

## The Kalispell Bee.

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**ABOUT THE BEE.** It is customary for a newspaper to be pirated for public favor in the newspaper field to make known, in its first issue, its business and political policy. The custom is a good one. It avoids the possibility of future misunderstandings. It clears up doubts and disposes of conjectures made in advance of publication. It lets the people know what to expect and enables them to judge of the propriety or policy of extending moral or financial encouragement.

The Bee will be, first of all, a newspaper. It expects to give the people of northwestern Montana more and fresher news for the price asked than they have ever had before. It will give reports of matters of public interest without fear or favor. It will have a special telegraphic service which will give its subscribers a more or less detailed account of the news of the world before it is ancient history. As fast as arrangements can be made the Bee will have correspondents in every part of the county who will be expected to do full justice to the various sections they represent. The magnificent resources of this county will be properly portrayed. The business interests of every town in the county will receive just treatment. In short, the Kalispell Bee will endeavor to give full value for everything it gets, and when it fails to do this it will not expect the patronage of people who look to get value for what they pay out. If our patrons appreciate this sort of a business policy the Bee will prosper, and as it prospers the people may expect a better newspaper—more news and fresher news. The Bee has been started with the purpose of going ahead, not of standing still. It will give its readers such a newspaper as they are willing to pay for, but it is not in a position to give something for nothing. In this office will be found a printing plant equal to that of any country newspaper in Montana. The presses and material are new and up-to-date. Call in and see them. If you know anything about printing plants it will do you good to look over this outfit.

Politically the Bee will be democratic, because it believes that through the democratic party the greater good to the greatest number can be achieved, but it will at the same time treat with due respect the opinions of those who differ from it on political issues.

Concerning what is known as the Clark-Daly fight, the Bee desires to state its position frankly and honestly, without evasion or equivocation, believing that such a statement will be appreciated. The Bee is opposed to all factional fights within the democratic party and believes that it is time for democrats to unite upon candidates that all factions can support. As this can be done only by dropping those who in the past have been persistent office-seekers, the Bee will oppose the candidacy of W. A. Clark. His ambition to be United States senator is at present the only cause of division in the democratic ranks and his methods have already brought sufficient disgrace upon this state without asking the democratic party to shoulder the additional disgrace of endorsing those methods. The democratic party in this state should not be destroyed to gratify the personal ambition or hatred of W. A. Clark or of any other individual.

The Bee understands that this position will incur the censure of the partisans of Mr. Clark and that they will hasten to call the Bee a "Daly organ," just as they called the late republican state convention a "Daly convention" because it condemned those who had accepted Mr. Clark's bribes.

If they are right, and a newspaper that opposes such political methods as have been proved beyond all question against W. A. Clark is a "Daly organ," then the Bee is willing to accept the designation and glory in the name.

With this explanation of its aims and purposes the Bee rests its case. Here-

after it will let its work speak for it. It goes before the people solely on its merits as a newspaper and by that criterion it is willing to stand or fall.

**DEPENDS ON THE CONVENTION.** With its usual inaccuracy the Helena Herald says that Flathead county will send a Clark delegation to the democratic state convention. This remains to be determined. The Kalispell delegates were elected upon the distinct understanding that they were both anti-Clark and anti-Daly. So far as heard from only four precincts in the county have given recognition to avowed Clark delegates. This does not look much like a Clark delegation to the state convention in the ordinary course of events. It is, however, freely charged that the usual argument, money, is being made to some of the delegates to the county convention in Clark's interest. It is alleged, specifically, that one delegate has been offered twenty-five dollars and another one fifty dollars to vote for a Clark delegation to the state convention. It is also charged that the local Clark managers are threatening that in the event of a delegation unfavorable to Mr. Clark being sent to Butte from this county, they will do their utmost to defeat the democratic candidates on the county ticket at the fall election. These charges may be doing the local Clark managers an injustice and the Bee in no way vouches for their truth. It only knows that such tactics are in perfect alignment with the Clark program in other parts of the state.

The Bee is of the opinion that the delegates to the county convention can neither be bribed nor bulldozed, but that they will do what they were elected to do, namely, send such a delegation to Butte as will be representative of those who won the primary contest; that a delegation will be chosen whose members are independent and who will vote for what seems to them to be for the best interests of the party, without regard to factional differences.

**HE WANTS TOO MUCH.** W. A. Clark has reached Montana, which, for the purposes of his political ambition, he calls "home." In a speech to the people of Butte he intimated that he would be very much pleased if the democratic party in this state would take his side in the little disagreement he has with the senate committee on privileges and elections and send him back to the senate in defiance of the unanimous verdict of the able and learned committee which condemned him, and in defiance of the unanimous sentiment of the nation. It is entirely probable that the democratic party of this state will at this time be less willing than ever before to comply with Mr. Clark's request, and it has never at any time indicated a very keen desire to have Mr. Clark as its representative in either branch of congress. It will be less inclined to such a condition of affairs now than ever before, for the simple reason that it cannot afford to shoulder the burden of Mr. Clark's disgrace and the further reason that it very generally agrees with the verdict of the senate committee. Mr. Clark should make his appeal to the republican party, whose representatives in the legislature have heretofore placed a higher value on the method of political argument and inducement for which he has become notorious. Mr. Clark wants too much. The democratic party of this state cannot afford to sacrifice a good name for great riches.

Helena and Anaconda are at it again. This time baseball is the bone of contention. At the first game between the two clubs one of the Helena players abused the umpire and was ordered out of the game and off the grounds. To get even he assaulted the umpire after the game was over. For this he was suspended for two weeks and fined \$50, whereat the Helena managers sulked and said they wouldn't play unless McCarthy was reinstated. To the discredit of the league managers be it said that the Helena club had its way and McCarthy was allowed to play again, pending an investigation. Most Montanans would have been pleased to see President Lucas insist on McCarthy's suspension, even at the expense of Helena's withdrawal. The loss would not have been irreparable.

It will occur to the average visitor to Kalispell that with good waterworks and an efficient corps of fire-fighters, the one thing yet needed to insure the best fire protection is a team of horses to haul the hose reel and ladder wagon. The

cost might be saved at a single fire by catching the blaze in its incipiency. Aside from this, to people who have blood that can tingle, it is worth something to see a fire company go down the street behind a team of well groomed horses, at a pace that means business. It is not only a pleasure to the onlooker, but it is something in which any city may take a laudable pride.

Of the wild things already set afloat for the coming campaign the wildest is a report that the republicans intend to go into the democratic primaries tomorrow and help the Clarkites get control of the county convention. There is an old line that goes: "Tros Tyriusque mihi nullo discrimine agetur," a free rendering of which for Montana use would be that Clarkites and Dalyrats are daubed over with the same pitch, and republicans will keep out of the nasty mess.—Inter Lake.

There is another old line which goes: "Ab uno disce omnes," a free rendering of which for Montana use would be that since it was republican votes that elected Clark to the senate, republicans should not feel offended if they are suspected of wishing to repeat the performance for the same reasons.

The war in South Africa is not over by any means. The Boers are again active and have cut "Bob's" line of communication. They are probably spurred on to renewed exertions by the situation in China, which promises to involve England and Russia in some unpleasantness. About all the soldiers England can raise are tied up in South Africa just now, and Oom Paul probably has the notion that J. Bull might be willing to make some concessions in order to be free to cope with the Russian bear.

Down in St. Louis the wives of the employes have taken a hand in the street car strike and are assaulting those of their own sex who patronize the street railway. Even the schoolma'ams have been warned that it will be safer for them to walk to the scene of their labors than to use the cars. Under the circumstances it will be in order for the teachers to strike for an increase of salary to cover the cost of carriage hire and life insurance.

Notwithstanding that Otis declares the Philippine war to be over, there are still "roving bands" of from 600 to 1000 "rebels" each who are making it warm for the United States garrisons. At Catubig a few days ago 36 United States soldiers held 600 Filipinos at bay until relief came. The "rebels" seem to have taken fresh courage since Otis and his typewriter came home.

Kalispell should feel proud of its band. There are few musical organizations in Montana of the size and age of the local band that render such good music. There is no better advertisement for a town than a good band, (unless it be a good newspaper) and the citizens should see to it that the band boys receive proper encouragement.

That the business houses of Kalispell have confidence in the Bee is amply attested by the showing made in our advertising columns. The Bee trusts that it will be able to show that such confidence is not misplaced and that it will prove by returns that it pays to advertise in a live newspaper.

### Buffalo for Kalispell.

Mr. C. E. Conrad has purchased one eighth of the Allard herd of buffalo which have been ranging for a number of years past on the Flathead reservation under the watchful eye of herders. The buffalo don't seem to lose much of their wildness by the herding process and Mr. Conrad very wisely nominated in the bond that the shaggy creatures should be delivered. It is expected that this part of the contract will be somewhat difficult to fulfill as the buffalo will be much harder to handle than the ordinary range steer and it will be a ticklish job to get them from where they are ranging now to the pasture which Mr. Conrad is having prepared for them about three miles north of Kalispell. About 250 acres of land will be strongly fenced and Mr. Conrad's share of the herd, numbering about 40 head will be allowed to roam at will therein.

The present plan of transportation is to load the buffalo on a barge at the foot of the lake and have the steamer tow the barge to De Mersville which will be only about five miles from their destination. It is expected that the final part of the trip will be the hardest.

Buffalo are very valuable livestock just now, a cow being worth about \$500. This will seem just a little remarkable to the old timers who have seen thousands of bison in countless herds roaming the prairies not many years ago. The Allard herd are probably the only buffalo left in the west outside of those in the National Park.

The close vicinage of a herd of buffalo will add in no small degree to the attractiveness of Kalispell as a point of interest to visitors.

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