in July.

The merchants, labor unions and League members in seven counties will be invited to participate in this picnic, which will have for its motive the promotion of a better feeling between the League and the merchants and laborers of the district. A. C. Townley, president of the National Nonpartisan League, and Governor Frazer, of North Dakota, will be in attendance and will put forth every effort to disabuse the general public of any notion that the League or its members are anything but absolutely loyal to the Government in the prosecution of the war.

The counties included in the district are Gallatin, Park, Broadwater, Jefferson, Silverbow, Beaverhead

and Madison. The League claims a membership of 3500 in these counties, of which 1100 are residents of the Gallatin valley. It is said that this comprises eighty per cent of the ranchers of the valley.

As a part of the program of entertainment six fat steers will be roasted at a grand barbecue and the general public is invited to partake of this and to enjoy the balance of the program.

The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by M. W. Penwell of the East Gallatin, pioneer of Gallatin county and a prosperous rancher. M. C. Smiley of Belgrade was chosen as treasurer of the committee, and A. E. Cramp of Springhill, secretary. The other members of the committee are: James Harmon, Menard; A. J. Walrath and L. J. Morgan, Bozeman; John Wearling, Manhattan; W. H. Todd, Salesville, and Homer Thompson, Three Forks.

It is confidently expected that 5,000 to 10,000 people will attend this picnic, which will probably be held in Gowin's grove, near Springhill.

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