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B. K. WHEELER ACCUSES A.C.M.

U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGES I. W. W. STRIKE INCITED BY COMPANY'S PAID AGENTS.

Butte, Oct. 9.—In a signed letter to Dan M. Kelly of the legal staff of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, United States District Attorney B. K. Wheeler charges that the I. W. W. strike in Butte has been fostered and encouraged by the paid agents of the Anaconda company, who, he says, are high in the councils of the I. W. W.

Wheeler charges that Kelly has "sought occasion to vent his spleen" because he (Kelly) was fined \$300 in the federal court for alleged jury corruption, in which case Wheeler had prosecuted Kelly at the direction of the court. The letter continues:

"The I. W. W. organization did herald or call the present strike in Butte. They were encouraged to do so by the paid agents of your company. These paid agents are high in the counsel of the I. W. W. local union. These paid agents of the Anaconda Copper Mining company serve and are serving upon the propaganda committee of this I. W. W. local union. These paid agents also assisted in making up the demands of the striking miners which were served upon the department of justice.

"One of the paid agents of the Anaconda Copper Mining company addressed the miners in open meeting on September 22, 1918, at Hebgren park and he made the most violent speech at the meeting; this paid agent urged at this mass meeting that the men stand by the I. W. W. and not go back to work and to pay no attention to unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor or others. This same man during last summer and continuously ever since has encouraged the men of this city to pay no attention to the labor commission appointed by his excellency, President Wilson. This same paid agent of the Anaconda Copper Mining company has at various times encouraged men to commit acts of sabotage, sedition and other crimes.

"If these facts are not known to you, may I suggest you consult the detective reports of your company?"

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "B. K. WHEELER,
"United States Attorney."

DOOLEY COUPLE DIE OF INFLUENZA THIS WEEK

Spanish Influenza claimed two victims in the Dooley vicinity this week when Mrs. Walter Smith died Tuesday and her husband followed her to the Great Beyond yesterday morning. The Smiths came to Dooley some seven years ago from South Dakota, and have lived there since, on the farm they originally homesteaded.

The unfortunate victims leave four children to mourn their untimely and great loss, the oldest of which is about seven years and the youngest year-and-a-half.

Plans for the funeral are not at this time (Thursday) completed but it is thought the remains will be shipped to their former home in South Dakota for interment.

SPANISH INFLUENZA SPREADING RAPIDLY

According to telegraphic appeals for doctors and nurses from a great many places in Montana and practically from all over the country to assist in fighting Spanish Influenza outbreaks, the epidemic is spreading at a rapid rate.

S. O. S. calls are being received constantly by the state board of health from communities throughout the state. In many places where it was thought the influenza would not molest the people, it is cropping out now and reports show that many cases exist.

Schools and all public places are closed in an effort to combat the Spanish Influenza. At Scobey, Reserve, and in fact other towns throughout the state the epidemic has taken many victims. It is usually followed by pneumonia which is fatal to those effected.

Bainville sent an S. O. S., to the state board of health recently and the request was taken up with Red Cross authorities who believe help will be sent to that place.

Antelope and Outlook communities are now receiving their share of Spanish Influenza. Dooley and all other Soo Line towns have reported several cases and it appears that it has just started in those places. Indications are that there are hundreds more cases throughout the eastern portion of the state which have not yet been reported. Every precaution should be taken against the epidemic to avoid contagion. Use handkerchiefs and remain indoors as much as possible.

In Plentywood all schools, theaters, churches, and places of public gathering have been closed by the health authorities with a view of checking the influenza, and so far there does not seem to be any deaths, thanks to the early precaution.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED THIS WEEK

The following marriage licenses were issued from the Clerk of Court's office during the past week:

- John Sorenson and Anna Fredrickson, both of Dagmar, October 8.
- John Diehl and Bertha White, both of Culbertson, October 5.
- Lloyd Red Eagle and Jennie Smith, both of Brockton, October 2.
- Frederick A. French and Carrie E. Fine, both of Bainville, October 2.

Places and Dates For N.P.L. County Meetings

Mr. William Clavier, a splendid educational talker will be the main speaker. Mr. Clavier comes very highly recommended from the state office. The candidates will be along and some of them will make brief speeches. Meetings will be held at the following places on the following dates. There may be some changes or time which will be announced later. There will be bills up. Get the date and plan on being there.

It is planned, if the conditions permit, to have a gigantic auto parade commencing at Scobey about Nov. 1st and ending at Wolf Point, November 3rd. If the health conditions allow, plan on joining this monster parade with your auto. More details later.

- Poplar, Oct. 26th.
- Brockton, Oct. 26th.
- Culbertson, Oct. 27, 2 p. m.
- Lanark, Oct. 27, evening.
- Mondak, Oct. 28, evening.
- Bainville, Oct. 28, afternoon.
- Froid, Oct. 2', afternoon.
- McCabe, Oct. 2', evening.
- Medicine Lake, Oct. 30, afternoon.
- Homestead, Oct. 30, evening.
- Antelope, Oct. 31, afternoon.
- Dagmar, Oct. 31, evening.
- Dooley, Nov. 1, afternoon.
- Redstone, Nov. 1, evening.
- Flaxville, Nov. 2, afternoon.
- Madoc Nov. 2, evening.
- Whitetail, Nov. 3, afternoon.
- Daleview, Nov. 3, evening.
- Outlook, Nov. 4, afternoon.
- Plentywood, Nov. 4, evening.

PRODUCERS NEWS OFFICE INSTALL JOB PRESS MOTOR

This week The Producers News office has installed a variable speed motor which is now running the job printing press. The addition of the motor enables much faster work.

A STRATEGIC EVACUATION



Some More of That Efficiency

HEREWITH WE PRINT BELOW A COPY OF A SEED GRAIN CONTRACT WHICH BRISTLES WITH EFFICIENCY.

"Sunny Jim," the efficient County Auditor, has not sent in copy as invited to explain his transactions with Peter Westerland and the Dagmar farmers in reference to that chapter of the seed grain flim-flam.

It is reported that he is now busy preparing an annual statement of the Plentywood Oil Company, in order to let the stockholders of that defunct company know what became of the mazzama. This report will be very interesting to the "Lunacy League" for they are glad to know that there was some money grabbed in the community that did not go into the pockets of A. C. Townley or to swell the campaign funds of the Nonpartisan League, and we can assert without danger of dispute that none of the above money was used for anything but "loyal" purposes.

However, in our rummaging around we ran onto the following seed grain contract made out in the office of the "rubber stamp man." It is seed grain contract No. 124. It was made out in the County Auditor's office.

In reading the contract you will notice that the county took a mortgage on all of John Smythmeyer's crops, his horses and cattle, and a lien

on the land, for eighty-one dollars.

You will notice that this eighty-one dollars was for payment for twenty-five bushels of seed wheat.

The county had security on about \$5,000 worth of property for \$81.00.

And the seed grain, 25 bushels of wheat, was to cost \$81.00. If you can figure, you will see that our "Efficient County Auditor" tried to gouge this poor farmer out of just \$3.24 per bushel for his seed wheat.

Maybe "Sunny Jim" can explain this to the satisfaction of the farmers, and if he can, no doubt he will send his deputy "Surveyor of Weights and Measures," his man, "Friday" Chapman, chairman of the membership committee of the "Lunacy League" around the county at the expense of ten cents per mile and other perquisites, explaining it to them privately. This would be cheap for "Sunny Jim" even if it were expensive for the taxpayers, and we understand that he is doing something like that even now.

Just think of it! Three dollars and twenty-four cents per bushel for seed wheat. That's what this member of the "Sheridan County Loyalty League," "Lunacy League," or "what you call it," seems to have tried to sting this patriotic farmer for.

But John Smythmeyer didn't take

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PARTIAL LIST OF 18-45 REGISTRANTS

Here are the first 125 of selective draft men in Sheridan county in the order they have been or will be drawn through questionnaires which are now being mailed to all the 18 to 45 year registrants. The Producers News will publish a list of these names each week, the number depending largely upon the space that can be spared for the purpose. Watch this list weekly: Order

- 1 Martin Ole Lee, McCabe
- 2 Marvin Louis Buckland, Scobey
- 3 Clifford Dickinson Knapp, Scobey
- 4 Raymond Tyler Cookingham, Scobey
- 5 Duke Alman Bostick, Scobey
- 6 James Hollarn, Scobey
- 7 George Henry Jones, Scobey
- 8 Jess Oliver Jenkins, Poplar
- 9 Joshua Richard Williams, Scobey
- 10 Soren Peter Vies, Scobey
- 11 Mike Polivany, Bainville
- 12 Peter Spaabeck, Bredette
- 13 Carl K. Hanson, Scobey
- 14 Frank Buller, Scobey
- 15 Gustav Adolph Johnson, Scobey
- 16 Phillip Joseph Gumble, Loma
- 17 Martin Elling Larsen, McCabe
- 18 Richard Moe, Scobey
- 19 Douglas C. Jackson, Bainville
- 20 John Burnhard Sorebo, Flaxville
- 21 Joseph Henry Bellmore, Welliver
- 22 Arthur Papendick, Flaxville
- 23 Peter Karlsrud, Scobey
- 24 Erick Manney Lundberg, Madoc
- 25 Charles Marsh, Scobey
- 26 Louis Discher, Scobey
- 27 Wesley Alvin Snyder, Scobey
- 28 John Adams Jurkens, Scobey
- 29 Edward S. Picard, Bainville
- 30 John Frank Seel, Mondak
- 31 Henry Jacobson, Mondak
- 32 Jorgen Peter Nere, Westby
- 33 Joseph St. Germaine, Wolf Point

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FIRE DESTROYS FARM HOME NEAR DOOLEY WEDNESDAY

Fire of an unknown origin totally destroyed the dwelling house on the J. A. Robieson farm, 2 miles north-east of town, Wednesday noon, October 2nd. Mrs. Robieson and children were alone and the time, and fortunate were out of the house when the fire was discovered, she being in the garage washing. The fire was plainly seen from town and a number from here motored to the scene, but could not save anything.

Mr. Robieson estimates the loss at over a thousand dollars with \$650 insurance.—Dooley Sun.

DANCE AT OUTLOOK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

On Saturday night, October 19, a social dance will be given at Stiver's hall, at Outlook and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Music will be furnished by the Plentywood orchestra.

This is the first dance given in Outlook this fall and it promises to be one of the best social functions of the season. People from all over the north end of the county are making preparations to attend.

FORMER DOOLEYITE VICTIM OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

The Dooley Sun says word was received at Dooley last Tuesday to the effect that Art Nott, of Wolf Point, formerly of Dooley, died that morning from pneumonia following Spanish Influenza. Mr. Nott while in Dooley was interested in the saloon business with H. M. Nelson.

WELLIVER POST OFFICE HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

This week we learn that the Welliver postoffice, which has been in existence for the past three or more years, has been discontinued and hereafter all mail matter for residents of the Welliver country, will be delivered in Plentywood.

MRS. KAISER'S BROTHER DIES AT CAMP CUSTER

Mrs. Kaiser received word recently that her brother, Arthur Undhjen, who was stationed at Camp Custer, Mich., died following an attack of Spanish influenza.

MORE FLIM-FLAM POLITICS STAGED

TRICKS USED AFTER CIVIL WAR TO BUILD UP MONOPOLY TO BE REPEATED NOW, DECLARE INSURGENT SENATOR FROM IDAHO.

"Politics is adjourned," declares the president, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that politics have been pushed aside only by those who are not politicians. The special interests and their henchmen in both old parties are making the national beehive buzz with political excitement. The old-guard Republicans, opposed to all government regulation of war profits and government ownership, are working night and day to send more Republicans to congress this fall, because, as they declare, President Wilson needs "their support." The fact that they oppose his fundamental policies is a very minor consideration. The big concealed issue is that old-guard reinforcements at Washington, whether Republican or Democratic, this fall will mean low taxes on war profits, curtailment of war regulations and the handing back of the railroads and ships to private monopolies. The interests are trying to put them over everywhere in the United States on the flim-flam of "support to the president" and vaudeville loyalty.

SENATOR EXPOSES PLAN.

But the big flim-flam will be staged for 1920. Here is the way Senator William E. Borah, who was recently endorsed for re-election by the Nonpartisan league in Idaho primaries, has sized up the big interest plans. The war will probably be over at that time. Democrats will run on the fact that Wilson won the war and the Republicans, headed by third-term Roosevelt, will appeal for votes on the boast that their crowd made Wilson win the war. Every effort will be made to make the campaign one of personalities and to dodge the big issues of America's place in international relations, demobilization of troops and munition workers; market reform, public ownership of utilities and basic industries. If they appear to be failing in these old circus tricks, the conventional party leaders will make their puppets ballyhoo on some vital issues until they can get into office. There are two big forces, however, that threaten the forecast of the insurgent senator: The farmers' Nonpartisan league in the West and the

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FARMER'S AUTO CRASHES INTO CITY STREET LIGHT

Late Monday night Harry Godfrey, a farmer who resides about six miles east of the city, was preparing to go home and it is said that he lost control of the steering wheel of his auto and crashed into the city street light post located in front of near the Gold Dollar Bar, breaking the light off at its base and smashing it completely. "Outside of a broken street light, there was no damage, not even injuries to Godfrey.

Marshal Pierce came around about the time the accident happened and arranged with Godfrey to settle for the damages to the city property in the way of a neat little sum of hard earned cash.

THOS. SIMONS OF OUTLOOK VICTIM OF "FLU"

Word was received here yesterday that Thos. Simons died at Outlook Thursday morning after a short illness from Spanish influenza which developed into pneumonia. Mr. Simons was a part owner of the Stephens & Simons billiard hall at Outlook and also owned a fine farm near Ceylon, Sask. His illness was first noticed late last week and he went to bed on Tuesday.

His wife was laid to rest in the Outlook cemetery the latter part of July last.

LOCAL BOARD STILL BUSY MAILING QUESTIONNAIRES

The local draft board is still busy mailing out questionnaires to the new selectives who came under Uncle Sam's arm on September 12th. The mailing of the questionnaires entails a great amount of work and it will be some little time before that work is completed.

HUMAN VALUES IN LEGISLATIVE WORK

Congresswoman Rankin, Broad of Vision and Keen in Sympathy with Men and Women Workers, Always Alive to Opportunities for Work in Their Behalf—A Vigilant, Uncompromising Foe in Congress of All Schemes to Exploit the People by Monopolistic Control of the Nation's Natural Resources.

This story is from "The Plat-Printer," the official paper of the "Plate Printers Union," which Union is composed of the people who print the U. S. money and bonds at Washington, D. C. These people are strong supporters of Miss Jeannette Rankin, out of gratitude for what she has done for them.

Outstanding features of the work of Congresswoman Rankin in the House of Representatives were her instant readiness to work for constructive measures in the interests of all men and women workers; her instinctive ability to detect measures intended to confer special privileges upon combinations formed to exploit national resources, and her ready and forceful opposition to all such legislative schemes. If the voters of Montana knew of these things as well as do we here at Washington, they

would be as much gratified as we have been, and her promotion to the Senate would be assured.

The Federal Farm Loan Bill is an instance in point. This measure was strongly urged by the farmers' organizations of the country, but just as strongly opposed by the banking and farm mortgage brokers. Miss Rankin's clean-cut analysis of the great benefits of the proposed measure to the farmers of the country, and her powerful plea that Congress do its duty by them, aided greatly in securing the favorable action that ensued.

Water Power Development and Control

In line with her constructive work for this measure, was her bill for government development of water power sites, and its control over the

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