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The death of Former Senator Carter in Washington last Sunday came as a shock to his many friends in Montana. It was not known that he was ailing and news of his death was hard to believe. By his death one of the leading and foremost politicians of the state and nation has passed away and it means a new alignment politically in Montana. Around Senator Carter centered the greatest number of active politicians in the state, and it being known that measures were being taken to return him to the senate again at the expiration of Senator Dixon's term, necessarily means a change of program, and upon whom the mantle will fall is at this time merely problematical. Just what effect it will have on the political fortunes of Senator Dixon can only be surmised. It may be that the opposition the senior senator will meet will not be as aggressive as in the past, and it may be that some other person will be the recipient of the strong following of the dead chieftain. Time alone will tell.

The electric line from Missoula to Ronan and other points in the Mission valley is now the most cherished desire of all Missoula boosters. Such a line means more to Missoula business interests than any other development enterprise in that city's territory and it will be no fault of the business men of that city if the road is not in operation before the close of another year. Mission valley people are in a receptive mood and will lend every encouragement within their power.

It is only necessary to get outside the confines of the Flathead country to realize and know that all eyes are on Ronan and the Mission valley. The Mission valley is looked upon and recognized as the largest, best and most productive in the state and Ronan is conceded by all to be the metropolis and business center. Our people do not half appreciate what they now have and what the near future will bring them.

School of Agriculture

The School of Agriculture offered by the Montana Agricultural college, opens October 10th and extends through three years of six months each. It comes during the winter season when the young men can be spared from the farm work. For entrance to this course, students must have passed the eighth grade or its equivalent. Young men 21 years of age or over will be admitted to the course without having completed the eighth grade in the public school, provided they have had some practical work upon the farm.

The work in the School of Agriculture is made as practical as possible. The students are allowed to secure a great deal of actual experience in farming. They become familiar with the different breeds of livestock and the different varieties of grains and grasses. A large amount of experience in judging both grain and live stock is given.

Briefly, the School of Agriculture has for its specific purpose the training of the younger generation in such a way that the term "farming" will mean a pleasure and a profitable source of income.

No tuition is charged. The

students are asked only to pay a small fee to cover some of the laboratory materials. Board and room may be had at from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per week. Students completing this course will be able to take positions as farm managers, butter makers or any other agricultural or commercial position.

Anyone desiring further information relative to this course should address H. F. Patterson, Principal School of Agriculture, Bozeman, Montana.

Moiese Valley and Dixon

Mrs. W. A. Clark returned home Saturday from Missoula and Stevensville.

Mrs. James H. Pritchard spent a few days of last week in Ronan with friends.

John Dale of Missoula spent several days of last week on his claim north of Dixon.

Gordon J. Geiger arrived in Dixon Friday to visit his mother and sisters in Moiese valley.

Ernest Barton returned to Moiese valley Saturday from Idaho where he has been employed the past few months.

Moiese valley settlers have finished threshing and all are well pleased with the results of their first crops.

Leslie Young, who has been the guest of Miss Kreis north of Dixon the past few months, departed for his home in Centralia, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Swope are spending the week touring the reservation and before returning will visit in Ronan, Polson and Kalispell.

Mrs. Ida J. Geiger and daughters Harriette and Grace, drove to Polson Thursday and visited in Kalispell returning to Moiese Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Blackmon and daughter Margaret departed from Dixon on Thursday for their home at Payneville, Ohio, after fourteen months residence on their claim in Moiese valley.

Better Farming Next Season

There is a disposition among many of the Mission valley farmers to do better farming next year, at the expense of not having in so many acres. There are some comforting assurances in this determination. One is that it will demonstrate the possibilities of the land better than to half do too much farming and have the annual yield indicate that the land will not yield the returns it should. There will also be the saving in expense of farming more land than can be properly cultivated, and this will be quite an item.

Several farmers have remarked that hereafter they did not intend to disc in any more wheat on stubble land, but would plow the land thoroughly, even if they did not succeed in sowing the number of acres they have heretofore. As one farmer said, he would rather have 160 acres of wheat in where he had plowed the ground than twice that amount only indifferently done.

The yield per acre all over the valley this year will not be much beyond 25 bushels, while in many cases individual fields yielded better than 35 bushels per acre. But when the yield is averaged with that stubbled in, it is much

lower than it would be had it all been properly farmed.

Many of the most successful farmers say that summer fallowed land is much more profitable and that it is a question with them if it would not be better all around to summer fallow more than they do. The grain is better, the yield more satisfactory and the returns bring in the money. From this it may be said that the farming of the valley will steadily improve and the production per acre will increase correspondingly.

Bitter Root Apples Best

J. H. Steinhardt of New York city, whose firm is the largest buyers of apples in the world, was in Missoula this week and while there made an apple buying trip to the Bitter Root orchard district. After his return to Missoula he said:

"It has been a wonderful day for me," said Mr. Steinhardt. "I have seen the finest apples I have ever seen in my life. Your Wealthy's and McIntosh's are, without question, the best in the world. I say this advisedly. I mean just what I say. Your red apples are better than the famous Rogue river and Yakima apples. The fruit I saw today was perfect fruit. And the quantity is no less a surprise to me than the quality. The extent of the valley is a revelation to me.

"I have bought a good many apples today. This shipment will be the first carload of Bitter Root apples that ever came into New York. I handled a carload of Bitter Root cherries last month and they were the finest cherries that ever came to New York. Bitter Root cherries are the best in the world.

"I am trying out the Bitter Root. If these apples come through all right as to packing and shipping, I am ready to buy all the apples you have. I know the fruit is right. If it is handled right there is a ready market for everything you grow.

"What is needed here more than anything else is experience in packing and shipping. It would pay your chamber of commerce to start a packing school here and, before the season begins, have your young men and women learn how to prepare apples for the market.

"Then your growers must organize. They can never make a success of marketing their apples individually; they must form an association. They must organize and establish a uniform pack for the whole Bitter Root; they must adhere to the adopted system of sorting and packing and must ship as a union. Then there will be no trouble in finding a market.

"Last year we bought more than 500,000 boxes of apples in Hood river and there was no one of them rejected. You can establish the same system here, if you will. Your growers must get together and must pack right. You have the best apples in the world and it is your own fault if you do not get the best market in the world. It is waiting for you.

"The Bitter Root should grow more cherries. There is nothing raised anywhere else in the world that compares with the Bitter Root cherry. Your orchards should produce more pears than they do. Your pears are on par with the rest of your fruit. Ship such apples and pears as I have seen today and you can command the markets.

"Your orchards are clean and your people deserve commendation for their efforts in this direction. They have been successful and you people do not realize how much you owe to the men who have kept the orchards clean."

This opinion from so eminent authority is worth much to the Bitter Root. No more enthusiastic eulogium was ever delivered upon the Bitter Root apple and no more sound advice was ever given than that contained in the suggestions made by the visitor who backed his opinion by the liberal purchase of apples in every orchard he visited.

Word was received in Ronan by telephone this morning that reciprocity between Canada and the United States was defeated in the election held throughout Canada yesterday.

For Sale.
Turkey Red seed wheat, 75 cents per bushel and sacks free. This wheat was grown from the best seed obtainable last year and cost me \$1.00 per bu. After the hail threshed out a portion of it, Hostetler finished up, getting an average of 34 bushels per acre. Milling companies have graded it No. 1.
G. S. COLEMAN,
Ronan, Mont.

The Little Store With the Big Stock

Just received a shipment of REAL hand painted china, just the thing for that new home you are furnishing. If your home is furnished, then buy your wife a piece for a present. She will appreciate it.

Long evenings are approaching. Buy an Edison phonograph to chase away the long hours. If you own an Edison, then come in and buy new records for it. We have just received a fine lot of new ones.

Agent for Missoula Nursery

Come in order your Trees

Fresh Fruit all the time. Try some and put it up for winter

Now is the time to buy a new buggy. We have them as follows:

Single light buggy.....	\$ 60 00	Wagons, steel trucks.....	\$ 35 00
.. heavy ..	75 00	.. low trucks.....	65 00
.. top buggy ..	115 00	Wagon boxes.....	20 00
Double 2-seated buggy.....	75 00	.. 2 1/2 inch, complete.....	75 00
.. light buggy.....	70 00		
.. top surry.....	175 00		

Some of Our Prices:

Imported Rugs from 85c to..... \$ 2 50
Negligee Shirts from 60c to..... 2 50

Dress Shirts—Fancy French Cuffs, new style buttons, latest in stitching and button pockets. Prices to suit all purses.

Men's, Ladies, Boys, Girls and Children's Dress Shoes in latest styles and patterns.

Have just received a fine line of All Wool "Sax" Coats and sweaters ranging in price from \$7.00 to..... **\$3.50**

School Supplies

All kinds of Tablets, Composition Books, Spelling Books, Speakers, Pens, Pencils, Inks, Erasers, Rulers, Pencil Boxes and Sharpens at popular prices. Call and see before you buy.

M. J. Benedict's

Offers an Auto For a Name

In Detroit they are looking for a name for their annual water carnival. A handsome new Flanders automobile is to be awarded to the person suggesting the best name. There are no strings tied to this offer—a few minutes of thought and a little originality and the auto may be yours. The contest is open to people everywhere.

The City of the Straits is ideally situated for a gigantic water fete such as is proposed. The beautiful Detroit river with its crystal clear water flows by on its way to Lake Erie, only sixteen miles away. Lying right opposite Detroit is her renowned fairy-land, Belle Isle, a great island park, which is generally conceded to be the most beautiful in all the world. Up stream, just ten miles, is Lake St. Clair, and farther on, the Venice of America, Detroit's unique summer resort.

Detroit's water front is twenty-four miles in length, and across the river, Canada affords a similar stretch of water front. So, from the many vantage points, hundreds of thousands can see the magnificent river spectacle by day and by night. The carnival of 1912 will be held during the week of July 24th. The Detroit Board of Commerce appreciates the magnitude of this event and so has offered the Flanders car as a prize. The name must be "catchy" and in some way characteristic of Detroit. The contest closes October 16th, and all names must be sent to the Contest Committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce, Detroit, Michigan.

LISTEN! That's the fire bell. Whose house? whose barn? whose grain? It may be your's. **IS IT INSURED?** That is the first thought we all have when fire breaks out.

Come in to-day and talk this Insurance business over with us. Perhaps you do not know—

1. That we represent some of the best INSURANCE COMPANIES in this country.
2. That we are making a study of the Insurance business and are doing all we can to keep posted as to what each company is doing.
3. That we are in a position to know the financial standing and reputation of all the leading companies.
4. That we could not afford, even if we wanted to do so, to insure you in anything but a first-class company. Our reputation is at stake.
5. That in case of loss we are right here on the ground to see that you get fair and just treatment.
6. That we write the policy right here at home, so your insurance begins at once. That we will meet the rate of any company whose responsibility is equal to those we represent.
7. That our companies are carrying two-thirds of the business on the reservation.
8. That whenever any of our companies have had a loss in this vicinity they have always been paid with the highest degree of satisfaction to the insured.
9. That we insure furniture, houses, grain, etc.

Ronan State Bank

RONAN, MONT.

Reservation Land and Lumber Company

Our stock of lumber and other building material is now about complete. We have received

One Straight Carload

of Inside Fir Finish. See it. It's fine. We want the people of Ronan to have the best the market can show.

We Carry:

Lumber, Lath and Lime; Brick, Cement and Stucko; Sash and Doors and Building Paper; and other things too numerous to be forgotten.

Remember Roofing

We can sell you materials from the Ravalli yard and save you the cost of hauling.

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