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WOLF POINT LABOR ON ITS EAR

Producers News Says That Wolf Point Commercial Men are in Favor of the Labor Party as Result of School and City Election.

LOST BOTH ELECTIONS

The fact that the fat is frying at Wolf Point over the fact that the re-entirety of the business ag-entment got together and by meth-ods which the labor faction claims fair brought about the defeat of labor candidates for the school and for mayor and for alder-men of the three wards. Ac-cording to one of the labor leaders of Wolf Point the business element of the city pulled a boner as he says the labor party is going to retaliate for Poplar for County Seat. This is true, Poplar is going to be elected by reason of the fact of very political judgment of the part of the labor forces of Wolf Point. It seems very unlikely that the labor party will be able to main-tain its position with the laboring men un-less it lands the county seat. Wolf Point loses out on the count because of this sort of politi-cal maneuvering. The division point is back to Glasgow, which rumormongers that it will be, there will be enough left of that once floun-dery to fight about.

LETTER

Letter to the Producers News
Wolf Point follows:
Wolf Point, Mont.
April 5th, 1922
Producers News,
Plentywood, Montana.

I've visited this town the past few days and had the pleasure to be at the dramas of real life that are being played out in this town. These dramas are being played out in the ordinary man what damn these mortals be."

Labor League of this town, working men all, tax payers, members of the banks and stores, and the citizens of Wolf Point would admit and approve their interest in school and matters of the town, "being as it is that pays the piper," but no one ticket: Wainwright and Bliss, both being heavy tax-payers and laborers. This is very satisfactory to the bank-ers and their "hangers on," the bank-ers all honors themselves "hangers on" being crowd and no noblemen who owned no in the city except their dollars and unsoiled hands, goes to the Mr. Cook, a merchant well known to all, and a

son name: the select had known attorney, Schoening, railway man, one who they in-tend to run against the Labor ticket election. These were the up-ward of the system and when the name to be counted the old line won. The returns reading: 32, J. Kelly, 200; Bliss, 166; 28 and Wainwright 96.

The Civic League is explain-ing they double-crossed Cook. explanation they give is: "No in the Public Schools."

Monday, town election, put of the Sherman Hotel in as over the Labor Candidate and in the 1st Ward, Carpen-ter over the Labor candidate, the latter also being unfor-unately enough to be a Catholic.

"Sons of Persecution" in tem- possession of the field, but we read there will be weeping and in the fall when the Labor free Voters of Wolf Point put little ballot in the box marked for County Seat," as a pro-gram of the Fourteenth Century of the Business Class.

point some say Poplar was working. If so it was not, but it will be a long day there is harmony in this town

J. M.

BUYS SIREN FIRE ALARM

PLACING IT ON A TOWER
FEET HIGH—WILL MAKE
RING.

Plentywood has pur- chased a new electric siren which will supersede the bell which has been a fire alarm. The siren is a cylindrical affair with enclosed which revolves by means of an electric motor which re-quires the touch of a push button through three thin steel rods produces a weird noise which can be heard for a couple of miles. The siren will be mounted on a tower which is being erected on the corner of the city hall in front of the jail. When erected it will be a bright electric light which will make the siren visible at long ways at night. The cost of the siren is \$340, besides the cost of installing, and makes the total cost of the siren about \$400.

FORD DAY TODAY

The Ford Day celebration is on to-day. Speakers are here and this afternoon there is to be speaking at the Orpheum theatre and a free movie entitled "The Cup of Life" will be screened. The free dance which was advertised, has been postponed until Saturday night, June 17th, because to-day is Good Friday. There will be plenty of music, and discussions and demonstrations. A profitable and interesting day is promised by Ray Lang, the proprietor of the Montana Motor Company, the local Ford agent. Henry Ford sends a special message that is claimed to be interesting.

SPECIAL EASTER PROGRAM AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A special Easter program has been prepared for the Congregational church, Sunday, April 16th, Rev. Savage officiating. Besides several selections by a special choir, there will be special numbers by some of the best talent in the town: viz., a violin duet, "Bacchante" by Miss Hein and Harry Goodman; a vocal solo, "Hosanna," by Mrs. Rue. The sermon will be from Luke 24, part of the 24th verse: "A Fruitless and a Successful Quest."

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Stoner of Outlook territory are in town today attending Henry Ford's celebration.

PRESIDENT CRESAP OF MONTANA WHEAT GROWERS IN PLENTYWOOD

President Dwight R. Cresap of Lewiston, president and organiza-tion manager of the Montana Wheat Growers, is in Plentywood, arriving here Wednesday. He is here in the interest of signing the farmers up in the Montana Wheat Growers pool. He expects to put agents in the field immediately and sign up Sheridan county solidly.

Mr. Cresap will speak at the Orpheum this afternoon on the "Wheat Growers' Organization" in the Ford Day program.

There will be more in these columns about the Montana Wheat Growers in the next few issues.

Rankin Cites Rule For Town Council

Opinion of Attorney General Well-ington D. Rankin of the State of Montana cites us to Section 5069 of the Revised Codes of 1921. It provides as follows: The mayor, or any member of the Council, or any relative or employee thereof, must not be directly or indirectly interested in the profits of any contract entered into by the Council while he is or was in office.

HIGH COURT CALLS JUDGE COMER TO SERVE

Judge C. E. Comer of Plenty-wood, who presides in the Twen-tieth judicial district, will arrive in Helena in time to sit as a member of the supreme court commission for the hearing of cases on the April calendar, which begins on April 14, it was announced on Wednesday morn-ing at the capital.

It was necessary to call an-other district judge for the high court commission to take the place of Judge A. J. Horsky of Helena who was relieved from the commission to hear the Con-ley case which begins on April 12.

During the absence of Judge Comer from his bench it was stated that Judge C. D. Burton of Glasgow would assist with the hearing of cases in the Twen-tieth district. It also was stated that two additional judges will be needed to assist the supreme court for the April term.

Judge H. H. Ewing of Great Falls, who was sitting in the place of Associate Justice Frank B. Reynolds, who is ill in a Chi-cago hospital, has returned home, and Judge A. J. Stark of Living-ston, who has been chief commis-sioner since January, has an-nounced that it will be necessary for him to return to his dis-trict before the April term begins.

It has not been announced who will occupy the places left va-cant by Judges Stark and Ewing.

Judge Comer left Plentywood Wednesday afternoon on the train for Helena in order to be in the Court room to attend to his du-ties this morning, when the Su-preme Court Commission con-vened.

McDowell Returns to State From Extended Trip West

Butte, April 10.—Former Lieuten-ant Governor W. W. McDowell has returned from a month's visit to southern California.

The building and business activity in Los Angeles, he says beats any-thing he has ever witnessed and he predicts that city will soon have a million people.

During the first three months of this year the building permits have exceeded those issued in the same period last year by several million dollars. He saw ground broken for a new hotel that will be one of the largest and best equipped ever built in this country.

Bank Failures in 1921 Totaled 528 Private and State, 37 National

Washington, April 7.—During the calendar year 1921, a total of 528 state and private banks in the coun-try were closed according to a state-ment issued by Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger, summarizing bank failures for the year. More-over, he added, 163 of these banks were able to re-open or otherwise liquidate their liabilities.

The liabilities of the other 365 banks he reported, aggregated ap-proximately \$96,000,000, making the average per bank about \$263,000.

The southern geographical division Mr. Crissinger declared, was the most seriously affected in respect to the number of bank failures and the volume of liabilities, there being 131 fail-ures with liabilities totaling \$27,000,000 in that section.

Failures in the western states, he continued, numbered 122 and the liabilities exceeded \$16,000,000. In the middle states the number of failures was 60 and the reported liabilities \$9,826,000. Failures to the number 43, with liabilities exceeding \$13,500,000, occurred in the Pacific states.

Only five banks failed in the eastern states with liabilities of \$3,600,000, Mr. Crissinger said and four in the New England states, whose li-abilities were \$17,700,000.

The calendar year 1921, Mr. Crissinger said, was the third most dis-astrous year with respect to the number of failures of national banks in the history of the national bank-ing system, there being 37 national bank failures, with liabilities of \$23,877,367. The most disastrous year in this respect was 1893, when 63 fail-ures occurred, and the next was 1897, when there were 38 failures.

The above report does not show how many banks went to the wall in 1920 of which there were many, nor does it include the huge total that have failed already in 1922, which year promises to be the banner year.

Rankin Decides Extent County May Assist

Helena, April 10.—County commis-sioners may give relief from the poor fund of the county to persons in financial distress because of mis-fortune and who have no relatives to aid them, although such persons may be able bodied, is the opinion of At-torney General Wellington D. Ran-kin.

The opinion of the attorney gen-eral was rendered at the request of A. E. McLeish, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Chouteau county.

The attorney general quotes the constitution, the statute on the sub-ject and decisions of the Montana supreme court in support of his po-sition.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY DESTROYS BOOZE

Dublin, April 11.—Five hundred thousand gallons of wine and whis-ky were destroyed here last night by members of the Irish republican army who forced their way into bonded stores of the custom house, it was stated officially today by a Belfast boycott official.

He estimated the revenue loss at nearly 2,000,000 pounds.

STATE BOARD VOTES NOT TO REHIRE FISHER

Helena, April 6.—The state board of education Tuesday afternoon voted unanimously to notify Prof. Arthur Fisher of the state university law school at Missoula, that his contract, ending September 1, would not be re-newed.

Following a heated session the board last fall, at which charges of the American legion against the law professor were considered, it was voted to give Professor Fisher an indefinite leave of absence on pay. A new instructor then took charge of Fisher's classes at the university.

The American legion had charged that Fisher's attitude during the re-cent war, and his subsequent com-ment to his law students, were pre-judicial to the best interest of edu-cation in Montana. His discharge was sought, but the board voted the best way out of the situation was to give him an indefinite leave of ab-sence.

O'KEEFE'S PETITION TO PRACTICE LAW DENIED

The state supreme court last week denied the petition of Robt. O'Keefe, formerly of Chinook, but now of Seat-tle, to be readmitted to the prac-tice of law in Montana. O'Keefe was well known in eastern Montana and was known as a man of unusual bril-liance and would no doubt have made a good name for himself had he been more ethical in his procedure in law cases before the court. The petition was denied by the supreme court on the ground that O'Keefe's moral con-ceptions were not of the type de-manded by the state bar.

DISCONTINUE CHANGING ENGINES AT WOLF POINT

The Great Northern railway has discontinued changing engines at Wolf Point on through passenger trains.

According to present plans, engines will run from Williston to Havre. However engine crews will be changed at Wolf Point as formerly.

It is understood that the engine districts for through passengers in the territory west of Whitefish has also been changed. Under the new arrangement there would be only one engine change between Whitefish and Seattle which would be at Spokane.

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JENS JENSEN CROSSES DIVIDE

LOCAL FARMER SUCCEUMBS TO APPENDICITIS — FUNERAL IS HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Jens Jensen, a well known farmer of the Plentywood territory, who re-sides on a farm northwest of town, succumbed to an attack of acute ap-pendicitis at his home on the farm late Monday night. The unfortunate man had only been sick for a few days, and not knowing what was the matter had neglected himself until over-taken by death.

The body was prepared for burial by Helland-Strand undertakers, Tues-day, and the funeral was held from the Lutheran church Thursday and interment was made at the Plenty-wood cemetery.

The deceased was born in Denmark and came to this country some twenty-five years ago; he was a pioneer settler in Sheridan county, filing on and proving up a homestead and has since made Sheridan county his home, residing here for many years. A few years ago he purchased the J. A. Johnson homestead northeast of Plenty-wood where he has resided since and where the deceased was living at the time of his death. Mr. Jensen was only a middle aged man. He leaves to mourn his death a brother, Nels Jensen, and a young daugh-ter.

MINN. LEAGUERS PUT FULL TICKET IN FIELD

N. P. L. Names Minneapolis Man as Candidate for United States Sen-ate—Johnson Chosen.

Minneapolis, April 1.—After nom-inating a complete state ticket and a candidate for United States sen-ator, and turning down a plea for a fusion with the Democrats, the state convention of the Nonpartisan League adjourned its session here tonight.

The convention adopted a sugges-tion for a new constitution to govern a skeleton organization to be known as the Minnesota Division of the Na-tional Nonpartisan League.

Henrik Shipstead of Minneapolis was endorsed as a candidate on the farmer-labor ticket for the United States senate and Magnus Johnson of Kimball was selected to make the run for governor. All the candidates chosen will run at the general election, it having been decided not to place any one in the field for the Primaries in June.

Other persons nominated include: Lieutenant Governor—Alderman G. T. Lindsten, Minneapolis; Secretary of State, Miss Lillian Anderson, Frank-lin; State Treasurer, Mrs. Susie Stageberg, Red Wing; Attorney Gen-eral, Benjamin Drake, Minneapolis; Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, W. W. Roister, Glencoe; and Jus-tice of the Supreme Court, William Anderson, Minneapolis.

The convention voted to reduce the dues from \$18 to \$10 for two years; elected a new state executive com-mittee of five to have complete con-trol in the state of the new organi-zation; and adopted a resolution of confidence in Joseph Gilbert, now in the Jackson county jail, and ordered a copy sent to the Jackson county court.

The new state executive commit-tee is composed of Henry Arens, Gor-don; Mrs. Harold Baker, Renville; Mrs. Otto Brinker, Glencoe; A. C. Welch, Glencoe; and Ole Langhaug, Evansville.

The resolutions and platform re-ported, made by the combined resolu-tions and platform committee, con-tained the following plank recommen-dations, which were adopted:

Repeal of the Esch-Cummins trans-shipment act.

Conservation and development un-der government control of natural re-sources.

Indorsement of a soldiers' bonus, to be raised by an excess profits tax.

Relief of unemployment through useful public works.

Abolishment of government by mil-litia and cessation of the use of the injunction in labor disputes.

Economy in public expenditures, and the abolishment of graft and waste.

A ten per cent tonnage tax on iron ore, rate under the present law be-ing six per cent.

Denunciation of state constabulary proposals.

A law permitting the establish-ment of co-operative banks or loan and credit associations.

Repeal of the present pre-primary convention law, as being intended to wipe out the primary.

JAILED FARMERS SET FREE FOR SEASON; TO SERVE TIME IN FALL

Williston, N. D., April 1.—Four farmers serving jail sentences for various misdemeanors have been re-leased by order of District Judge Lowe to enable them to attend to the season's work on their farms. They are to return to the county jail November 1 to complete the terms for which they were sentenced.

JUD MATKINS DID NOT ATTEND BOARD MEETING

County Commissioner Jud Mat-kins, who avoided trial at Malta, on the charge of asking and re-ceiving bribes in connection with the 1920 seed grain swindle in which the county lost over \$50,000, by filing a sick affidavit before Judge Borton at Malta in the last days of March, and who three days after the continuance was granted because of illness, was seen hauling grain to the ele-vator at Redstone did not at-tend the sessions of the Board of County Commissioners last week, but evidently kept close to his home on the ranch, thus showing some consideration for his friends who so nobly assisted him in avoiding the facing of a jury to be tried on the charges preferred against him. How long Mr. Mat-kins will stay away from Board meetings and how long he will be able to make the sick gag work with the aid of friends in high places who do not dare to have Mr. Matkins face a jury even in Phillips county, where it is said on the street that George Hurd never loses a criminal case, is a subject for bets wherever a crowd congregates.

It is understood that attorneys for the state will make an effort to get an order setting the cases against Matkins, Timmons and Balseker down for trial in June, out of the supreme court, and it is alleged that the state will soon request Mr. Matkins to undergo examination before other doctors in order to see whether Mr. Jones of Williston makes an affidavit founded on facts, or make it just because of a friendly feeling.

Former Warden Maintains His Acts at Penitentiary Only as Employee of Prison Board.

(Special to Producers News)

Helena, April 12.—Replying to the charges of the State of Montana in its amended complaint against him, Frank Conley, former warden of the state prison, yesterday filed his answer with the clerk of the district court.

In explaining each of the transac-tions alleged by the state to have constituted fraud, Mr. Conley in his answer claims the entire business of the Montana penitentiary from 1909 to 1921, when he was removed as warden, was carried on by the state prison board commissioners and by every deal and transaction for the state was made by such board thru Frank Conley as its employe.

Counter claims are made against the state for more than \$120,000 by the former warden, although some of them, the answer says, depend upon the ruling of the court of the state's charges. The others, however, are original and unconditional.

Conley alleges that practically all of the 15 causes of action in the amended complaint are barred by the statute of limitations.

Conley asks that the court issue a decree compelling the state to com-plete its agreement with him regard-ing the purchase of the Valition ranch. The former warden contends he took over the ranch in his own name, under direct authority of the state prison board and made an ad-vance payment of \$6,500 and received the deed in his own name as trustee of the state. He contends he has at all times been willing and is now willing to transfer this property to the state "upon compliance with the state with its agreement with the defendant."

The answer sets forth that "the defendant is entitled to a decree of this court ordering and directing the plaintiff to comply with the terms of said agreement with the defendant to pay the defendant the amount of said money and interest thereon, together with the value of said building mat-ter and improvements furnished by the defendant, or to a decree by this court directing a cancellation of the aforesaid agreement between the plaintiff and the defendant and awarding to defendant the sole right, title and interest in said land as against the plaintiff."

Further setting forth his claims as to the Valition ranch, Conley alleges he turned over to the state all the crops of every sort and kind "that were produced on said Valition ranch during the years 1919 and 1920 and is now holding as trustee for the state the crops produced on said ranch in the year 1921, which crop defendant avers he is ready and willing to deliver to the state upon payment of the expenses incurred by the defend-ant in producing said crop."

Supreme Court Makes a Gain of Five Cases in the Month of March

According to figures compiled by J. T. Carroll, clerk of the state su-preme court, that body made a gain of five cases during the past month. There were 30 cases disposed of by decision and otherwise and 25 new cases were filed with the clerk.

OCTOPUS REACHES FOR P'WOOD MILL

Occident Elevator Building Flour Warehouse at Plentywood and Re-serve to Retail Flour at Wholesale Prices, Unless Merchants Boycott Local Flour.

Occident Admitted to UNFAIR METHODS

Plentywood People Should Support Local Industry—Farmers Should Not Only Use Plentywood Flour But See That Neighbors Do.

OTHERWISE MILL WILL CLOSE

The Occident Elevator Company, which last summer entered this ter-ritory to buy grain, through the buy-ing of the Montana & Dakota eleva-tors, which company because of their activities had gotten into such low repute that it was impossible for it to any longer buy any grain in this sec-tion of the country, and which ele-vator is owned by the milling com-pany which manufactures Occident flour, is building a warehouse in con- junction with the elevator in which it is reported that that company will retail flour at wholesale prices un-less the local merchants will sign up a contract with that mill to handle Occident flour exclusively, thus shutting off the outlet of the product of the Plentywood mill.

The warehouse in Plentywood was started about ten days ago and has progressed so rapidly that it is now enclosed and in ten days more it will be finished. The building is being constructed along side of the Occident Elevator, and the grain buyer will also retail flour both to city custom-ers and to the farmers it is claimed, as well as buy grain. At Reserve the same firm has also built and com-pleted a flour and mill feed ware-house for the same purpose and it is claimed that a warehouse will be built in every town where the firm has an elevator and the business in flour and mill feed is large enough to justify the handling of those com-modities.

TO DESTROY COMPETITION

The aim and design of the above company seems to be to put the Plentywood Mill out of business. In fact it is reported on good authority that a young upstart representative of the Occident Milling Trust has made threats to the Hansens, who operate the local mill, of putting them out of business, and it is claimed that the building of the local ware-house is for the purpose of forcing the local merchants to handle Occident flour thus boycotting Plenty-wood flour, or else go up against the direct competition of that hoggrish outfit who insist on having the busi-ness in this territory.

PLENTYWOOD MILL DOES WELL

The Plentywood Mill under the management of Jens Hansen has done well. It has been a blessing to the country in that it made it possible for the farmers to provide themselves with a year's supply of flour without the expenditure of a single cent, by reason of the toll system of doing business practiced by the mill and thus freed them of paying their usual tribute to the milling octopus.

The Plentywood Mill makes the best flour on the market today, a flour which is so superior to Occident that there is no comparison, and as a result everyone in this country is now buying Plentywood flour which is made of pure Montana hard wheat, and the inherent goodness of which is not destroyed by any chemical bleach-ing. The Plentywood Mill, which had been standing idle for several years was rented last fall by Jens Hansen, an old experienced miller who had been farming for years at Dagmar, and opened about the first of Novem-ber. Mr. Hansen was assisted by his two sons to whom he taught the milling business. Since opening the mill has manufactured 12 carloads of first class flour, or 4500 100-pound sacks, besides the mill feed. At an average price of \$5 per sack, this only amounted to a gross flour business of \$24,000 and of mill feed about \$8,600, making a total gross business in about six months of \$32,600, which business the Occident people lost, and which money, every cent, was kept right in Sheridan county where it belongs, and kept on the payroll in Plentywood, three men. No wonder the Occident mill is on the warpath.

THE MINNEAPOLIS MILLING COMBINE

several years ago divided territory between the different mills in Minne-apolis and quit competing with each other. This territory is Occident ter-ritory and that octopus does not in-tend to allow a mill like the Plenty-wood to run in its territory if it can help it. And so it has decreed that the Plentywood Mill must step back and the flour trust will suc-ceed and the Plentywood mill will go out of business unless the farmers of Sheridan county stand by this mill to a man, and unless the business men also show the expected loyalty to an industry in their own town and coun-ty. The flour trust has three reasons to put the local mill out of business: first, it wants the business and does not want the competition; second, it wants the fine Montana hard wheat at its mills in Minneapolis to mix with inferior spring wheat like dur-um and winter wheat at the propor-tion of one bushel of Montana hard wheat to two bushels of soft wheat to make the standard grade of Occi-dent flour; and third, because if Occi-dent flour is allowed to go on Plentywood Mill is allowed to go on producing such high grade flour out of pure Montana hard wheat it might be able to build up a large milling industry right here in Montana, in competition with the Minneapolis

acted to close.

Closing of Big National Bank in Greece Reported

Washington, April 11.—Closing of the bourse and the national bank of Greece was reported today in cable dispatches to the commerce depart-ment.

LUTHERAN SERVICES

Lutheran church on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Special music by the choir. All are welcome.

MILL CAN BE SAVED

The local mill can be saved, if the farmers and consumers will stand by it to a man. The Occident ware-house can be closed up, if the loyalty to the Plentywood Mill is a hundred per cent. Every farmer should see Plentywood flour and should make it his duty to see that his neighbor does the same thing. The farmers should stand by the mill as if it gives them the chance to bring their wheat into the mills and have it ground for a share of the wheat, doing away with the need of money for the transaction and thus assuring the farmer and his family of something to eat that week-ly cannot take away from them. But the mill in order to run must find a market for its mill feed toll and its flour toll which it must convert into cash. To do this the mill must have the cash trade of the villages and cities in the county and the cash trade of the farmers who have not taken wheat to the mill for flour. If the mill can get this trade, it can thrive and operate the year around. The people in town should not buy Occident flour if that company gives it away. The people should stick and boost for the Plentywood Mill. These who buy bread should buy only bread made out of Plentywood flour. If the people stand by the Plentywood Mill, the powerful milling trust will be whipped, and an industry estab-lished in Plentywood. They don't the mill will eventually be

DR. BUDDEN IS HOME AGAIN

Dr. Leonard Budden, the chir-urgian, returned Monday, from Winnipeg, Can., where he had gone to the bedside of a sick brother who had been very low for a long time and was not ex-pected to live, and will resume his large practice here.

Dr. Budden reports that he im-mediately went to treating his brother and that he responded to treatment almost immediately and is now out of bed.

Dr. Budden who has had his office since he arrived in Plenty-wood at the Leland hotel has re-nted the old Sheridan County State Bank building which stands in the rear of that bank, and which has been used for the past year as an office by C. J. Beiseker and is having the same remodel-ed for an office and has furnished it up to meet his requirements, and is now ready to take care of his many patients in a better way than ever. Dr. Budden is living at the Leland Hotel.

JACK BENNETT APPOINTED ACTING P. M.

Acting Postmaster Oaks Ordered By Postoffice Department to Turn Over Office to Ex-Sheriff First of Week.

TRANSFER MADE WEDNESDAY

Acting Postmaster A. A. Oakes re-ceived notice Monday from the post-office department to turn over the postoffice to Jack Bennett, who had been appointed "Acting" postmaster, immediately, and Wednesday the transfer was made, and Mr. Bennett will now handle the affair at the Plentywood postoffice until a permanent appointment is made, whenever that will be.

The appointment of Jack Bennett as postmaster at Plentywood came as a great surprise, as in view of the fact that his brother, Sid Bennett of Scooby had been appointed postmas-ter there, it was not thought likely that Congressman Riddick would make two such appointments out of the same family, and in view of the further fact that George Pierce, the chairman of the Sheridan county re-publican committee, was an active candidate, it was figured by most people that Pierce would finally land. It is unusual for a congressman to recommend an appointment for post-master over the protest of the coun-ty chairman.

There are several disappointments because of the belief of many who had very high standings in the re-cent examinations that there was some sincerity in the civil service, which people have now been convinced of the fakery of the Harding ad-ministration.

GOVERNOR DIXON WILL ATTEND FARM PICNIC

A recent letter from Governor Joseph M. Dixon states that unless he is delayed by some very important business on June 17