

TO CONSOLIDATE MONTANA'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

By Senator Paris Gibson.

I was a member of the Montana state senate in 1893 when the various institutions were distributed around the state. It was the same pork-barrel, log-rolling method of distribution that has been followed in every other western state. I particularly regret that I was not able to successfully oppose the establishment of three separate educational institutions—the agricultural college at Bozeman, the school of mines at Butte and the state university at Missoula.

Now after the lapse of 21 years the people of Montana have come to realize by sad experience that the establishment and conduct of these three institutions have cost millions of money without corresponding benefits.

I have kept up the fight for consolidation all these years because I knew it to be the only right and sensible course if we are to have a university in the state worthy of the name. I knew we had to come to it—that the people would ultimately wake up and protest against the continued frittering away of their funds.

And now the people are to vote on the question of consolidation of their three institutions next fall. That it will carry I am positive, thereby establishing a permanent system of education that will not only be vastly more economical but vastly more efficient than the present disorganized and irrational system now prevailing in our state.

CONFIDENCE LACKING IN BUSINESS

That the chief need of the nation's business today is confidence is the emphatic statement of H. N. McKinney, writing for the Chicago Evening News.

The News is the property of Victor F. Lawson, one of the wealthiest publishers and one of the most conservative business men in the country and it is believed that he would not permit the publication of such a significant article unless it represented his personal conviction and knowledge.

The article deals with present-day

conditions as they affect the masses of the people. Particularly important is the comparison of statistics of advertising in newspapers dealing with "Help Wanted" and "Situations Wanted."

"A careful examination of the 'Help Wanted' advertisements in the daily papers of 28 leading cities from the Atlantic to the Missouri river, for the week beginning March 2, 1913, and the week beginning March 1, 1914, shows a falling off of 29.18 per cent. Philadelphia shows a decrease of 42 per cent; Kansas City, 40 per cent; St. Louis, 35 per cent; Worcester, Mass., 35 per cent; Detroit, 33.33 per cent; Cleveland, 33 per cent Cincinnati, 33 per cent; Grand Rapids, Mich., 25 per cent; Louisville, Atlanta and New Orleans show slight gains. 'Situations Wanted' advertisements in same cities show a gain of 5 per cent.

"Records from different lines of business in these cities verify the accuracy of these figures as showing that business has fallen off to an alarming extent.

"The increase in idle cars as given by the American Railway Association gives still further evidence of relaxing trade. The number of idle cars January 1, 1914, as compared with 17,058 January 1, 1913, was 188,850, while April 15, 1914, there were 212,859 with every indication that the last half of April, 1914, will show still greater proportionate increase in idle cars.

"Why is this and what is the remedy? Every careful investigation results in one answer—lack of confidence. Never in the history of the country were underlying conditions better. Stocks of merchandise are at low point with manufacturer, jobber and retailer, capital is abundant for business investment, and the only thing that is needed to set the wheels of business whirling, giving employment to hundreds of thousands of idle workers, is confidence.

"Tariff reductions, uncertainty concerning result of new banking laws, trust legislation and continual threats on the part of Congress and the administration to further investigate, and legislate, have frightened capital and stifled business progress, but most all has the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the question of increase of freight rates unsettled business and destroyed confidence."

"Many people think of corporations and railroads as great combinations of millionaires, and that these millionaires are the only ones who are hurt by anything which reduces their profits. As a matter of fact the great majority of the stockholders of all corporations are people of moderate means to whom the dividends are an important part of their income, and more and more employes are investing their savings in the stocks of the corporation by which they are employed.

"But it is not alone the stockholders of a corporation who are harmed when it is hurt. Shrinking business throws men and women in all lines out of employment, and without their regular wage they cease to be buyers beyond actual necessities."

Mudge: "Here's a man figured out that if all the money in the world were divided equally, each adult would get about thirty dollars." Meeg: "He's wrong. My wife would get sixty dollars."—Boston Transcript.

LIVE STOCK COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

Robert Burt, of Seattle, has been appointed live stock commissioner for the Washington commission for the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco next year. Mr. Burt is looking for a live stock exhibit from this state that will not only place Washington in the forefront of West-



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ern stock producing states, but an exhibit that will take its full share of prizes in competition with the entire country. Mr. Burt is a livestock man of wide experience, having been connected with several of the middle west live stock and farm papers. After coming to Washington several years ago he was for a time connected with The Ranch, and is now editor of The Pacific Poultryman.

THE TENT CATERPILLAR

This is the season of the year when everyone should be on their guard to swat the tent caterpillars. Already we note the ravages in the trees and in a month from now they will be in their glory. Unless an active fight is waged at the beginning, great damage will be done.

Perhaps chicken wire screen made in the shape of a funnel and filled with oiled rags, will be the most effective means to destroy this pest if taken when he is in his tent. Set the rags on fire and hold under the tent. The caterpillars will then drop in and be burned. The habits of this pest drive them to the tent at night and in the sunshine they feed on leaves and will rapidly strip a tree bare.

Another good remedy for this pest is to spray with arsenate of lead. Use one pound of arsenate to 50 gallons of water. Use a spray pump. As this is an eating insect the arsenate poisons them. This pest seems to be getting worse every year. Last year hundreds of acres of orchard lands in Western Washington were devastated, spoiling the fruit crop and injuring the trees. The trees leaved out unusually early this spring but the caterpillar is early also. The time to destroy them is now before they get much growth. Keep the spraying material away from children and animals, as it is strong poison.

YAKIMA FRUITS FOR ALASKA

NORTH YAKIMA, May 9.—S. Blum, engaged in the banking and mercantile business at Valdez, Cordova and Chitina, Alaska, is in the Yakima valley with a view to arranging for the shipment of fruit and produce direct from here to his establishments.



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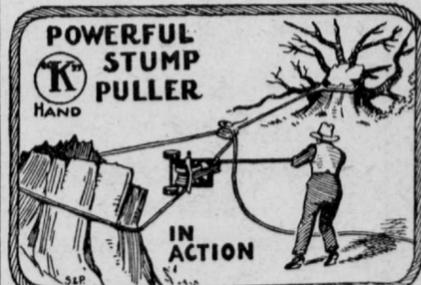
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