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Big Land Show for December 12th to 23rd

From December 12 to December 23, inclusive, the Northwestern Land Products Show will be held in the St. Paul Auditorium in St. Paul, Minn., under the auspices of the Northwestern Development league.

These dates were announced early this week after advices had been received from the various western states and the dates of other shows and expositions had been considered. The dates selected gives those who will exhibit in Chicago an opportunity to bring their exhibits here. The Chicago show closes December 9.

The entire enterprise has but one object in view, according to officials of the league, to aid in the development of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Alaska.

It is more than simply a land show, hence the incorporated name will be the Northwestern Land Products Exhibit, and it may include not only those things grown, but things taken from the soil. The show will be more than a mere instrument for the use of the land man in selling land. It will show graphically what can be produced on land in the territory west of the Twin City, what it costs to produce the crops and the profits.

St. Paul and Minneapolis business interests have pledged their co-operation on the theory that every man and every dollar put to work in the states interested, will be a direct benefit to the local markets.

The Northwestern Development league is defined by Secretary Will A. Campbell as "an educational movement," and he says, "after all, a booster is an educator, seeking to make people acquainted with the facts, and only the facts, about a certain section, state or city."

"Launched on these lines," Mr. Campbell said, "the land show to be given in St. Paul is to be void of selfish interests. It is not to make any money, and the Northwestern Development league has nothing to sell, its only object being to attract settlers, arouse interest and educate people who are moving west to the advantages of making their homes in one of the states represented in the league. It matters not to this organization whether a man with his family and capital settle in Minnesota, go on to the Dakotas or Montana, or choose a home on the far Pacific coast—just so they stay in Twin City territory."

It has been decided that H. H. Bigelow and Eli Warner of St. Paul, with P. L. Howe of Minneapolis, will constitute the finance committee, and that Will A. Campbell, secretary of the league will be general manager of the show. He has been instructed to secure the necessary experts and work is under way for the show.

Some interesting exhibits are already in sight, including a unique exhibit from Alaska, which will be shown in the way of an Alaskan village. There are to be entertainment features which will make the show an attractive, mid-winter amusement.

Sugar Beets, Good Crop

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be paid for the sugar beet crop in the territory of the Billings fac-

tory this year. The total is more likely to exceed that figure than fall below it, but \$1,000,000 is a safe estimate as the basis upon which to calculate the amount which will be distributed this season.

The sum will be paid for the product of 15,000 acres—adhering to round numbers for the sake of convenience. Taking previous years as a criterion, the profit to growers, after all expenses have been paid, will be \$25 an acre. This will mean \$375,000 clear gain to the community. And it should be borne in mind that these figures include the payment of ruling wages to the growers themselves.

The Billings sugar factory began operations in October, 1906, with considerable less than 10,000 acres for the first year. Each season the acreage has been increased and each season has witnessed more scientific cultivation of the soil, better results and more money to the growers. The factory and the industry which has been built up as a result of its location have done more to increase land values than any other single item of the country's development. —Billings Gazette.

Sloan

Mrs. Alice Campbell drove to Ronan last week.

S. H. Scaree was in Ronan on business Monday.

M. W. Bopd transacted business in Dixon Tuesday.

Mrs. V. A. Hall has a new house on her homestead.

Miss Hattie Sloan visited relatives at Sloan this week.

Mrs. F. J. Crow left for Missoula last Monday on business.

Dr. Hopkins of Wallace, Idaho is here to build on his homestead.

Frank Hopkins made a business trip to Missoula the first of the week.

F. D. Schawlin of Missoula has filed on a 160 in the bend of the Bitter Root.

Allen Sloan attended the Pend d'Oreille Farmers' association meeting last Sunday.

Practice March of Regulars

Four companies of the 14th Infantry, stationed at Fort Missoula, made a practice march across the reservation as far as Polson this week. They arrived in Ronan on Tuesday and remained here over night, leaving at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning for Polson, where they expect to remain for a few days and then return to the post by forced march.

The command is the 3rd battalion, composed of companies I, K, L and M, and was officered as follows: Lt. Col. Kennon, commanding officer; Major Ruffner, surgeon; Captain Burnside commanding the battalion, with the following additional officers: Capt. Mullan, Capt. Mitchell; 1st Lieuts. Wood, Bussche, Kobes, (adjutant) 2nd Lieuts. Slaughter, Winton (quartermaster) Philoon and Davis.

There were over 200 men in the command and so far as observed and from all reports, they were a fine appearing and well behaved lot of men.

Several citizens called on the commanding officer, Col. Kennon, in the afternoon, and found him to be an entertaining officer and gentleman. Afterwards the Colonel repaid the calls and ex-

pressed himself as being delighted with Ronan and the surrounding country. Being an extensive traveler, his opinion is worth more than the average man's, and he says it looks better to him than anything he has seen in years.

Hon. A. N. Yoder Dead

Secretary of State A. N. Yoder died near Helena on August 6, while picnicking. He was stricken with heart disease and lived only two hours. Secretary Yoder came to Montana in 1883 and was first elected to the office in 1904 and re-elected in 1908. Governor Norris will appoint some one to fill out the unexpired term.

Viewing Reservation Roads

The Sentinel of Tuesday last said:

The presence of County Commissioner Dan McQuarrie at Dixon today is hailed with glad acclaim by the scores of farmers now raising bumper crops on the reservation in what is known as the B. T. Murray neighborhood, an agricultural district in the vicinity of that town.

The reason of their jubilation is that the presence of Mr. McQuarrie accompanied by County Surveyor Jim Benner, as announced in the Sentinel yesterday, means that the commissioners are about to begin the preliminary work on a splendid highway that will ultimately connect Dixon with Polson at the foot of Flathead lake. Mr. Benner will survey and cross section a fill on Crow creek and will definitely decide as to the route for a new road connecting the road from Dixon up the Moiese valley with the road from Crow creek to Ronan.

"The immense crop that will be harvested this year on the reservation," said W. W. Dunlap of Dixon, who is in Missoula today, "has served to emphasize the importance of a good wagon road connecting the district mentioned with both Dixon and Polson, so as to facilitate the marketing of the farmers' products.

The big yield this year will be offset to a considerable extent in what is known as the B. T. Murray neighborhood by the great loss of time and money incident to the laborious haul on the present excuse of a road over steep grades now offering the only means of communication between this rich farming district and either Dixon or Polson. We have no fault to find with the Missoula county commissioners. They are doing splendid work. As fast as possible they are bettering the highways of the country. We are certainly glad to see this work begin and are hopeful that by next year Dixon, Ronan and Polson will be connected by a first class road. If the road is ready for use by the 1912 harvest it will be necessary for Missoula county to construct 21 miles and the building of about nine miles will devolve upon the Flathead commissioners.

"The completion of this road will be a tremendous factor in the development of the reservation around Dixon. Incidentally it will mean much for Missoula. The Missoula commissioners appear to fully appreciate the fact that the first step toward developing a country is to build good roads."

Moiese Valley and Dixon

Charles Person of Spokane, Wash., arrived in Dixon on Tues-

day and is the guest of his friend Robert Sharp, on his claim in Moiese valley.

Roy Wonnacott and F. N. Aldrich returned to Dixon Monday from the Bitter Root where they have spent the past two weeks.

Percy Roundy of Spokane is visiting his brother-in-law Maurice McMonagag at his claim in Moiese.

Mrs. Will Fullerton of Hamilton, Montana, arrived in Dixon Wednesday to visit her sons in Moiese valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and daughter departed from Dixon last Tuesday for Broken Bow, Nebraska, after spending a month at "Dew Drop Inn" the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Lackmon of Moiese valley.

I. E. Stapp, representative for the Rex Milling Co., came out to Moiese valley to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. W. Durham and son John of Spokane, Wash., arrived in Moiese valley last week to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Nichols who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark at their bungalow in Moiese valley, the past week, departed from Dixon on Monday for Missoula.

L. C. Travis of Moiese valley made a business trip to Missoula this week.

R. B. Silver arrived in Dixon Sunday from Spokane and is the guest of Robert Sharp near Moiese.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Moffett and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davenport of Moiese spent Saturday in St. Ignatius.

Miss Frances M. Tobin, principal of the schools of district No. 28, drove over from St. Ignatius Monday to Moiese valley and was the guest of Miss Harriette P. Geiger.

W. H. Sabin of St. Ignatius was a business caller in Moiese valley Tuesday.

The Moiese valley club held its regular monthly meeting last Friday evening and after all business was transacted an informal dance was enjoyed. A dance will be given on Friday evening, August 11th, under the management of Messrs. Handy, McMonagle, Sharp and Misses Lyon and Barton.

On Monday evening the Moiese Valley Settlers' association held its monthly business meeting at the club house.

The Moiese valley settlers are making excellent progress in the improvements on the roads through the valley.

Miss Merle McAuley, who has been seriously ill and under the care of Dr. Fuhrer of Ronan and Dr. Owen of Polson, is rapidly recovering and now able to be about.

Methodist Church Notice

The services for next Sunday will consist of Sunday school at 10:00 and preaching at 11:00 a. m. This will be the last service of the conference year. Reports of the years work will be made at this service.

Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock will be held the fourth quarterly conference. This is a very important meeting and all members and friends of the church are invited to be present and assist in planning the work of the church next year.

Missoula Nursery Stock. All trees guaranteed true to name. Leave orders with M. J. Benedict, Ronan. 15-3p

Commissioner McQuarrie Starts Work On Roads

County Commissioner Dan McQuarrie and County Surveyor Jas. H. Bonner have been in and around Ronan this week preparing to do some road work in this vicinity. They came up by way of Dixon, Moiese and the west of Ronan road, and have been viewing out and locating the routes upon which some needed work will be done.

It is the intention to commence this work at once, and to get it under way a new supervisor has been named in place of Ed. Baldwin, who is too busily engaged in his harvest fields to give the attention to the roads they should receive. — Durst has been appointed and has entered upon the discharge of his duties. The first work will be repairing the decking of the old Crow creek bridge. This will be only for the purpose of making it safe during the time the new bridge at that point is being completed, and another bridge is to be put in near Wes. Lee's, at which point the culvert now in use is in a deplorable condition. Other bridges will be built or repaired as necessary. The lane leading north from Ronan will be widened and graded, thus making a good road where it is now almost impossible to travel at all.

Mr. McQuarrie will stay right on the job until all the work is well under way, and in fact, will give it his special attention. He recognizes the situation and says that the roads will be fixed up satisfactorily before they are through this time. This action on the part of the board will receive commendation on all sides. The expenditure of the money will be in a direction to be remunerative to every branch of industry in this section, and will remove the one subject of considerable criticism offered by so many visitors to this valley.

Heretofore it has kept one busy apologizing to strangers about the roads in the valley. They have been told that without story that the "roads were to be fixed up right away" so long that some of us were becoming afraid to use it much longer, and to realize that it is no longer a figure of speech is certainly a relief.

The road to Dixon via Moiese valley is now an assured fact. The bridge across Crow creek at the upper end of Moiese valley is now being decked and the grading of the approaches will soon be finished. This will give the people west of Ronan a good road to the railroad, and the people of Moiese a good road to Ronan, which has been needed for so long.

Feeder roads running north and south from town will be viewed and located, so that residents in that section may know where highways are to be finally established. This will be of much benefit, and will prevent roads being fenced up where it would greatly inconvenience the many settlers.

Taken altogether, the work undertaken by the board is very satisfactory to all the people of the Mission valley, and the Pioneer congratulates all concerned in the movement for good roads.

Shooting at Polson

A serious shooting affray occurred at Polson on the morning of the 7th, at about two o'clock. It appears that the U. S. revenue officers had been watching for the return of a barge on the lake

which was suspected of carrying liquor contrary to law, and while keeping observation of the boat, saw it circle several times around the landing, without any lights except to flash what they considered signals, and finally a boat was seen approaching the landing. G. A. Larson, the special U. S. officer, says that upon the occupant of the boat, a man named J. Larson, arriving at the deck, he was called upon to throw up his hands. Twice was the order repeated, and no attention to the command being given, but a demonstration being made as if to pull a gun, the officer fired, striking Larson in the right shoulder. At the time it was thought he was fatally wounded but later developments showed that the wound was only painful and Larson is now up and around.

The officers claim to have evidence that on a night or two previous several gallons of whiskey were unloaded from a boat, and suspecting that an attempt was being made to repeat the performance, were on watch to catch the traffickers in this fluid. Considerable excitement was caused at Polson, and some loud talk indulged in by some who were not exactly informed as to the situation.

It can be said however that no liquor was found in Larson's boat, and if he was engaged in landing the whiskey, no direct evidence was found.

Word was received in Ronan yesterday that the U. S. officers had arrested Larson, charging him with introducing liquor onto the reservation, and had unearched 19 quart bottles of whiskey which they charge he brought to Polson on the night he was shot. Another party was also arrested, charged with being engaged with Larson, and sufficient evidence is held by the officers to warrant his conviction. Under the circumstances it cannot be charged that the officers were to blame entirely in his being wounded.

Good Eating, Too.

The Pioneer has been particularly fortunate this week. In the first instance, Wm. Arnold, an old Wyoming friend, living northeast of town, brought in a sack of new potatoes and some fine turnips, and then along comes Col. Denny, mention of which is made in another column, and Wednesday Julius Rinke brought in a lot more vegetables. This last bunch is a revelation, as it was generally supposed the country in which he raised them, directly west nearly to the Flathead river, was so dry that nothing of this kind could be produced. His turnips, beets, carrots, etc., are of mammoth proportions and would take blue ribbons anywhere. Mr. Rinke says he has some early cabbage that would weigh seven or eight pounds, but that the hail the other day completely stripped them of outer leaves and left them ready for cooking. He reports some damage also to his grain crop, but not so much as at first supposed.

\$100.00 Reward

Will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who cut the wire fence on my premises 7 miles west of Ronan, Monday night, Aug. 7.

F. D. CRIFFIN.