

YELLOWSTONE MONITOR



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ANACONDA IN TURMOIL

Proposed Closing of Smelters on Account of Smoke Nuisance Stirs Public Disapproval.

Anaconda, Dec. 5.—The news of the attempts of the representatives of the Farmers' association to close the Washoe smelters by means of interference at Washington came to the people of Anaconda like a blow in the dark and the community was temporarily dazed and failed to comprehend the seriousness of the attack that had been made upon them.

The smoke contest has been waged in this vicinity for three years, in which the people of the city, merchants, wage earners, smeltermen and all have been willing to abide by the decisions of the courts in which it was heard at length.

The news came fast and all were aroused today, and this afternoon a mass meeting to vent the sentiments of the community was felt to be one practical way of getting the facts before President Roosevelt and the country at large.

The notice was short, less than three hours, but the word flew fast, and the largest hall available, owing to an engagement at the opera house, Standard hall, was filled to the doors with men, whose faces portrayed the depth of their feelings at this time when their homes, their savings and their all in lands and property, as Anaconda represents it is threatened with arbitrary destruction.

C. A. MacCallum, one of the pioneer merchants of the city, called the meeting to order, and J. P. Stagg was nominated and elected chairman of the gathering. He is another who has grown up with Anaconda, and made a splendid presiding officer. He announced the object

of the meeting dispassionately as called to lay the facts before the authorities at Washington. W. E. Gailey was elected secretary.

J. H. Durston presented the situation as revealed by the messages of the night from Washington, which further showed the delicacy of the question, and he urged the necessity of giving all possible aid to the representatives of the state in laying before the authorities the facts in the cause at issue and make it clear to the president that the wages paid out by the smelters in Anaconda are of much greater value than the forests that are now on the hills of this vicinity. He moved the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable memorial to be sent to the president and the representatives of the state at Washington.

The chairman named Attorney J. H. Tolan, D. R. Roach, Ed. Burke. The committee retired and during their absence shouts for the superintendent E. P. Mathewson brought him to the front of the hall and he made an address.

Col. T. O'Leary suggested that pictures of Anaconda, the schools and the school children, be sent to President Roosevelt and ask him if he wanted to raise trees on the site of Anaconda rather than school children. He thought that this argument should appeal strongly to the anti-race suicide president.

J. H. Tolan then read the report of the committee on resolutions, which were adopted and ordered sent to President Roosevelt and the congressmen by wire, and this was done this evening.

READING OF A NOTED TRAGEDY

An audience that comfortably filled Miskimen Hall gathered by card invitation last Thursday evening to listen to a reading of Stephen Phillips' 3-act Tragedy "Herod," by Rev. E. N. English.

Through some two hours the reverend gentleman gave a splendid character reading of this noted subject. The characters of the tragedy were painted on large cards, while the environment was made as realistic as possible by suitable arrangement of furniture. The interpretation by Mr. English added the finishing touches to a famous character study.

The theme of "Herod" is a notable one, dealing as it does with many famous characters of the period in which the play is laid. Clustering around Herod, the central figure, are many personages of fame and history. A touch of the old Roman ambition for conquest and progress adds a great deal of zest to the whole theme. The queen and wife of Herod, Mariamne, is the deciding character in the whole tragedy, and the one around whom clusters the quick succession of events. It would indeed be hard to improve upon the interpretation as given by Rev. English.

Prosperity Freely Anticipated

Portland, Dec. 5.—Anticipating an entirely unprecedented period of prosperity in the northwest for the coming year, the Harriman interests have placed orders for an additional freight equipment valued at \$1,250,000 for the Oregon & Navigation company. The new order consists of 1,000 50-ton boxcars, and the delivery will begin some time in January.

FIREMEN TO DANCE

The annual hop of the city firemen is scheduled to occur on the evening of the 31st at the Opera House. Tickets are now for sale by the various members.

The proceeds of the affair will be used by the firemen to equip a reading room in the upper part of the building on Merrill avenue, a most worthy undertaking and one that should have the earnest support of the citizens of Glendive. Do not fail to purchase a ticket and do all possible to help the boys out. Remember the evening of the 31st.

NEW TOWN OF SEARS BOOMING

In this week's issue of the Monitor appears a large ad for the Yellowstone Mercantile Company of Sears, Montana, the hustling little new town below Tokna in the Lower Valley. The surrounding populace will find many and various bargains described in this enterprising company's ad.

A short time ago the site of the present town of Sears was like the surrounding country thereabouts. Then the commercial boom struck various enterprising citizens of the Valley with the result that a nice collection of buildings housing up-to-date business ventures is now apparent to the visitor at Sears.

A postoffice is now assured for Sears and other innovations will probably follow in quick succession. As time goes by we shall doubtless present other interesting details concerning this latest addition to the up-to-date towns of the Lower Valley. Sears will evidently not be behind the procession when any public improvements are needed.

BAGS BIG GAME

Nine Year Old Boy Kills a Fine Antelope.

Last Saturday, while out hunting on the range some thirty miles north of Forsyth, Armour Martin, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Martin, of this city, was successful in killing a four-year-old buck antelope, thus securing one of the finest specimens of that animal seen in this city in a long time. The fleet little animal was ascending a hill when Armour threw down on him, three shots striking the young Nimrod's quarry. The youngster used a carbine for the first time, his previous experience in shooting having been confined to the use of a 22.—Forsyth Journal.

Democrats Select Champ Clark

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Champ Clark of Missouri was chosen minority leader of the house of representatives tonight at a caucus of the democratic members of that body. Mr. Clark's election was unanimous. His name was suggested to the caucus by the minority leader, Senator-elect John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. Resolutions were adopted thanking Mr. Williams for his services to the party on the floor of the house.

Mr. Clark, in succeeding Mr. Williams who has been the democratic leader for six years, takes up the leadership with a united democracy behind him. During the six terms he has served in the house he has won the reputation among his adherents of both parties of being one of its most solid and eloquent members. As ranking minority member of the ways and means committee he has been well to the front in executive affairs during the last few years.

The program for the election of the new leader was disarranged by the retiring leader, Mr. Williams, who did not wait for the name selected to nominate the Missouri man but performed that function himself. As soon as Chairman Clayton of Alabama had read the resignation of Mr. Williams as leader, Mr. Stanley of Kentucky presented a set of resolutions thanking Mr. Williams for his services and accepting the resignation. Just as that resolution was adopted, Mr. Williams arrived. He responded to the applause with a speech which concluded with a prediction of what an excellent leader Mr. Clark would make, not appreciating the situation that the selection had not yet been made.

Mr. Henry of Texas was to have followed with a speech nominating Mr. Clark, but only seconded the nomination.

Messrs. Sulzer of New York, Mason of Arkansas, James of Kentucky, Cox of Indiana and Simms of Tennessee also seconded the nomination. Upon Representative Chandler's motion, the election was made unanimous. Representative Loyd of Missouri, Russell of Texas and Bartlett of Georgia then brought the new leader into the house to tell him the news.

\$30,000,000 Contract Is Placed

New York, Dec. 5.—The Evening World today says the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has placed a contract calling for the expenditure of \$30,000,000 on a loop around this city. These improvements, the story says, include electrification of a six-track line from New Rochelle to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, a tunnel under the East river to Astoria, thence to Long Island City, and another East river tunnel and subway to a passenger station to be erected on the block bounded by Fourth and Lexington avenues and Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets. It was also stated that a connection with the

Pennsylvania railroad will be made in Long Island City. This would permit passengers from Boston to pass through New York for the west and south without leaving the train and without the present ferry trip from Port Morris to Jersey City.

War Preparations Hastened

Willemstad, Dec. 4.—Having been unable to obtain amicable settlement of outstanding differences with Venezuela, the Netherlands government has begun a naval demonstration off the coast of the South American republic and since Wednesday a vessel flying the Dutch flag has steamed from Puerto Cabello to La Guaira at a distance of 3,000 yards from the shore.

The battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and the cruisers Gelderland and Friesland are engaged in the operation which will continue indefinitely. The Van Heemskerck arrived this morning, bringing the above news.

The two cruisers had proceeded to Maracibo, it is said, though the officers observed secrecy concerning the movements of the vessels. The Van Heemskerck will relieve the Gelderland at Maracibo Monday.

With steam up in all her boilers, the Van Heemskerck arrived off La Guaira Monday morning at 5:00 o'clock. As soon as the battleship sighted all the lights in the city were extinguished. From the deck of the ship could be seen the guns ashore pointing toward the battleship, which was kept ready for action.

The Van Heemskerck remained but one day off La Guaira and yesterday proceeded up the coast and passed between the shore and the small sandy islands in the bay of Puerto Cabello off the city of Puerto Cabello.

The demonstration is regarded as indicating that the preparations for an effective blockade of the Venezuelan coast are complete.

It is reported here that the Netherlands battleship De Ruyter left Holland yesterday for this port.

London, Dec. 4.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at The Hague says that a dispatch has been received there that four American warships are expected at Curacao in January and says that it is certain that the United States will stanchly support Holland against Venezuela.

One of Leaders of Vigilantes, James A. Culver, Passes Away

Elliston, Dec. 5.—Montana lost one more of its heroic pioneers in the passing away at Elliston of John A. Culver in his seventy-seventh year.

Born in Delaware county, New York, in 1831, he moved to Wisconsin with parents when nine years old, in which state he reached man's estate and married Miss Christina Harrison at Dover in 1852. In 1860 they moved to California Gulch, Colo., and in 1868 came to Alder Gulch, Mont.

Mr. Culver took part in the gold excitement and performed his duty to the territory by becoming one of the vigilante leaders and assisting in the maintenance of law and order in one of the most critical periods of the history of Montana.

Mr. Culver and family moved to the Gallatin valley, being among the very first settlers, and lived there for years, the family having many times to flee before the Indian raids. From the Gallatin the family moved to Jefferson City, where they resided until 1889. Then Mr. Culver moved to Elliston.

Mr. Culver leaves a wife, one daughter, Mrs. F. C. Vaughn, and a grandson, Carl C. Whetstone, and also a great grandson.

Elliston has lost one of its most estimable citizens and the state of Montana one who was instrumental in developing its resources and who, in the early days when men's souls were tried, upheld law and order and helped

BOND SALE IS EFFECTED

Bid of Chicago Brokerage Firm Accepted at City Council Meeting on Monday Evening Last.

The regular meeting of the city council of Glendive took place on Monday evening with Mayor Miskimen, Aldermen Jordan, Haskell and Leiper and City Clerk Rivenes present.

On account of the incomplete state of some of the various reports, the reading and checking of these reports was laid over.

At this session Ordinance 188 was passed. This ordinance provides for the issuance of bonds by the city to the sum of \$15,000, and the levying of an ad valorem tax for the purpose of meeting the interest on the coupon water bonds as they become due; also to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds.

The opening of the bids on the bonds took place at a special meeting held on Monday forenoon, the offer of Woodin, McNair & Moore of Chicago being accepted. Their bid for the \$15,000 issue was \$15,237.50, with interest at 5 per cent. The city council upon investigation found that the commercial rating of this firm was of the very best, and at the Monday evening session the sale was ratified unanimously. The date of issue of the bonds is Jan. 2, 1909, as previously announced in the advertisement for bids. The firm purchasing the bonds has been notified of the acceptance of its bid.

Various bills were audited and allowed by the council. Several, how-

ever, were returned for corrections before being acted upon.

Upon advice of City Engineer Baer it was deemed advisable to purchase a new boiler for the city pump house, as per the original specifications. By motion regularly put and seconded Clerk Rivenes was instructed to advertise for bids for furnishing a new boiler. The need of new equipment is obvious as the present capacity of the pumping station makes a very low supply of water at times.

An application from the city fire department for permission to erect an addition to the fire house was deferred until later, as it was deemed advisable to have a plan of the proposed improvements. The mayor stated, however, that it was the desire of the council to do anything in reason for the benefit of the department members. As understood at the council meeting the proposed improvement will cost the city nothing, the members of the department proposing to make the innovation at their own expense. As stated elsewhere in the Monitor, the proceeds of the annual ball will probably be used for this purpose.

Several instances were noted where needed connections had not been made with the sewer, and the delinquents were ordered notified to do the work, or the city would do it at the expense of property owners, within a reasonable time.

to further the welfare of the state in every way.

WOOL PLEDGED BY THE WOOLMEN AT LEWISTOWN

Lewistown, Dec. 5.—The project of building a great wool warehouse, the control of which is to be in the hands of the woolgrowers, themselves and which will have a capacity of 30,000,000 pounds, was presented to such of the woolgrowers of Fergus county as are in the city at a meeting held at the Judith club this evening.

H. W. Manss, representing the Chicago Association of Commerce, explained the plan in detail just as he has done to the woolgrowers at Helena and elsewhere. The plan was received and the local flockmasters pledged a large amount of wool. Mr. Manss is well pleased with the result of his visit here, and says the project has met with the same encouragement all over the west.

Pioneer Who Helped Build First Cabin in Butte Is Dead

Missoula, Dec. 4.—Information was received here today of the death at Woodside, in the Bitter Root valley, of Thomas C. Porter. Mr. Porter was one of the pioneers of Butte and was coroner of Silver Bow county for one term. During the past few years he has been residing with relatives in the Bitter Root. Mr. Porter assisted in the building of the first cabin in Butte, and he also taught the first school in that camp. He was a member of Butte lodge No. 22 of Masons in Butte. At his own request his body will be interred at Victor.

The application of A. G. Baker, W. R. Felton, F. R. Savage and E. B. Clark of this city for permission to organize a bank at Three Forks, to be known as the First National Bank of Three Forks, capital \$25,000, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.—Miles City Journal.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Dec. 5.—There was free sale for the small number of western range beef steers this week, and late selling was on a strong basis, as compared with one week ago. Top beeves made \$5.75, Clay, Robinson and Company securing this price for a lot of Canadians on Monday. Most of the steers sold at \$5.50 and down to \$4.75. She stock advanced 25 cents.

The severe storms in the northwest will doubtless put a stop to shipments from the range the balance of the season, barring a few straggling loads. Receipts of 3,000 this week were about the smallest for that month since 1901.

Receipts of sheep were rather moderate, and an active demand from local packers, as well as from eastern slaughterers, enabled the selling interests in the sheep and lamb departments to control the whiphand on most days this week, this being evidenced by a price gain of mostly 25 cents. Good to choice fat lots met ready sale, and anything suitable to take back to the country for longer feeding also sold readily.

There is nothing in the situation to warrant taking a pessimistic view of the near future condition of the market, although big runs would likely result in buyers dominating the trade. Where the stock is well-fatted such should be kept coming to market, but there is surely no call for those who have the feed and facilities to send in half-fat grades.

Dan Southerland, of this city, is enjoying a visit from his father who arrived on Friday evening from Scotland. The latter gentleman expects to reside here for some time.—Pioneer.

Subscribers to the Monitor who still desire to continue taking the paper and are in arrears and cannot pay the cash now, will confer a favor by dropping us a card stating the facts. Several have already done this.