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## MAKING READY FOR BIG SHOW

The biggest thing ever attempted in Western Montana. That is the term used by the committee in charge of the Missoula Stampede and it is the belief of the members of this committee that every visitor in the city during the celebration will agree to this. The big thing, of course, is the show itself. There are few people in western Montana who realize how much real money is being paid out to stage this performance which is going to eclipse anything of its kind ever held in the northwest. The Stampede is not going to be a local show insofar as its performers are concerned, although there will be many western Montana entries. That is certain as the inquiries for prize lists and entry blanks have been coming thick and fast. And it is not outside of the realm of reason that some of the big prizes may be taken by local men. Western Montana has some first class cow boys and the stars will have to let themselves out a notch to beat the talent which will be produced by this section of the state.

However, one thing is certain and that is that the best in the United States is to be on exhibition here. The Weer brothers are acknowledged to be as good as anything can be in the steer roping line. These men who have won at many wild west competitive shows, will probably be entered here as they have made inquiry concerning the show and have requested information concerning their particular event, the steer-roping contest. The management hopes to announce within a short time that they will participate. In all other lines the best in the country is already represented. As stated in the beginning the big event will be the Stampede, but the committee is planning on making each day a hummer from morning till night. The definite time for all of these entertainment features has not been set, but here are a few things which will be pulled off during the four days celebration. Arrangements have been practically completed for daily airplane flights in the latest model Martin biplane. This machine can carry four passengers and many thrilling stunts are to be executed by its operator. Among these will be illuminated flights in the evening. This event should prove a thriller all the way.

A state rifle tournament is to be held in this city during the four days of the celebration. The secretary of the local rifle club has already received assurance from ten teams that they will be present and the competition in this shoot should be keen. This event will be held on the Fort Missoula rifle range.

One of the features during the past two years have been the Indian dances. They promise to be better this year than ever before and if anything can be judged this far in advance it is practically certain that the best dancers and the most elaborate costumes on the reservation will be in Missoula this year.

There is to be no lack of music during the four days. In addition to the local band, which is a musical organization of class, the management has contracted with

the University of Wisconsin military band of 60 pieces and this organization will be here on the last two days of the Stampede. It is probable that still another band will be secured for the big days of the show.

On Monday, July 5, Missoula celebrates her fiftieth birthday. In commemoration of this event it is planned to stage an elaborate pageant on which work has already commenced. The plans for this big parade are being completed by A. L. Stone, E. S. Paxson, the artist, and Judge Frank Woody. All of these men are thoroughly conversant with the early history of Western Montana and this parade should be one worth seeing.

Then there will be Frontier town with its many attractions. It is the committee's plan to reproduce as nearly as possible the old frontier town which has passed into history. There are other entertainments outlined and the Missoula Stampede should prove to be one of the most entertaining celebrations ever staged and should amuse the people from early morning until they are ready to recuperate for another day.

### War Summary

Italy's entry in the war on the side of the allies is said to be only a matter of a few hours, if not already done. The Austrian and German ambassadors at Rome are leaving and troops of Italy and Austria are being massed at the border.

In the active fighting, both the allies and Germany claim successes on the western frontier, while in the eastern area the Russians have been routed and are on a general retreat, losing upwards of 100,000 men as prisoners.

Continued fighting is reported in the Dardanelles, but the Turks are stubbornly resisting every move of the allies, inflicting heavy losses. The allies claim to have made some progress.

President Wilson is awaiting Germany's reply to his note regarding the torpedoing of the Lusitania, which will probably not be received for a week. In the meantime, prospects of a rupture between this country and Germany are waning. The jingo will have spent his fury.

### NEW RECEIVER SELECTED FOR MISSOULA LAND OFFICE

It is announced that on June 30th, W. E. McMurray, a former member of the legislature from Ravalli county, will enter the U. S. land office at Missoula as receiver, succeeding R. W. Kemp, whose term expires on that date.

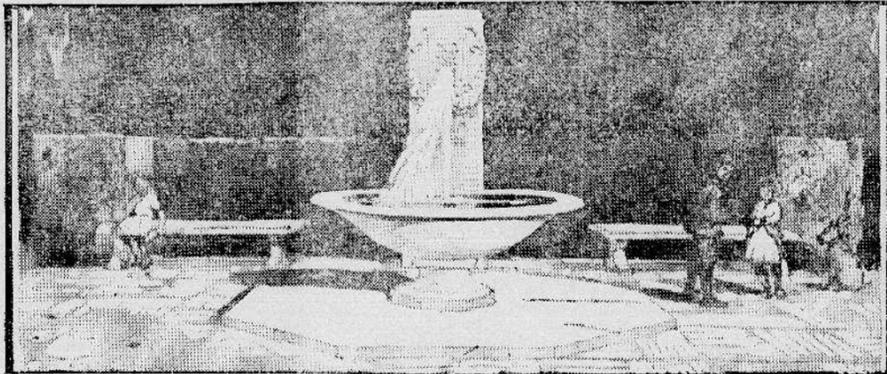
Mr. Kemp was appointed four years ago by President Taft and has made a good officer. He says he has not decided what field he will enter when retiring, but the first thing will be a few weeks of rest and gardening.

### Revolt in Portugal

Not to be outdone by her neighbors in Europe, Portugal is now at war with itself. Joao Chagas, president of the Portuguese cabinet, was shot on the 16th and died the next day. Lisbon has been bombarded by the warships and the loss of life has been heavy. Plans for the revolt, it is said, have been under way for many months.

Why send Christian missionaries to the Dark Continent? Europe offers a more pressing and inviting field.

## MEMORIAL TO WIRELESS HEROES.



Fountain to be dedicated in Battery park, New York city, April 15. Funds were collected from wireless operators inspired by memories of the Titanic's wireless men.

### MISSOULA EASY WINNER IN ANNUAL TRACK MEET

Out of a welter of mud and rain the wearers of Missoula country high school's purple and gold on Saturday emerged to victory over the fastest field that has ever competed in a Montana interscholastic meet.

Missoula men won an even 50 points during the meet. Flathead county ranked second with 36, and Butte third with 29. Five minutes before the end of the meet Flathead was well in the lead. Announcement of Missoula's clinching victories evoked one of the wildest outbursts the field has ever known, and put a glorious period after the meet.

Helena, though crowded out of the running in the meet itself, came in for a slice of the glory by winning the relay race in handy form. The runners from the capital splashed away from ten rival teams and finished with a good lead over Great Falls, runners up. Flathead's team ran fifth, Butte fourth and Gallatin third.

"Bud" Phelps, who steamed right along all afternoon with a lordly disdain for mud and rivals, brought Butte into the honor list by winning the three dashes and the individual championship.

As the capital prizes, so were the points in the meet proper more widely distributed than usual. Here is the way they finished:

Anaconda	10 1/2
Beaverhead	3
Belgrade	2
Butte	29
Custer	2
Fergus	3
Flathead	50
Gallatin	15
Granite	11
Great Falls	20
Hamilton	8
Havre	5
Helena	11
Missoula	50
Park	4
Polsen	4
Stevensville	9
Teton	4
Victor	13 1/2

### What is a Dairy Cow Worth?

Recently one of the progressive farmers of Flathead county purchased a purebred dairy cow, and paid \$135 for her. Being asked why he paid such a price for a cow he replied that it was the best investment he could make, as she would pay for in a year. This led us to do a little figuring. The result of our figuring shows that a cow of a good dairy type not only pays for herself, but reproduces herself each year.

A cow properly fed and cared for will be productive for ten years. In the ten years she will bring in at least seven calves, three of which may develop into as good animals as herself.

Assuming that the cow cost

\$100. She will yield \$100 worth of milk per year, which for ten years would amount to \$1,000; the three heifers would be worth \$300, while they would yield \$500 more in milk and probably \$500 additional in increase to the herd. The males from the additions to the herd would bring at least \$500 more, making a total of \$2,800 from an investment of \$100.

In the face of such a result, and we believe that it is a conservative estimate, it is beyond question the best investment any farmer can make.

It matters not if such a statement as the foregoing may sound chimerical and far fetched, the fact remains that in those localities where practical dairying prevails the farmers have become rich.

What has been done in other localities and in other states can be done right here in Flathead valley. Soil, water, climate—all are ideal for dairying, and all that is needed is for the farmers themselves to get together and organize a co-operative dairy association.

Why not get busy now?—Big Fork News.

### Round Butte Items

Preaching at the Round Butte church the first Sunday in June.

Mrs. Schoonover entertained the Round Butte Aid on Wednesday of this week.

There will be a pie social at the Round Butte church Friday evening, May 18th. Coffee will be served with the pie. All are welcome.

Round Butte Aid will meet with Mrs. Frank Bronson on June 2.

## OPENING GAME NEXT SUNDAY

The opening game of the baseball season on the Ronan diamond, will be played here next Sunday, the game starting at two o'clock sharp. The home boys will endeavor to redeem themselves after the awful drubbing received from the Mission Reds last Sunday. Practice orders have been in effect all week and the boys have been making headway. The team will also have some new material and the manager is confident that the team will be much stronger than a week ago.

At any rate, the game promises to be a good one, with considerable interest. The Reds will have their usual corps of rooters and Ronan should see that the home team is not without support.

### ANOTHER NEW RULING ON FLATHEAD FILINGS

Register McHaffie of the Missoula land office sends the Pioneer a new ruling of the general land office relating to the entry of lands on the reservation. It is a copy of letter "K" of May 13, 1915, and reads:

"You will observe that hereafter in the case of relinquished allotments for Flathead Indian lands, 60 days notice will be given before the relinquished lands shall be subject to settlement and entry. The lands will not be subject to settlement and entry, however, until they have been duly classified and appraised."

### School Notes

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,

The saddest are these, "Exams again."

Although our debaters did not return as winners against the Arlee team, we are, nevertheless, proud of the splendid showing they made.

The boys taking part in the track meet did splendidly. They competed against some boys who have had three and four years training and coaching, and still made a good showing. All said and done, those who went to Missoula for the meet came back very much elated over their trip and report a good time.

The proceeds from the ice cream social given by the Industrial club netted \$9.75.

This Friday is the great day at the Mission. This ends the school activities for three months.

### Dedicate New Farm Home

A party and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. John Kinnick at their new house last Saturday evening was universally declared to be the most pleasant affair of the season. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Mullis, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowdish, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Lavis, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dall, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Cook, Mrs. John R. Arvidson and Miss Esther Arvidson of Minn., Miss Ralie Juengling of Boston, Mrs. Minnie Holland, Misses Maybury, Carolyn Wolfe, Florence and Helen Haegg, Mayme McNamara, Velma Johns and Bessie Paulson. Messrs. Frank Anderson, Matt and Aksel Jager, Leonard Heisey, Wm. McGourty, Alfred and Reynold Bauer, Harold Haegg, Wm. Wolfe, Mark Turnquist, Ilo Whitney, Henry Booth, Sperry, Walsh, Stock, and Ben Johnson.

## LET EUROPE WAR WE WANT PEACE

In the heat of passion is not the time for deciding momentous questions, and especially if they involve the fate or the welfare of a nation. A wave of indignation is sweeping over this country because a foreign submarine has torpedoed and sunk a passenger ship loaded with 1,500 non-combatant women and children and men, many of whom were citizens of our own country. In their hour of anger thousands of good men have cried out for war as a retaliatory measure. But there comes a time when an hour of silent thought is more productive of beneficial humanitarian results than a life time of vilification and abuse heaped upon other heads. No amount of rage, no hasty action, can bring back the lives of those who went down with the Lusitania. But sober thought and a careful examination of our own internal conditions may save the lives of many thousands of Americans now living. Let us think before we act.

America is a nation of peace, and we ask only to be allowed to pursue an honorable course undeterred by others. We do not seek to dominate or even to interfere in the affairs of the old world, nor do we want to be dominated or interfered with by them. And yet a duty confronts the government of the United States, a duty which is imperative and must be met with courage and fortitude—the duty of safeguarding the lives and property of American citizens on the high seas. If that duty can be performed without involving the United States in a war with a foreign country, then it becomes the obvious duty of the president to seek a means to that end. For deadly war should be the court of last resort.

And while the president is seeking to uphold the dignity of the United States and protect our citizens without involving us in a disastrous war, it becomes our solemn duty as citizens to rally to his side, to present a united front, and to assure him of the loyal moral and material support of a nation of a hundred million souls. Any act short of this would be unpatriotic, un-American, and unworthy of any human being who claims the stars and stripes as his flag.

But there is yet another way in which we as citizens may well serve our country and materially strengthen the hands of our president. We have many naturalized citizens of German parentage in our midst, good men and true. Let us preserve toward them the sane attitude of fairness and friendship and good will, lest hasty words create discord and strife among our own citizens. Let us remember that when they came to us they became citizens of our country, and as loyal citizens let us continue to regard them. And let gentlemen of German birth rise equally to the occasion and remember that they are now American citizens, and refrain from criticism of the land of their adoption, the land that gives them food and shelter.

Then, if the inevitable comes and war is forced upon us it must come to our own shores, where it will find us a united people fighting staunchly in defense of right, justice and home.

Take an idle hour and think deeply of the welfare of your country. Dwell not upon the angry passion of today, but rather upon the higher plane of tomorrow, that the light of justice and reason may guide our footsteps in the path of honor.

And if war is forced upon us we will meet it as American manhood has met every crisis in its history.

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