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MORE PROFITS FOR FARMERS

Surpassing previous successes in the number in attendance and in the interest shown, especially in the number in attendance from outside of Bozeman, the farmers' week at the State college closed last Saturday evening. Every part of the state was represented at the week's sessions.

Among the most successful features were the lectures and demonstrations in judging and handling livestock—horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry. Especially the demonstrations with good specimens of the living animals always attracted a crowd, and the lecture halls and judging pavilion were regularly crowded. The work and lectures of Prof. Thomas Shaw were especially enjoyed.

Another very successful feature was the illustrated work in home science, especially in cooking, done by Mrs. Nellie Kenzie Jones of Wisconsin, and members of the State college extension staff, Miss Katherine Jensen and Miss Augusta Evans. These ladies performed the cooking operations and described while they lectured, and allowed the spectators to prove the products by the eating. This last was always a popular feature.

The first day's feature was a discussion of the marketing of farm products, and Prof. C. E. Bassett of the U. S. department of agriculture was a very forceful and suggestive speaker in this, his special line. He left many valuable suggestions with the farmers.

One of the features which made the work of the week effective was a liberal use of lantern slides to illustrate many of the lectures, whereby many matters otherwise obscure were made perfectly clear. Charts and diagrams had been prepared also to illustrate many of the lectures given by the local experts, and these helped to make their work intelligible and interesting.

Lectures by Dr. O. H. Benson, in charge of the U. S. department of agriculture work among boys and girls, and by Prof. W. S. Thornber of Lewiston, Idaho, on the "City Fellow in Country Places," were particularly enjoyed by the audiences.

Four important organizations of the state took advantage of the farmers' week to hold annual meetings in Bozeman, permitting their members to attend some of the work of farmers' week. These were the Montana Veterinary Medical association, the Montana bookkeepers, the Montana county superintendents of public instruction, and the Gallatin Sheepbreeders' association.

One of the most interesting features of the last day's sessions was the meat cutting demonstration under the charge of the department of animal industry, the cutting being done by John Kiefer, an expert local butcher. Sandwiches and coffee were served to the crowd in the hall at noon where the cutting took place. The steer and hogs which were cut up had been used in the judging demonstrations early in the week, when estimates had been made of the weight of dressed meat in each animal.

One fact brought out in the

comment of the farmers who attended was the high regard in which the agricultural experts of the State college is held. The visitors found in many cases that the more interesting and practical material was furnished by the men who have studied Montana problems at first hand and whose residence and experience in the state have shown them exactly what is needed. The establishment of friendly personal relations between the farmers of the state and the College and experiment station workers, furthered by the farmers' institutes, the college and station publications, and the annual farmers' week at the college, are meaning much in the advance of scientific and profitable farming in Montana.

The Dacia

Newspaper readers will watch with interest the outcome of the sailing of the Dacia for Rotterdam. The ship carries cotton, the final destination of which is Berlin, and the value of the cargo is close to a million dollars. More or less directly involved in the fate of the Dacia is that of the ship purchase bill of President Wilson, says the Helena Record.

This German ship, interned in a Texas port, purchased by a German-American citizen, sails for Rotterdam flying the American flag. Great Britain declares she will seize the vessel and take it before a prize court, but, as a matter of courtesy to the owners of the cargo, will send the cotton on to Germany free of charge. The American war risk bureau has insured the cargo.

Great Britain bluntly declares that the transfer to American registry, under the circumstances, is invalid. But the real motive of her action is that her acceptance of the Dacia as a bona fide American ship would be construed as a precedent under which the United States might buy the huge vessels interned at New York and supply Germany with \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 to prosecute the war.

One cause of suspicion, perhaps, is that inception of the Wilson shipping plan is credited to German-American banking interests in New York, and that its strongest supporter is Paul M. Warburg, formerly of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., president Wilson's appointee to the federal reserve board and a close confidant of Secretary McAdoo.

Mr. Warburg is a native of Hamburg and has been an American citizen only a short time. This is no just reason for doubting his neutrality, perhaps, but Great Britain has pointed out in other instances that Germany for years has been putting able men in positions of power in foreign countries, and she frankly charges the Dacia incident to German intrigue.

Politics Control

A new county has come into existence and it gives the republican members of the state senate control of that branch of the legislature.—Butte Miner.

The above is one paragraph from an editorial in a recent issue of the Miner in which it opposed the organization of the county. Had the people of the new county returned a democrat senator and a democrat representative the Miner would look at it differently. In other words, the political complexion of the territory to be included in a new county is to be the basis of fitness.

Senate Committee Favors Reduction

Another piece of good news from Washington for some of the homesteaders on the reservation is the action taken by the senate public lands committee on January 27th, when it reported favorably upon Senator Myers' bill providing that in instance where the lands within the former Flathead Indian reservation have been reappraised, persons who had settled upon the lands prior to the reappraisal shall not be required to pay more for the lands than the rate per acre fixed by the original appraisal. The original appraisements averaged \$7.00 per acre, while the reappraisements ran as high as \$30.

A great many pieces of land were filed on around Ronan, or applied for, prior to the reappraisal, and the applicants at the time expected to pay in proportion to the appraised value of similar lands adjoining, but not in excess of \$7.00 per acre, the maximum price of the original appraisal. But the commission appointed to appraise these tracts placed a higher value on most every tract, running from \$12 to as high as \$30 per acre. Senator Myers' attention was called to the injustice of this appraisal and his efforts toward remedial legislation have resulted in the action taken by the senate committee. Its final passage will right a great wrong done a good many homesteaders on the reservation.

The public lands committee also reported favorably on the 640-acre homestead bill which has passed the house and which will enable persons to make entries of stock raising homesteads of not exceeding 640 acres each, and that instead of cultivation as required by the homestead laws, the entryman shall be required to make permanent improvements of not less than \$1.25 per acre. It is believed the bill will become a law at the present session of congress.

SOCIALIST PARTY VOTE WHITAKER OUT OF JOB

Missoula county socialists have voted to recall Sheriff Whitaker from office. The locals at Bonner, Stark and Missoula participated in the voting and 156 votes were cast, out of which number 123 voted for recall and 23 against. Whitaker is accused of disobedience.

The natural result of the voting would be the filing with the county commissioners of Sheriff Whitaker's undated resignation, now in the hands of the Missoula local.

Is It Too High?

County Clerk Babington's annual statement of the county finances for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1914, is an elaborate affair and shows the county's condition in every detail. The report is complete, apparently.

It shows, among other things, that during the year ending November 30th, Missoula county paid out for printing, stamps and stationery, the sum of \$12,184.86. Allowing 10 per cent of this amount for postage, which should be sufficient, it leaves a printing bill for the county of \$10,966.38, practically all of which was paid to the Missoulian. Is there any wonder why the old board of county commissioners were so anxious to make a two-year contract just before the new board went in office on January 1st? Do you wonder why the Missoulian espoused the cause of Frank Nelson? Is there any question about who it will support in 1916? Ten thousand a year is a pretty nice little rake off. Can the taxpayers of Missoula county say they like it?

Not So Radical

The Idaho legislature is about to pass a prohibition bill, but one not so drastic as proposed in Montana. Idaho's proposed law does not make it unlawful for persons to have liquor in their possession for their own use.

WAR-RIDDEN MEXICO HAS ANOTHER REVOLT

The latest news from Mexico announces that a movement directed against the Carranza and Villa elements has been launched by former supporters of the Diaz and Huerta regimes. The movement is said to have the support of many former wealthy land owners.

A decree has been issued by the Carranza military commander announcing "that all foreigners whose complicity and connivance with the enemy can be proven, will remain subject to the law of January 20, 1862, execution by firing squad."

Unfair to Newspapers

There are two proposed measures pending in the state senate and house which are so manifestly unfair to newspapers that every newspaper in the state most heartily should condemn them, and, what is more, the facts regarding them should be made so evident that the justice of the newspaper claim as to those measures' impropriety would be sanctioned by the entire state.

The bills in question relate to the giving of county printing contracts, their purpose being to make it possible to award such contracts to job printing offices not connected with newspaper establishments.

There are a thousand arguments that could be offered against such measures as those.

When a new community begins its career, is it the newspaper or the job office that first establishes itself in that new locality, being willing to share the town's ups and downs and lend its best efforts toward the upbuilding of the place?

It is the newspaper, of course. When the town is well established, when its business houses and other commercial enterprises are on a sound foundation and there is work to be secured in the printing line, then comes the job printing office to reap the benefit.

The newspaper is a most vital factor in the welfare of any community.

The job printing business in connection with newspaper publications often is a necessity and certainly deserving of every support.

The newspaper that works for welfare of city, county, state and nation, that comes to the front in any and every emergency for the benefit of the people, that fights many a battle for all citizens, certainly has the right to expect the support of the people with the distinct understanding, by all concerned, always well in mind that such support by no manner of means implies any tacit agreement as to newspaper influence.

And coming down to brass tacks along that same line, there are some business men right here in Butte who like to pat their home newspaper on the back and praise it when it is making some fight which happens to benefit their welfare, and who, without the home newspaper thus to fight for them, would stand as helpless as those persons in question always have in other contingencies, but who, for small, petty reasons, draw back from the support of the newspaper which unselfishly and vigorously can and does do them the most good.

There are some persons who continually prate of wanting justice from a newspaper, and if they would give the subject free and unprejudiced consideration, they would find that the newspaper gives them absolutely fair treatment and vastly kinder consideration than they ever think of accorded the newspaper.—Butte Miner.

Catholic Guild

The ladies of the Catholic Guild met on Thursday afternoon of last week with Miss Duplessis. This was the date for the annual election of officers and those chosen were: Miss Duplessis, president; Mrs. Sterling, vice-president, re-elected; Mrs. Grant, secretary-treasurer; re-elected.

After the election of officers and the transaction of other business, the ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch and spent an hour or so to visiting. The attendance was large indicating interest in the work for the coming year.

Through the Canal

President Wilson insists that he still expects to make his contemplated trip through the Panama canal to the San Francisco exposition in March, despite the report of Colonel Gotthels that he can not guarantee passage of battleships through the waterway. Colonel Gotthels says that ultimately the slides will be cleared away and that there will be no permanent interference with traffic.

Socialist Officers Fired

Mayor Getchell of Missoula on Monday removed from office City Treasurer Frank C. Hall and City Engineer H. E. Rolfe. Both these officers have been active in the socialist party in opposing Getchell and Alderman Hodson and their removal, according to the mayor, is for the "good of the service."

By an overwhelming vote of people effected, Phillips county was created last Tuesday out of parts of Valley and Blaine counties. Malta is the county seat.

SENATE PASSES

ANNIN MEASURE

The Annin measure, providing for a constitutional amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale or introduction of liquor in Montana, was passed by the state senate in committee of the whole last Tuesday. The bill, as amended, allows wine for sacramental purposes and ceremonial uses of lodges, and alcohol for scientific purposes, to be introduced into the state.

Under the bill, if approved by the voters, prohibition will go into effect on December 31, 1918. As amended in the senate, the measure is considerably less drastic than as reported from the committee and more lenient than Annin intended.

A measure similar in character, except that it is not intended to make it an amendment to the constitution, has passed the house and will soon be before the senate. That a strong effort is being made to put Montana in the dry column is certain.

Round Butte Items

Mrs. and Mrs. Earl Spencer returned home last Saturday from Fromberg, Montana, where they have been spending a few months visiting with Mr. Spencer's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sanford were guests at the Langhoff home Sunday last.

The Round Butte ladies aid met with Mrs. Bert Murray last Wednesday. Mrs. Langhoff gathered the ladies with a sled. Those who enjoyed the sleigh ride were Mesdames Sanford, Joyce, Richardson and Shetler. A very delightful lunch was served and the meeting enjoyed by all.

Preaching services at the Round Butte church Feb. 7th.

Quite a number of farmers along Mud creek are putting up ice.

Round Butte Aid No. 1 will meet with Mrs. J. J. Smith Feb. 10.

Stanlius Otto has commenced to dig a well. If he should have good luck in getting water it might get some of his neighbors in the same notion and do away with hauling water. Nothing like trying your luck.

Ask For Appropriation

Representative Mason of Ronan and Representative Mansur of Polson jointly introduced a memorial to congress in the Montana house urging the passage of Senator Myers' bill granting \$500,000 for reclamation work on the Flathead. The memorial went through without opposition and copies of it will be sent by the secretary of state to the president, the secretary of the interior and to our senators and representatives in congress.

Fifth Annual Guild Dance

The ladies of the Catholic Guild announce their fifth annual dance for Saturday evening, February 13th, at the Ronan opera house. Arrangements are being made for a grand time. The very best of music will be provided and refreshments served. You are cordially invited to be present and enjoy yourself.