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PROMOTION OF THE PLENTYWOOD HOSPITAL STILL UNDER WAY

Committee Still At Work and About Seven Thousand Dollars Have Been Subscribed — Dance February 11th.

The promotion of the Plentywood Hospital is still under way and the committee is working like beavers every day, and report that they have nearly seven thousand dollars subscribed.

Besides the money subscribed, a large number have signed up to donate labor, which will help materially.

On Saturday evening, February 11th, the Hospital committee will give a big dance at the Orpheum Theater. Supper will be served by the ladies of the community from 5:30 until midnight and the Old Time Orchestra, White's Trio, and Pete's New Orchestra and the Novely Four will relieve each other in furnishing the music.

The dance tickets will cost two dollars and the supper will cost fifty cents, and the proceeds of the whole thing will go into the Hospital fund.

County Attorney Erickson Returns From Father's Funeral

County Attorney Erickson returned today from St. Paul, where he went to attend the funeral of his father, who died a fortnight ag after long illness.

REPORT OF FARMERS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. OF DAGMAR

Following is the annual statement of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Dagmar, as of date of January 1st, 1922:

Insurance in force $2 093,980.00
The number of members is 896.
Number of assessments, 1921, two
Amount of losses paid 1921, $6,918.50
Losses claimed not paid 1921, none.
Number of losses, 1921, 22.
Smallest loss in 1921 $15.
Largest loss 1921 $3,175.00
Members withdrawn or suspended, 147.
New members admitted 1921, 58.
Expense during 1921, $1,233.09
Money on hand January 1, 1922, $733.09
Average yearly cost per $100 of insurance 36c.

Nels Christensen, Sec.

The above company is a co-overative insurance company which was successfully organized at Dagmar, and which has been growing steadily ever since. It has always paid its losses quickly and has given satsfaction in every way, and is a glowing example of what can be accomplished by co-operation when properly conducted by loyal and efficient officers.

WEDDING BELLS AT DOOLEY

Popular Couple United in Wedlock by Rev. Ness Wednesday

Jan. 25, at 1 o'clock, at the home of R. C. Rasmussen, occurred the marriage of Miss Christine Rasmussen to Mr. Jorgen Jorgenson, both of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rasmussen acted as best man and bridesmaid.

The bride was very prettily attired in a brown taffeta dress and carried a large boquet of white roses and carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony a delicious dinner was served to the young couple and a few close friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgenson will be at home to their many friends after Feb. 16.

Both young people are very popular and have a host of friends who wish them the very best that life can offer.

Rev. Ness of Westby officiated.

MUST REGISTER BEFORE FEB. 16 TO VOTE AT CITY ELECTIONS

Notice of closing of registration for the incorporated villages of Sheridan county for the city electoins, appear in this issue of the Producers News. All persons who are quualified to register and who did not vote at the general election last fall will be obliged to register if they wish to vote at the coming elections.

MILK RIVER BANK FORCED TO CLOSE

Heavy Loans to Farmers Coupled With Short Crops and Slow Collections Given as Cause

GLASGOW—The Milk River Valley Bank of this city closed its doors Wednesday morning. The bank has been under a heavy load for some little time and most of the paper held was for money loaned to farmers throughou the county, who have been unable to pay, due o short crops and low grain prces. Heroic efforts were made by the officers and directors to avoid closing, but the present financial stringency coupled with general business depression made it impossible for them to continue.

An effort will be made to reorganize and reopen the bank at an early date, although nothing definite on this has been given out by the officials at the time of this writing. Deputy State Bank Examiner Geo. E. Dick, arrived in Glasgow this morning and is now at work checking the books.

Vice President S. C. Small stated to depositors yesterday that the bank would no doubt pay out dollar for dollar to depositors in a reasonable length of time, and that it was impossible for them to continue under present conditions.

The December 31st statement of the bank showed loans of $162,237.-38, capital land surplus $37 500, and deposits of $133,136.61.

LENIN RE-ELECTED HEAD OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT

MOSCOW—Nikolai Lenin will retain his post as executive head of the Russian Soviet government a sa result of the unanimouus acton of the All-Russian Soviet council.

Lenin's retenton in office was brought about by the unanimous re-electon of M. Kalinin as president of the executive commitee of the congress. The executive committee in turn unanimously reappointed Lenin as president of the Council of People's Commissary.

According to prevailing reports Lenin is expected to reappoint Leon Trotzky as minister of war as all the other heads of the Soviet commissariats. M. Tsuropoff, former minister of food, and M. Rycoff, former head of the economic council, were appointed vice presidents of the executive committee.

A Correction

In reporting the arrest of Jud Matkins and Jake Timmons on the charge of "Asking and receiving bribes," the article read in such a way as to make it appear that the bribes were alleged to have been paid by the Progressive Farmers' Club Elevator, because the charge grew out of the payment of a claim filed against the county in the name of th at elevator. As a matter of fact the informations set out that the bribe is alleged to have been paid by the Beiseker and Movious combination through the Sheridan County State Bank and not by the elevator, in spite of the fact that the claim was presented in the name of the above elevator for Beiseker and Movius pursuant to some arrangement between the above parties and the above elevator.

1922 JUNIOR CORN GROWING CONTEST

BOY FARMERS TO COMPETE FOR VALUABLE PRIZES—LEADER EXPECTS BIG YEAR

A. A. Woods, of Culbertson, Boys' and Girls' Club Leader, of the Roosevelt County Farm Bureau, is going to make this the biggest corn year in the history of Roosevelt county. This will be instigated through a junior corn growing contest. Any boy in the county 19 years of age or under is eligible to enter. The contestant must have at lleast a five acre plot of corn of an adapted variety and keep accurate record of the method and cost of tillage of each plot.

It is ezpected that through the assistance of the Livestock Association and business houses many handsome livestock prizes will be offered to the winners.

This program has far reaching advantages which cannot be estimated. It guarantees winter feed. It puts ground in condition to assure a crop next year. It brings in a lot of high class corn seed. It demonstrates our ability to raise corn. It will give the boy a chance to make money by following it up with a big project. It gives the boy a working interest in the farm.

It demonstrates and encourages our diversification program for the future. It is the road to permanent agriculture and the permanent settlement of Roosevelt county.

HORSELESS SLED IS THE LATEST SPEED RIG

Wolf Point Herald: If you should see a strange obect travelling a street or high way with the appearence of a sled, the sound of an airplane and the speed of the Skiddoo trying to make up lost time, you will lbe pretty safe in concluding that it is Tod Shamley's new motor sleigh.

Todd, with the assistance of Ben Balcruud, is working hard on his new contrivance in the Champlin Implement building. In the course of a week or two they hope to send something along main street that was never discovered there before, even by Sinclair Lewis.

To employ an original expression, it is going to be "some boat"—a Dodge car motor on a pair of strong sled runners with a thirdd runner in the rear as a means of steering. At front and above the motor a regulation eight-foot six-inch airplane propeller will be hung with the power of the motor attached from the differential. Rigs of this sort are becoming quite common. One is told of over in North Dakota that makes 30 miles an hour across the prairie. At Vida they tell about a small one that Ed. Krebsbach contrived out of a motor cycle that made twenty-five miles an hour until it became unruly and had a disastrous collision with a fence post.

Todd is not making any claims for his invention but is experimenting and hopes to develop something that will outstrip a car over snowy roads.

ASTRONOMY AND OUR WEATHER

(By Prof. G. R. Pettie)

January, generally speaking, was a severe month, and fully verifying the prediction that we would experience some real lwinter weather, and the dates for storms were wonderfully accuratae as to date, and terrible as to fulfilment. Some places wilnessing some of the most severe weather for a generation.

For February we do not look for the thermometer to go as low, but we will probably get more precipitation over the northwest semi-arid regions, and will name the third, 9th, 14-21, and 26th aas centers of storm periods, but look for clearer weather the fiirst half and more cloudy weather, fog mist, frost and snow the last half of the month.

The warm weather that came last February will not come until March this year.

There will be considerable sickness from various diseases and more than the usuual fatalities this month, that of course, is general land world-wde.

The 24th of this month we shall publish a leaflet of forecasts for the year, and make general predictions for several years, this will be sent free to all who have bought, or buy, the Hicks Almanac for 1922 from this office, or will be sent alone for 25 cents. We make this offer as many prefer my predictions to the Hicks Almanac, as they consider it too general in character, but I can assure you that it is the best weather book published.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

At 2:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, January 11th, 1922, the Board of County Comraissioners met in special session puursuant to call; Commissioners yler and Matkin and the clerk present.

The minutes of the meetings held January 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1922, were read and, on motion approved.

Report of the ounty Nuurse for the month of December, 1922, was read and ordered filed.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Homestead State Bank has deposited with the County Treasurer certain Sheridan County and School District warrants in the sum of $4,053.74, for the deposit of county money in said bank in a like amount;

Be It Hereby Resollved, that such security is approved.

On motion carried, reports of the Clerk and Recorder and Clerk of ourt showing fees and other collections made during the monnth of December 1921, were approved.

At 4:30 o'clock P. M., on motion, the Board recessed until 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, January 12th, 1922.

Attest: Clerk Chairman

At 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, January 12th, 1922, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session pursuant to recess taken; Commissoiners Tyler and Matkin and the clerk present.

On motoin the following claim was allowed by the clerk:

GENERAL FUND

Manney, Ella special clerk treasurer's office $29.03

On motion Clerk of Court Carl B. Peterson was granted a leave of absence from the state for a period of 15 days, beginning this date.

On motion, both members concurring, a special meeting of the board of county commissioners was called for the 18th day of January, 1922, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take up any matters pertaining to settlement of county claims against T. L. Beiseker and Sheridan County State Bank and shortage of county depository bonds in said bank. Reading of minutes road and bridge matters county poor, officers' and other reports, appointments or resignations and claims against Sheridan county or any unfinished business, necessary to the proper dispatch of the regular county business, and the clerk instructed to post the necessary notices.

On motion the follolwing resolution wa sadopted:

WHEREAS, the State ank of Redstone having presented mortgages and assignments of said mortgages in the sum of $2,037.00 tendered to the board at its meeting Januar 5th, 1922, and

WHEREAS sasid State Bank of Redstone having deposited an additional security in the nature of first real estate mortgage with assignment, in the amount of $2,000.00;

Be It Resolved, that such securities in the total sum of $4,737.00 are approved.

On motion the resignation of Ella Manney, clerk in the treasurer's office effective January 9th, 1922, was accepted

At 12 M. on motion, board adouurned.

Attest: Clerk Chairman

At 2 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, January 18th 1922, the board of county commissioners met in special session pursuant to call; Commissoiners Tyler and Matkin and the clerk present.

OnO motion, the resignations of J. C. Gronvold, deputy sheriff, effective January 16th, 1922, and Bertha Oswald, clerk treasurer's office, effective January 11th, 1922 were accepted.

On motion, the following appointments were approved: J. C. Gronvold, deputy Sheriff, beginning January 17th, 1922, without pay, Robert Robke, deputy sheriff beginning January 17th, 1922, to January 17th, 1922, without paay, and L. J. Collins, deputy sheriff, beginning January 16th, 1922, at a salary of $137.50 per month.

On motion, county clerk's trial balance for December 1921, was sapproved.

On motion, the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn therefor by the clerk:

GENERAL FUND

Olson, D. J., petty cash $221.44
Aspelund, O. A., expenses to Helena 62.50

POOR FUND

Waller, Ida, widows pension $35.00
Paske, Lilian widow's pension 25.00
Larsen, Kirstine, widow's pension .. 45.00

On motion, Depoository Bond of the First National Bank of Antelope, in The American Surety Company of New York, dated January 14th, 1922, for $5 000.00, was approved.

The minutes of the meeting held January 11th and 12th, 1922, were read and, on motion, approved.

At 5 o'clock P. M., on motion, Board recessed until 9 oo'clock Thursday January 19th, 1922.

Attest: Clerk Chairman

At 9 o'clock A. M. Thursday, January 19th, 1922, the Board of County Commissoiners met in special session pursuant to recess taken: Commissioners Tyler and Matkin and the clerk present.

On motion Indemnity Bond of the First State Bank of Medicine Lake in the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, dated January 24th, 1922, amounting to $10,000.00 was approved.

On motion, the following claims were allowed and warrants ordered drawn therefor by the clerk:

GENERAL FUND

Oswald, Bertha, clerk treasurer's office $41.94
United States F. & G. Co., balance premiums on Bonds 39.70
United States F. and G. Co., premium on Burglary and Robbery policy 415.25
Dolin, Joseph, county printing 6.25
Dolin Joseph F., county printing 26.75
Dolin, Joseph F., county printing 4.25
Dolin, Joseph F., county printing 4.50
Dolin, Joseph F., county printing 28.50
Dolin Joseph F., county printing 448.50
Dolin, Joseph F. county printing 30.00
Marsh, Alfred, hauling ashes 12.00
Hanyan, E. E., mileage court sten. 28.80
Braden, Isabel, December salary county nurse 75.00
Thompson A. L., mileage court stenographer 28.80
Dolin Joseph F. county pprinting 75.00
Disallowed $15

POOR FUND

Kurtz, Sadie, widow's pension $30.00
Morin, Louis, widow's pens'ion 35.00
Waggemose, Laura, widow's pension 25.00
Moller, Mrs. Al. widow's pension 25.00
Larson, Kirstine, widow's pension 45.00
Marsh, Alfred, coal for Mrs. Harris 6.75

On motion, an additional fifteen days leave of absence from the state was granted Clerk of Court Carl B. Peterson.

On motion, both members concurring, a special meeting of the Board of County Commissoiners was called for the 27 day of Januuary, 1922, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to take up any matters pertaining to settlement of county claims against T. L. Beiseker and Sheridan County State Bank and shortage of couunty depository bonds in said bank, reading of minutes, road and bridge matters county poor, officers and other reports, appointments or resignations and claims against Sheridan county or any unfinished business necessary to the proper dispatch of the regular county business.

At 12 o'clock M., on motion, board adourned.

Attest: Clerk Chairman

BERGER TANGEN COMMITS SUICIDE; DEMENTED BY FEAR

Westby News: WESTBY, Jan. 27—Berger Tangan of the southeast country committed suicide Satuurday night by shooting himseif with a rifle in the presence of his mother, who is 78 years of age. The dead man was about 45 years old and a bachelor. Reports state that Tangan was apparently demented by fear and rushed to his aged mother for protection, then grabbed his rifle and shot himself.

Panic stricken, the mother attempted to walk to a neighbor's house, but after half a mile both her hands were frozen. It was 30 below zero at 8:30 that night, and she retraced her steps home to await morning when she succeeded in reaching Thorson's with her pitiful news. All night she sat alone with her dead son, over whose body she had thrown a blanket.

The coroner from Crosby arrived Monday for investigation which was soon over and permission given for burial. Services were held at the Thorson home at 1 o'clock Thursday and burial made in Daneville cemetery.

Besides his mother the deceased is survived by a brother, Ole Tangan, who works at Wolf Point, and a father in Norway.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT RESERVE

Jack Gibbon, Depot Agent at Reserve, Shoots Louis Horseman, Pool Hall Proprietor in Foot When Attacked in th Dark

Jack Gibbon, depot agent of Reserve, shot one Louis Horseman, pool hall proprietor, of that city, in the foot last Monday evening, when Horseman and a companion ordered him to stop as he was leaving the depot for his home. Horseman was not seriously, but yet was painfully injured. The bullet from the six-shooter in the bands of Gibbons lodged among the numerous bones of Horseman's foot. Horseman came to Plentywood in a car with George Lund, and had the foot dressed by Dr. Campbell and then returned to his home at Reserve, where he is recovering.

A warrant was swern out for Gibbon by Horseman Monday night before Judge Olson and Under Sheriff Salisbury went to Reserve and arrested Gibbon Tuesday and Gibbon appeared before the judge and asked for a hearing, which was granted, to take place just as soon as County Attorney Erickson returned from the east.

It seems that Horseman and a number of his friends had been making threats toward Gibbon for some time and had been making a general nuisance out of themselves, and this night they were on the track when Gibbon came out of the depot and called to him to halt as they wanted to see him and came toward him in a menacing manner, and he said he pulled his gun and fired toward the ground in their direction to scare them off, but held his gun higher than he intended to.

It is rumored that a number of cases will probably develope from this affair involving a number of the citizens of Reserve.

POLICE OFFICERS SUSPENDED FROM ST. CLOUD FORCE

ST. CLOUD, MINN, Feb. 1—Harry Stiner plain clothes police officer, Michael Lutgen, desk sergeant; Caslon Junglin and Luther Gifford, patrolmen, were suspended from the force at midnight last night after Gifford had implicated the other three in a burglary for which two men claimed to be innocent are serving sentences at Stillwater.

County Attorney Tyler of Elk River, has requested Sheriff fSchoener of Stearns county to arrest at once Stiner, Lutgen and Junglen, on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree. Fred Stockinger, at present i nthe Stillwater penitentiarp for anothe roffense, was also included in the list of policement bandits numbered by Gifford's affidavit.

Plentywood Boys Behave Badly at Froid

The Plentywood high school basketball team was here at the Froid Hotel the 13th of January, and while here helped themselves to the following articles: Tooth pick holders, spoons, kewpie a little bath tub with little baby inn, and would like to have these things returned.

Respectfully,
Mrs. ANNA ENGER
Froid, Mont.

DR. SELLS RESIGNS AS HOSPITAL DOCTOR

Business Men Get Together With Farmers and Decide To Keep Outlook Hospital Going—Will Get Another Doctor.

Over Thousand Dollars Subscribed

Dr. Sells, who for the past five or six months has been the doctor at the Outlook General Hospital, resigned the first of the week and moved to Plentywood, where he will engage in the practice of medicine. When he resigned he did not call the board of the Outlook Hospital together, but called up the nurse by phone and asked her to transmit his resignation to the hospital officers.

In what looked like an effort to sabotage the Outlook Hospital, Dr. Sells, the first of the week, went to Outlook and went to every creditor and asked for their claims against the Hospital, and also went to those having bills against the Hospital when Dr. Mangen was running it and solicited them and getting them, O. K'd them for payment and they were immediately presented so Carl Hovland, the treasurer, for payment, and checks for a number of the claims were paid, when N. J. Nelson, Outlook merchant, became aware of the conspiracy and ordered all payments stopped, until a meeting of the hospital board could be called.

Thursday afternoon the board of directors of the Outlook Hospital held a meeting and acted upon the resignation of Dr. Sells by immediately accepting it, Then the business men of Outlook were called in and the situation explained to them, viz., that there seemed to be a conspiracy to wreck the Outlook hospital and that Dr. Sell was the moving epirit in the scheme. That Dr. Sells, apparently for the purpose of wrecking the hospital financially, in order to prevent its opening again, and thus furnish competition for the proposed hospital which is now being promoted in Plentywood and in which he, Dr. Sells, is very much interested, had paid out all of the money in the hospital treasury on legitimate and illegitimate claims.

The Outlook business men understood the scheme immediately and everyone having a check thus issued to him returned the same to the Hospital board and the Outlook business men donated another $1,000 to the hospital fund and guaranteed even more, and steps have been taken to secure the services of a first-class surgeon and doctor, and it is planned on having the Hospital open again in a few days.

Before leaving Dr. Sells sent the patients in the Hospital to their respective homes.

TONY DASINGER QUITS JOURNALISTIC FIELD

Tony Dasinger, recently of Scobey, has quit the newspaper game, having disposed of his interest in the Daniels County News, formerly the Scobey Citizen, the Scobey anti-farmer paper. The following from the Bainville Tribune tells of "Ye Editor's" future plans:

Tony Dasinger, who a short time ago disposed of his paper, the Daniels County News, over at Scobey, was an overnight visitor in the city last Friday while en route to Sidney, where he will visit with a brother for a short time before leaving for the east, where he expects to again enter the printing game. Mr. Dasinger has been located at Scobey for several years and has many friends throughout this country whose best wishes go with him wherever he may decide to cast his lot in the future.

WESTBY COUPLE WED AT PLENTYWOOD

Mr. Arthur Iverson and Miss Netta Johnson were quietly married at Plentywood Wednesday and returned to Westby Thursday afternoon where they were entertained at the C. J. Johnson home, Mr. Johnson taking them out to their home late that evening.

Mrs. Johnson, sister of the groom, was equal to the occasion and surprise and gathered a party of twelve friends in honor of the newlyweds. After congratulations whist was played and lunch served. And during the evening a merry party of serenaders charivarried the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Iverson are prominent young people of the north Westby farming country where Mr. Iverson owns a good farm and a cosy modern bungalow.

CLAIMS ARE PAID AT 100 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR

Arlie M. Foor was in Plentywood last week to get an order from the district court authorizing him as administrator of the Dan McAllen estate of Wolf Point to pay the claims of creditors.

These claims totaled $52,026, and every claim filed was paid in full. This is a remarkable record and Mr. Foor was highly complemented by the Jobbers Credit Association of the cities who said it was the first estate settled in this part of the northwest that paid 100 cents on the dollar.

RANGE RIDERS ROPE GRAY WOLF

MILES CITY, Jan. 10—Discovered in the act of cutting out a calf from a herd of cattle near Maudlin recently and giving chase, Bud and Sol Nichol wrote "finish" to the career of the old gray wolf which has terrorized the north side country for several years past. These two well known range riders are reported to have succeeded after chasing the animal for some distance, in roping him, a feat which stands alone and uunique in the history of wolf killing in the northwest. The animal was captured after a twenty mile race.

How Wool Is Made From Wood.

Efforts that have heretofore proved unsatisfactory have been made to produce wool from wood, but announcement is made now that the difficulties have been overcome. The early experiments produced a short stapled material with less warmth retaining power than natural wool. Now a synthetic wool has been produced that has a long staple, greater heat-retaining properties, and much strength and durability.

STOCKMAN'S NATIONAL CLOSED AT POPLAR

POPLAR, Jan. 26—The Stockmnn's National Bank at Poplar was closed the first of the week by National Bank Examiner Wright, who has been spending some time checking up the affairs of the institution.

The bank has been known to be in a shaky condidtion for some time past and the closing does not come as much of a surprise. This is the second bank to close its doors in Poplar in the last six months, due to the repeated poor crop sand bad business generally.

This bank was moved up from Brockton shortly after the failure of the First National Bank of Poplar. No statement has been given out as to the affairs of the defunct institution, but the report has reached us that they will again be able to open their doors to the public soon.

The First National Bank also has matters well in hand and expect to open for business in a few months if plans they now have under way

We hope to see both institutions resume business not alone for the good of the town in which they are located, but for the good of Roosevelt county as well.

NAME GEORGE K. DICK RECEIVER OF GLASGOW BANK

HELENA Jan. 20—George K. Dick, Deputy state bank examiner, has been sent to Glasgow to take charge of the Milk River Valley Bank, which closed its doors Wednesday. The bank was closed voluntarily by ts officers, who then notified State Examiner L Q. Skelton. R. R. Selway was president and S. C. Small cashier. The instiuton wasi capitalized for $30,000, had a surplus of $14,500, and deposits of approximately $147,000. Poor collectons and a low reserve are said to have caused the closing of the bank.

BACHELOR AND POLL TAX ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

After having been in force more than 21 years in Montana the poll tax law has been declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. The bachelor tax law is declared unconstitutional under Section 2894 of the Revised Codes. County commissioners still have the power to levy a per capita tax not exceeding $2 for county poor fund. The state poll tax was $2 and the bachelor tax $3.

CULBERTSON BASKETBALL TEAM WINS FROM GLASGOW

On Tuesday night of last week the Culbertson high school boys' basketball team defeated Glasgow in one of the fastest games ever staged in this section according to Clarence Olson of this place who refereed the game, on the Culbertson floor. Both teams, from the first whistle to the last played with every ounce of energy in them and at no time did either team lead more than two points. Score at the end of the first half was 14-15 in favor of Culbertson, and the final score was 25-24.

RUSS PEOPLE ARE EATING HUMAN FLESH

Tragedies of Famine District Related in Letter From Relief Worker

PHILADELPHIA Feb. 1—Graphic pictuures of light heartedness amid tragedy—the cheering smile of America amid the starving hordes of Russia—are drawn by Beulah A. Hurley of New Hope Pa., now a member of the Quaker relief unit, in a letter from the Volga district to headquarters of the unit here.

After describing the utter desolation in her own immediate district, "where the bodies of the dead are piled up in trenches like so much cordwood," the piles visible a quarter of a mile away, Miss Hurley tells of having received a letter from another relief worker, oris White, whose station is forty milesD from the railroad.

Wants More Help

Miss White begged for more help, Miss Hurley said, but asked that they send some one with no heart, as it was a cruel task. She reported that cannibalis mhad begun in the outlying districts, and an old woman and a child of nine have followed the cats and dogs that already have bbeen consumed.

ea of the Volga in the middle of December

Miss Hurley reached the famine arber and is taking charge of the distribution of Quaker relief among the hunger ridden people of the Bazuluk district.

Thirteen relief workers cook, eat and live in a small box car. Miss Hurley relates. Five of them also sleep in the same car, yet their "life i sa luxury to the life we see all around us.

"Scarcely a day goes by that we do not see a dead body lying along the road or in the market place, and three days ago a father and mother and three children dropped in the snow together.

"At night one can hear the cries and the pleading of the crowds at the station trying to seek a bit of warmth and every morning the frozen bodies must be carried away frdom the entrance. The cemetery yis itself a ghastly place where bodies are piled up in trenches like so much cordwood. The clothing is always stripped from the bodies for it is too precious to be lost."

WORKERS LOAN TO SOVIET RUSSIA

VIENNA—A proposal for a substantial workingment's loan to Soviet Russia is being considered by Czecho-Slovakian labor. As a first installment the Czecho workers intend to advance 500,000 crowns to Moscow.

POPLAR TO HAVE MILITIA CO.

Adjutant Dan Noble of Poplar Post American Legion, has started the ball rolling for orgagnizing a "National Guard" for Poplar. Dana Easton has drawn up a petition and it is expected that a suffiificient number of signers will be secured shortly to insure the organization of the company.

ASSESSORS CONVENTION REDUCES LIVESTOCK VALUATION

County Assessor Aspelund Reports a Very Interesting Convention—Many Subjects Discussed.

County Assessor Aspelund returned a fortnight ago from the state convention of assessors held at Helena shortly after the first of the year. At this convention the assessors arrived at valuations of different chattels, in order that the assessment throughout the state may be uniform. Mr. Aspelund reports that the sessions were very interesting, that Governor Dixon appeared before the assessors and secured the passage of a resolution endorsing his tax commission idea and that the lobbyists of the big corporations were present in droves, all anxious to help the assessors to keep from assessing the property of the interests which they represented.

Livestock Valuation Reduced

The valuation of the livestock of the state was reduced for assessment purposes as follows:

Horses from $75 to $50; pure bred cattle, from $150 to $100; cattle coming 3 or over, from $60 to $45; stock cows, from $50 to $35; dairy cows, from $90 to $60; coming yearlings, from $20 to $15; coming 2-year elds, from $30 to $25; sheep, bucks, from not less than $15 to not less $10; sheep, from $6 to $4; hogs same as last year, according to market price.

Mr. Aspelund reports that the state board of equalization agreed to abide by assessors and county boards' decisions upon raising or lowering of valuations.

The above reduction of valuation means a great saving of taxes by the farmers of the atate.

CHINESE ORGANIZE

Better wages is the demand of Chinese crafts guuilds, according to lletters received here from a unversity of Washington representative now in the Orient. Street workers get $3.50 a month while linen embroiderers get 20 cents a day. Poor coal costs $9 a ton.

FROID COUPLE WED A PLENTYWOOD

Miss Eleanor Scott and Forest Hamilton of Froid took a very quuiet trip to Plentywood last Friday morning and were married by Rev. Savage, returning to their home at Froid the same afternoon. Miss Severine Scott, sister of the bride, and Arthuur Coats all of Froid, assisted the contracting parties. The bride is a dauughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Scott of Froid and has lived there for the past several lyears, during which time she has made a large circle of friends.

The groom is an industrious young man formerly of South Dakota, but for the past few years has made the Froid community his home. We understand the newly weds will take up farming in the spring on what was formerly the W. G. Reiter farm, northeast of Froid.

REDSTONE FARMERS ORGANIZE POULTRY CLUB

A meeting of the farmers was held Wednesday February 1st, in Redstone, to organize a poultry club. The purpose of the club is to stimulate the rasing of more and better poultry to help out during hard times. At a meeting of the business men of Redstone January 27 the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote: "Resolved, that the business men of Redstone are in favor of the organization of a Poultry Club in this vicinity. That we will be pleased to meet with the farmers at any time to assist in such an organization. We wish allso to assure the poultry raisers that we wil lbe glad to do anything we can to assist them in improving their flocks and marketing what they have to sell.

MISS HELEN ANDERSON MARRIED

Westby News: News has reached the city that Miss Helen Anderson of Daneville was married this week to a young man in Canby Minn. the wedding taking place at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Johnson, in Canby. The bride, who is a daughter of Mr and Mrs. L. W. Anderson and sster of Mrs Morris Bergh, of Westby, has many friends in this community to wish her happiness and prosperity.

NORTHWEST AUTO BANDIT RING OF 150 IS BARED

FARGO, Jan. 27—An automobile bandit ring said to involve 150 persons in five states have been exposed by arrest and confessions of a couple in Montana, U. S. District Attorney Hildreth announced today.

Col. Hildreth said the clean-up would involve arrests in Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, and the Dakotas.

Cleo P. Bryant and Mrs. Gertrude Stoltze, arrested at Plentywood, Mont., will be returned to Fargo, he said, to face serious charges. They were arrested after being trailed from Wichita, Kans., through Nebraska and the Dakotas to Minot, and thence to Montana.

The pair confessed, and involved a number of other persons. Subsequent arrests will reveal others who are in the ring.

Bryant and Miss Stoltze will be charged with violation of the Mann act, the theft of three automobiles in Minot and transportation of these automobiles from one state to another, according to Hildreth.

Through their alleged confession, he said, the theft of 53 automobiles in Minot alone has been revealed.