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WIN MANY PRIZES AT PANAMA FAIR

It was good news received from San Francisco stating that Montana had won world honors for its agricultural display at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Mr. Frank Hazelbaker, secretary of the Montana commission, who has been in Frisco in charge of the Montana exhibit, immediately after the awards were announced on June 10, wired the result to his friends in Montana. His message said:

"The following awards for Montana in the agricultural department have been announced by the superior jury at the Panama-Pacific exposition: Grand prize for best cereals exhibited at exposition; nine medals of honor on wheat, oats, barley, flax, peas, grain and grasses; general agricultural products, 73 gold medals, 236 silver medals, 295 bronze medals and 100 honorable mention. The superior jury has not completed its work but supposition prevails that Montana has easily won more awards than any other state or foreign nation exhibiting in the agricultural department. Montana has accomplished this with an appropriation less than half that of any other state or nation exhibiting for awards in exposition palaces."

F. S. Lusk of Missoula, to whom the foregoing telegram was sent, and who is a member of the Montana commission, upon reading the joyful news, said: "This means more for the state of Montana than can be expressed in words."

"To have Montana—looked upon by a great majority of the people of the east as nothing but a rough, mountainous country, where we do nothing but raise sheep and dig after copper—win more agricultural prizes than any other state in the Union at this world exposition will give it a standing that could never be obtained in any other way."

Buying in Helena

It is commonly supposed that too much cannot be said about the desirability of buying at home and keeping the money of a community in the town or city where it is earned or produced.

But sometimes a newspaper is led to believe that it is doing an injustice to its readers by everlastingly asking them to patronize home merchants. Sometimes a newspaper gets into a position where it can see another side. Perhaps the consumers have something to say.

Of course the merchants are the friends of a newspaper—sometimes. They patronize it by buying its advertising space and by subscribing for the paper.

So the newspaper is supposed to be afraid to say anything about the merchants. And the ordinary consumers are thus pictured as offenders against the business life of the city because they buy things in other cities which could be bought at home.

But what about the merchants themselves? Do they buy of other merchants?

The editor of the Independent was shown indisputable evidence a short time ago that one of the big merchants of Helena has been buying his groceries outside of Helena. It is an established fact so far as the Independent is concerned. Yet this merchant will sit in commercial

club meetings and mouth about the necessity of the people buying at home.

The Independent has a payroll of \$65,000 per annum and the corporation itself buys a large amount of supplies in the city of Helena. Many of the bills of its employes come to the Independent office. A member of the Helena Typographical union kept track of the matter June 1, just for curiosity. Nine out of ten of the bills rendered the Independent and its employes came in envelopes printed by the government of the United States.

What do you think of that? One big store, where the Independent and many of its employes buy supplies each month, not only sends its bills in government envelopes, but renders its bills to Helena printers, publishers and newspaper makers on bill heads printed at a cheap shop down in Minnesota.

What do you think of that, Mr. Commercial Club Member?

It is very beautiful to have a newspaper everlastingly hammering the ordinary common people about buying in Helena, but why in the name of heaven be so inconsistent about it?

Why beg Helena people to trade with you, Mr. Merchant, then send them their bills on stationery printed in Minnesota and enclosed in envelopes printed by the government of the United States, which never bought a thing of you since the Liberty Bell rang and never will until the country is swallowed up in chaos and night?

The people are onto some of the merchants in Helena. That is why they send to the mail order houses in the east. They follow the example of the Helena merchant who sends away for everything he does not keep in stock himself.

The "Montana Made" movement was a great thing. They preached it to beat the band. Then we saw the organizer of the proposition open up a store and fill it with candy made in Milwaukee, Chicago and Kankakee—anything to keep from selling Helena or Montana made candy.

Beautiful dreams, home patronage, Montana made, buy at home and help your neighbor and he will help you.

May they some day come true—they are as misty now as the Brotherhood of Man.—Helena Independent.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the State of Montana Advancement association was held at its office in Helena, Tuesday, June 8th, 1915. Mr. J. R. Woodard of Roundup, Mont., was elected president, and Mr. H. G. Miller of Kalispell, vice president. The following members were appointed as the executive committee:

J. E. Woodard, chairman, Roundup, Montana; I. D. O'Donnell, Billings; H. G. Miller, Kalispell; Patrick Carney, Waterloo; C. H. Auston, Great Falls; John Gillie, Butte; H. S. Gunn, Helena; F. T. Sterling, Missoula.

At a meeting of the executive committee, Mr. B. T. Stanton of Bozeman, was appointed secretary of the association, and Mr. E. W. Prosser of Helena, treasurer.

It is announced that the Ronan ball team will play Polson next Sunday on the Polson diamond. Two or three of Ronan's players are away but it is believed their places can be satisfactorily filled. The games so far this year with Polson stand one and one and the game Sunday will be the rubber. It will be some game.



Inculcation of Peace Should Be Made a Part of Our Positive National Program

By GEORGE FRED WILLIAMS, Former
Minister to Greece

THE terrible contest of Europe makes it plain that peace can no longer be treated as the mere restraint of war, the mere negation of violence. It must appear as a positive entity, essential to the progress of humanity. INVOLVING A DEFINITE NATIONAL PROGRAM, WELL ORDERED MACHINERY AND A PROPAGANDA WHICH SHALL BELONG TO LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES.

I suggest the creation of a secretary for peace to take his place in the cabinet with the secretaries for war and navy. I can conceive no way in which the peace forces of the United States may better impress the world with the earnestness of our mission for the brotherhood of nations. Such a secretary could be the constructive official agent for the organization of a plan of international co-operation and the establishment of an enforceable international code in place of the present elusive voluntary arrangements called international law.

HERE WOULD BE A DEPARTMENT OF CONCILIATION FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN DISPUTES, A TRIBUNE OF THE PEOPLE TO AVERT THE HORRORS OF WAR, A GUARANTY TO OUR NEIGHBORS THAT PEACE IS A PART OF OUR POSITIVE NATIONAL PROGRAM.

If we make peace as positive a policy as harbor improvements or the conduct of the postoffice we may ourselves root out and help Europe to root out the upas tree of secret diplomacy.

LAND PRODUCTS SHOW GREATEST IN THE WORLD

In open competition with every state in the union and every country in the world, Montana received the Grand Prize for cereal grains exhibited at the Panama-Pacific exposition, and in addition, a total of 513 medals on general agricultural products, more than was awarded to any other state or nation.

If there are any Montana citizens who hitherto have been doubtful as to the resources of their own state, this should be a convincing argument. The winning of this momentous prize, should and will, bring into the state thousands of land hungry individuals from every section of the United States who are looking for a country of bigger yields and cheaper lands than in the congested commonwealths of the east.

At the Montana State Fair last fall there were nearly 6,000 agricultural exhibits; more than the total shown at the state fairs of Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois, and of greater variety. The major portion of the exhibit which won the world prize for Montana at the Panama-Pacific exposition was collected through the medium of the Montana state fair, and this convincing evidence that the Montana state fair is one of the greatest Land Products shows in the world.

The Montana winning at San Francisco and the magnificent crop outlook for this state should induce exhibitors at the state fair to outdo their former efforts, and encourage many who have never exhibited to get in line this fall and help build for a greater state.

This is Montana's year and every Montanan should make the most of it.

We have a healthy respect and a high regard for the man or woman who has something good to say of others. We are all too prone to magnify the defects and forget the good qualities of our friends and neighbors, apparently forgetful of the fact that there is good in all people, and that a little assistance and encouragement will oftentimes bring to the surface sterling qualities that have lain dormant for years. Speak the good word.

SCHOOL PICNIC GATHERING DECLARE FOR CONSOLIDATION

Although the weather was not favorable, still the attendance at the school picnic last Thursday was quite large and included patrons of every school in the north end of the district. After the crowd had gathered the lunches were spread and all enjoyed a sumptuous picnic dinner.

Prof. Tenny, state superintendent of rural schools, addressed the gathering, the drift of his remarks being favorable to the consolidation of country schools where conditions will permit. He was followed by other speakers representing the various schools in the country west of Ronan, some favoring and some opposing consolidation. After a very thorough discussion of the subject a vote was taken which resulted in the gathering favoring consolidation.

Mr. H. A. Kaiser was selected as chairman of a committee of ways and means and empowered with authority to appoint the balance of the committee, consisting of two members from each school—Hillside, Fairview, Grandview, Glacierview and Mud creek.

This committee will report later and upon their findings some definite action will be taken.

Will Let Contract

The reclamation service will let a contract on June 30th for the construction of one and one-half miles of laterals involving some 6,000 cubic yards of excavating, 41 cubic yards of concrete, 160 square yards of paving, the placing of about 2,500 pounds of reinforcing steel and the laying of about 130 linear feet of concrete pipe. The work is located about 12 miles northwest of Ronan. Particulars may be had from the reclamation office at St. Ignatius, at which place the bids will be opened on the date named.

Polson's Sunday Celebration

Quite a delegation from Ronan attended the festivities in Polson last Sunday. An excursion came down over the lake from Kalispell, bringing a 70-piece kid band, a host of people and the Big Fork ball team. The band was a decided novelty and gave the crowd some excellent music. All were uniformed in white, led by a drum major probably five years old. Visitors really enjoyed the band and the music and Kalispell may feel justly proud of this organization.

The ball game was close and those who were lucky enough to see it say it was good. However, only those who were able to force their way through the crowd and reach the inside of the diamond got to see any of it except an occasional high fly. The final score was Big Fork 3, Polson 4.

After the ball game several exhibitions of rough riding were given and a couple of horse races pulled off.

Home Grown Berries

John Llewellyn of Leon, brought in several gallons of fine home grown strawberries last Monday and these were followed by others every day. In flavor they exceed any of the foreign berries received here this season, and the fact that they are fresh from the vines insures a splendid condition. Mr. Llewellyn will have a good crop this year and he expects to have them for about a month.

In addition to the berries, Mr. Llewellyn brought in a bunch of evergrowing strawberry plants, which the Pioneer man has set out in his field in the outskirts of Ronan. Last year Mr. Llewellyn got a few plants at a cost of \$2.50 for 25, and from these he has a splendid producing bed this year. The plants brought in were loaded with berries and he expects his bed to produce berries from now until Christmas, and advises everybody to put out a small bed of this delicious fruit.

Irish Home Burns

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Irish, on the ranch northeast of Ronan, burned last Friday morning about two o'clock. Mr. Irish was away at the time on a trip to the east side of the mountains. The family attended the school picnic at the mouth of Mud creek on Thursday, arriving home late that evening. After reaching home a fire was made to prepare a lunch, after which the family retired.

Mrs. Irish was awakened about two o'clock by the smoke and cracking of the flames, but only in time to awaken the others and get them out. Very little was saved and the house and practically all the contents went up in smoke. It is believed the fire started from the stove pipe. Mr. Irish carried \$1,000 insurance.

Opposed to Consolidation

At a meeting of the Glacierview Social club held on Sunday, June 13, at the Glacierview school house, the following were elected as the board of trustees for the coming year: James Farrow, J. J. Rogers and J. F. Pfeiffer.

After the election, the question of consolidation of schools was discussed. Arguments for and against consolidation as outlined at the recent meeting at Crow creek were submitted and on a vote being taken consolidation was defeated by a vote of 14 to 1.—Signed: James Farrow, J. J. Rogers, J. F. Pfeiffer, trustees.

Good words travel slowly, but scandal has many wings.

WHEN THE FARMER COMES TO TOWN

How do you greet the farmer when he comes to town? Is your greeting such that he feels that he is with us, but not of us? Or is he made to feel that he is in his town, among his people, and with his friends?

The making or the marring of this town depends greatly upon your attitude toward the farmer when he favors us with his visits. He is the backbone of the community, and without his aid and encouragement we would be an unsuccessful business community. The townsman is no better than the man from the farm, and the farmer can claim no superiority over the townsman. We are all human beings, with the same aims and purposes in life, and endowed with the same brands of intelligence. In fact, we are brothers of a common community, the only difference being that the one lives in town, where life is a little more diversified, while the other breathes God's pure air in the green fields of the country.

When we ride out into the country the farmer extends the hand of fellowship, bids us welcome, and hands us a hearty "come again." It is a delightful characteristic of the man from the farm, for his greeting is sincere and his invitation is from the heart.

But what of us when the farmer comes to town? Is our welcome on the same high plane as his? Is he made to feel and realize that our smile is for HIM, and not for the contents of his purse? We of the town are proud of the farmers of this community, and of their wives and daughters. They are men and women of a high order of intelligence, whose integrity is beyond question, and whose thrift, and energy and perseverance is transforming our countryside into a hive of industry and wealth. They are builders, one and all.

But we fear that we of the town are often forgetful of the great duty we owe to them for their loyalty and generosity in support of the local business community. We ourselves know of the high regard in which we hold the farmers of this community, but we doubt if the farmer knows of the warm sentiment which we entertain toward him.

And this is because we think much and say too little. Let us of the town cultivate a more friendly and neighborly spirit, let us open up our hearts that the farmer may look within, for we are but one big family and should dwell together in unity and brotherly love.

Let us act as we feel, and give the farmer to understand that he is of us, as well as with us. We need each other, for a prosperous farming community makes a live town, and the prosperity of the town adds life and enjoyment the countryside.

We Want Light

The Helena Independent offers \$50 in gold to the Montana editor who raises the best bushel of potatoes this summer and exhibits the said bushel at the state fair. Now we want to know if it makes any difference whether it is more than a bushel, or if it must be just one bushel. We dislike very much to cut any of our potatoes down to that size.