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COLONEL AGREES TO ENTER RACE

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 23.—Theodore Roosevelt followed his hat into the presidential ring when in unequivocal language he accepted the offer of the Roosevelt Republican committee, represented in thirty states, headed by former Secretary of the Navy George von L. Meyer, to work for his nomination by the Republican national convention.

In accepting the offer voiced by Mr. Meyer, Colonel Roosevelt paid his respects to the candidacy of Justice Hughes.

While he did not refer to the justice by name there was no room for doubt in the mind of his hearers as to whom he had in mind.

With Mr. Meyer came more than a score of Republicans who had joined in the movement to organize Republican efforts in his behalf. With him also came a delegation of the "home folks," including the local station agent, H. L. Marsh.

Colonel Roosevelt received them in the north room at Sagamore Hill, where amidst the trophies of the chase and souvenirs from all parts of the world they awaited him.

Meyer Pops the Question.

Secretary Meyer got down to business quickly, saying that the colonel "better than any other man is listened to and trusted by the great mass of the people."

In reply Colonel Roosevelt said: "I am naturally very deeply touched and pleased by your action. I accept it absolutely in the spirit in which you have taken it. You are for me because you regard me as presenting and embodying the aggressive movement for thorough going Americanism and thorough going preparedness."

"Your devotion is to the cause and to the man only in so far as he for the time being embodies the cause. This is precisely the attitude I took in my Trinidad statement. I now hold and shall continue to hold this a time of great crisis in our country's history, because it is a great crisis in the history of the world."

"If we are unprepared, if we are split and sundered by rivalries of creed, or section and national origin, if our country's action is to be conditioned by helplessness without, and the hyphenate within, the career of the United States as a greater factor in the world's civilization is at an end."

Half Measures Useless.

"There is no use of being for half measures of Americanism and preparedness. Still less is it of any use for any public man to announce himself in vague general terms as in favor of Americanism and preparedness, unless his whole course of action in public life has made it evident, and now makes it evident that he means just exactly what he says."

"Unless, if he is in office, or has been in office, his career has been such as in fullest measure to warrant the belief that he is a man of deeds and not of words in this matter, and unless in every crisis, whether he be in or out of office, he frankly and fully takes a position on the concrete facts which are up for decision, and applies the abstract statement directly to these concrete facts."

"General professions are utterly worthless unless, in the first place, the man who makes them is ready immediately to apply them to every concrete case as it actually arises."

"I am fighting for these principles. They are the principles you are organizing to support, and with all my heart I welcome such support, accepting it as given primarily to the principles and only secondarily for myself."

"Any man at this time of crisis who is not aggressively, openly and specifically for these principles is against them, and every patriot should treat our public servants on this basis."

WOMAN CONFESSES MURDER

Says Wealthy Kansas Farmer Had Ruined Her Life.

Topeka, Kan., May 23.—Mrs. Ruby Stephens confessed that she killed Clifford Kistner, a wealthy farmer, at his home near Bayard. She declared Kistner had ruined her life.

Kistner was called to the door of his home and slain.

Mrs. Stephens is twenty-three years old and has been living at Kinkaid, Kan.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Alfred M. Dalrymple, New Jersey Republican Leader.

Newark, N. J., May 23.—Alfred M. Dalrymple, Republican leader in New Jersey, is dead at his home here as the result of injuries received when an auto in which he was riding slid off an embankment.

MANY COUNTIES WILL EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

Already twenty-five counties have reserved space for their exhibits at the Montana State fair and exposition this year. This breaks all previous records of reservations made thus early in the season, and indicates that the number of counties which will be represented at the fair with exhibits this fall will exceed that of any previous year.

The list of counties which already have made appropriations to defray the expense of a state fair exhibit, or the commissioners of which have assured Secretary R. S. Skinner of the presence of exhibits, are Big Horn, Blaine, Beaverhead, Broadwater, Custer, Choteau, Cascade, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Musselshell, Meagher, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Rosebud, Ravalli, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Sweet Grass, Valley and Yellowstone.

In addition to this list, assurances have been received from Prairie and Richland counties that they will have exhibits at the fair. Although Secretary Skinner has received no word from Gallatin county, he is in hopes that it will have an exhibit this year. It dropped out last year for the first time in many years.

Secretary Skinner is working with the commercial clubs of the various Montana towns wherever possible as regards the matter of county exhibits at the state fair, and with excellent results. The Commercial club boosters in every section of the state recognize the advantages to be secured by having an exhibit from their county at the state fair, and the advertising benefits derived from it.

Good Minstrel Show

Christy's White Minstrels played Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Ronan opera house to good houses. Wednesday night's entertainment was far above the average given in Ronan. They carry a full orchestra and the comedy and musical acts are unusually good. An exceptionally good bill has been reserved for tonight, the last of the engagement. If you want to see a good show, don't miss it.

32 TRACTS OF INDIAN LANDS CHANGE HANDS

The last sale of Indian lands, held at the agency near Dixon, on the 15th inst., was the most successful of any heretofore held. Thirty two tracts were sold, all of which brought a slight advance over the appraised value. In almost every instance the tracts sold were those where all cash was not exacted of the purchaser, deferred payments being preferred by purchasers to paying all cash down.

Of the tracts sold, five were in the Polson district, three in Ronan district, Mission 10, Arlee six, Dixon four, Camas four.

Another sale will undoubtedly be held some time the last of the coming year, at which time it is anticipated many more tracts will be disposed of.

FARMERS' SHORT COURSE ATTRACTS GOOD CROWDS

The Farmers' short course in agriculture being held at the Round Butte school house this week has been fairly well attended. Profs. Burke and Hillman of the state agricultural college at Bozeman, and J. R. Campbell, county agriculturist, have been there each day and made short talks to the farmers on dairying, soil conditions and kindred subjects. Yesterday there were some 30 farmers present, not so many as were expected, but each day has found some new faces in the audience. Mrs. Ed Coyle and daughter Mrs. Lyman Turnquist, served lunch at noon and everybody seemed to be taking the keenest interest in the whole proceedings. Other talks will be made today by the same people.

Police Protection Asked.

Chicago, May 23.—Asserting that striking express wagon drivers had committed acts of violence against the company's property and fearing further violence officials of the Adams Express company have asked that 100 police be assigned to guard their wagons and protect their drivers.

GATHERING STATISTICS FOR ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Mr. R. F. Weeks of Seattle, in the employ of the Missoula, St. Ignatius, Ronan and Polson chambers of commerce, is spending the week in this valley gathering statistics for the promoters of the Missoula-Flathead electric railway line. Wednesday and Thursday Mr. Weeks spent in Ronan and the country directly tributary and today and tomorrow he will take in Polson and the lake shore country. On the way out he visited the Jocko valley and the St. Ignatius country and while not giving out any of the information gathered, he says his investigation has been a great surprise and that the wonder that is some road has not built into the valley long before this. Mr. Weeks will make a thorough canvass of the lower Flat-

head, gathering tonnage statistics of the past few years and facts upon which future business for a transportation line can be based. After completing his investigation a report will be made to the executive committee of the proposed electric road and upon this report the promoters hope to interest capital in the enterprise.

Years of experience in railroading with one of the main trans-continental lines especially fit Mr. Weeks for this important work and his report can be relied upon as accurate and indicating whether there is sufficient business in this valley to justify the investment of the money necessary to construct and equip the line.

DISTRICT NO. 28 SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Probably the largest crowd of people ever attending a school festival in district No. 28, assembled in Ronan last Friday to take part in the exercises. The weather looked threatening but this did not deter many from coming to town and by noon there were a great many children and parents present. This was the first year to have graduating exercises and Miss Alma Myers has the distinction of being the first graduate. She looked the part of the beautiful girl graduate in her cap and gown and is justly proud of achievement in successfully passing the exams for the four years devoted to high school study.

The graduating exercises were held in the opera house commencing at 10:30 and continued until the noon hour. State Superintendent Davee was here and made a short talk in the forenoon, and also Prof. Holliday and Prof. Daughters of the state university.

Dr. Resner, chairman of the local board of trustees, made the presentation address at the graduating exercises, when Miss Alma Myers received her diploma.

The afternoon was devoted to finishing the field events left over from the Leon meet, and Leon was an easy winner of the events, taking first and second in everything. This gave the athletic championship to Leon by a good margin. McDonald of Leon won the individual honors also.

Miss Kain's primary pupils attracted great attention later in the afternoon by their songs and folk dancing. The little folks went through with their part of the program to the delight of teacher and all others present.

In the evening a banquet was served at the high school rooms, where 110 sat down to the tables. Afterward a number of three minute (stretched into about 30) toasts were listened to with attention. Those who responded were Iver M. Bronsdorf, Miss Lucile Brown, Superintendent Logan, County Superintendent Mary Shull, State Superintendent Davee, D. N. Mason, Mrs. E. F. Tabor, Senator Brower, Prof. Holliday and Prof. Daughter. Afterward there was a dance in the opera house where one of the largest crowds ever attending such a function in Ronan took part until near morning.

All in all it was a very successfully conducted festival. Each year the interest grows and from present indications will soon be the big day of every year on the reservation.

SWINDLERS REAP FORTUNE

"Fixed" Race Game Cost \$10,000 in East St. Louis.

East St. Louis, Ill., May 23.—A man giving the name of John R. Harris told the police that he had been swindled out of \$10,000 in a fake "fixed horse race."

He said he turned his money over to three men at a hotel here and that in a few minutes they left the hotel ostensibly to get some money from a safe deposit vault.

SOMERS BATS HARD WINS SUNDAY GAME

The Ronan fans were out in force last Sunday and were doomed to witness their team go down to defeat for the first time this season. Smarting from the drubbing given them two weeks ago, the Somers players were on their mettle and commenced making runs in the first inning and were never headed.

The cold, disagreeable wind must have had more of an error breeding effect on the local team than on their adversaries, as they commenced booting and miffing right from the start and the score keeper wore out his pencil point recording same and then failed to use his pen knife so we are unable to give the exact figures, but they were plenty.

Joe White, our colored heaver, was not at his best in the frigid atmosphere and his curves were solved by the Somers sluggers (and they are some sluggers) in nearly every inning he occupied the mound. His arm failed to respond in the cold and he retired after six innings and Ben Hull went in the box for Ronan. Ben's slants were not so easy and he held the score down from point to the finish. The home infield and some of the outfielders could not properly gauge the base hits made off Joe and it looked like the defeat which appeared certain would be a rout, but after a few innings they settled down and held the score to reasonable closeness, the contest ending Ronan 3, Somers 7.

Part of this humiliation can be chalked up to luck. Every time a Ronan batter connected with the ball it would land right in a Somers player's hands and the result was an easy out. On the contrary a short hit by Somers went where there was no one and he was safe at first. Such is the luck of base ball. But don't misunderstand us. Those Somers fellows play real ball and will be found dangerous at any stage of the proceedings. It will require real ball players to beat them. Their battery is strong, their infield well balanced and the outfield gets everything in the air. They are ball players. Defeat from their hands loses half the sting. This makes one game each, and now for the rubber.

The gate receipts last Sunday were \$71.00, showing that Ronan fans will turn out and support a team.

Next Sunday there will be another game on the home diamond, the Mission Reds being scheduled for that date. This will be another game worth coming miles to see.

COURT STATUTE ANNULLED

Supreme Tribunal Bars Wisconsin Corporation Law.

Washington, May 23.—The supreme court annulled as unconstitutional the Wisconsin statute making it the duty of the state officials to revoke the license to do business in the state of any foreign corporation which shall remove into any federal court any action against it by any citizen of the state upon any claim or cause of action arising within the state.

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RONAN TEACHERS CAMPING AND MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

The seven Ronan school teachers are on a camping and mountain climbing trip to Lake McDonald and the peaks in that vicinity this week. They left Sunday afternoon last equipped for a stay lasting all week and those in the party were Dr. Becker, Peter E. Hanson, Misses Barbara Kahn, Azelie Savage, Anna Rafferty, Hilda Marsh and Irene Teagarden.

Duncan McDonald of Ravalli was to meet them at Post creek to act as guide on their mountain climbing trips and this shows acute knowledge on the part of the teachers in securing so competent a man to accompany them. The weather was not very encouraging for a trip last Sunday when they left Ronan and the cool weather the fore part of the week was not the kind that camping parties would most enjoy, but nothing daunted they started out in good spirits.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FORMER FLATHEAD RESIDENT

Coronado, California.

Ronan Pioneer: Since my arrival at this place I have had in mind my promise to inform my Ronan friends of conditions as I found them in southern California, but have delayed until I could give definite information gained by personal experience. Climate conditions are ideally perfect, December and January were unusually rainy according to the old settlers and resulted in considerable damage from floods in the valleys, though at this place we were not inconvenienced.

There were many sunny days during this time, and at no time was the temperature low enough to be uncomfortable. It was about like spring weather in Montana. As a country to live in it is the most perfect I ever saw. The only disadvantage is that business in some lines is overdone, yet the majority seem prosperous, unskilled labor is over supplied.

I am glad to say we have no complaint to make regarding the business outlook.

There are so many interesting places to visit on the sea shore and in the mountains and valleys that one has no time to become lonesome.

The cost of these excursions are very reasonable. The roadways are ideal and smooth as city asphalt street and with no dust.

We made a trip to La Jolla (pronounced La Hoyya) eighteen miles by motor car for 50 cents the round trip. It is a grand scenic trip along the ocean front. For a vacation trip there is no place I know of that is as interesting as southern California, with its flowers, fruits and tropical foliage, it seems like a new world.

Groceries are about the same price as at Ronan, but fruit and vegetables are very cheap and good and supplied all the year around.

At North Island adjoining this city is located the U. S. Aviation Station and school. It is connected with Coronado by a narrow beach, hence is not an island though so designated. One may see almost anytime from one to a half a dozen flyers in the sky. They are so common no one but tourists ever stop to view them.

In the harbor may be seen from one to a dozen U. S. war vessels.

The Mexican border is about twelve miles south and at Tia Juana (pronounced Ke Wanna) is located "the sporting man's paradise," bull fights, horse racing and gambling of every description. I regret to say it seems to be well patronized.

I am sending some postal cards for the walls of the Pioneer office and any one interested can see them there.

As we are delighted with this country it is not likely we will ever return to Montana except for a visit.

Wishing you all prosperity and happiness, I am,

L. G. BIGELOW.

JEWS BARRED, HE ALLEGES

New York National Guard Sued by Spanish War Veteran.

New York, May 23.—Alleging discrimination against prospective New York national guard recruits of the Jewish faith, Maurice Simmons, former national guard commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, announced he had filed charges with Governor Whitman against Captain H. E. Sullivan, commander of Battery D, Second field artillery.

TWO SQUADRONS ABANDON CHASE

Marathon, Tex., May 23.—The flying columns of the Eighth and Fourteenth cavalry, under Generals Sibley and Langhorne, detailed by Major General Frederick Funston to give chase to the bandit ralders of Glenn Springs and Boquillas, have returned to American soil near Boquillas.

The expedition was in Mexico just ten days. It failed to capture or wipe out the main body of the Big Bend marauders, but it made prisoners of four of the bandits and left behind two desperately wounded.

In addition it rescued Jesse Deemer, Boquillas storekeeper, and Monroe Payne, a negro, kidnaped by the Mexicans as they took their last desperate fling before fleeing south beyond the international boundary.

TAKEN IN PITCHFORK FIGHT

Iowa Posse Captures Pair Who Carried Nitroglycerin.

Des Moines, May 23.—Two auto bandits were captured by a sheriff's posse of farmers at Ankeny, near here, after a battle with pitchforks on the part of the bandits and sheer physical force by Sheriff Griffin. The thieves took two six-cylinder cars from here Saturday and changed the Iowa numbers to Minnesota plates.

The marshal at Ankeny stretched a rope across the street and waited for the bandits. With forty guns pointed at their heads, one surrendered and the other took flight, hiding in a hay-loft.

When Sheriff Griffin and a deputy entered the hay-loft, the man rushed at him with a pitchfork. The sheriff dodged and grabbed him around the legs. He gave his name as Joe Howard, the other as J. J. Edwards. Several hundred dollars in currency was found on them besides several bottles of nitroglycerin.

BRAGDON JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE

Minneapolis, May 23.—Deadlocked, 11 to 1, the Joseph W. Bragdon jury reported a disagreement after deliberating forty-seven hours.

A few minutes after Judge Daniel Fish had discharged the twelve men Walter H. Newton, assistant county attorney, filed an affidavit charging contempt of court on the part of Albert F. Bastyr, their foreman.

Bastyr is the juror named in an affidavit filed last week by Mrs. Mabel Peterson as having been approached by Mrs. Anna Davis and reported by Mrs. Davis as "a Bragdon man."

Members of the jury asserted, after they were dismissed, that in fifteen ballots Bastyr stood alone for acquittal. They charged further that Bastyr threatened them with prosecution if they made known the lineup of the jury and that he declared that he never would change his vote.

When Bastyr was asked regarding the cause for the disagreement he dismissed the subject of replying:

"None of your damned business." Judge Fish set the third trial of Bragdon on a charge of a criminal attack on a young girl for June 5 and ordered the bail of \$35,000 to stand.

SURPRISES LAND OFFICERS

Black Hills Settler Offers Filing and Asks Patent on Same Day.

Rapid City, S. D., May 23.—John O'Neill of Nemo came to Rapid City and filed on a piece of land on which he had been living twenty years. At the same time he filed on the land he made application for his final proof. This, however, cannot be given until he has made a survey of the land. This is the only case on record where land was filed on and final proof asked for on the same day.

HEEDS AMERICAN PROTEST

Britain Commutes Sentence of Naturalized American.

Dublin, May 23.—Protest from the United States saved Jeremiah C. Lynch, sentenced to death by a court-martial last week for complicity in the recent Irish revolts.

The sentence has been commuted to ten years' imprisonment and the American government has been so advised officially. Lynch is a naturalized American.

War Minister's Son Wounded.

Rome, May 23.—Lieutenant Morra, son of General Paolo Morra, Italian minister of war, has been wounded dangerously in the head and leg during the Austrian offensive.