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VOTERS ENACT LAWS.

The voting of Montana citizens on the various initiative and referendum measures before them at the recent election indicates that these reform laws are working satisfactorily in this state.

This result plainly points a course of action for the future when the legislative powers are recalcitrant—and, further, it will prove a means of making the legislature more amenable to public opinion and the pledges of platforms.

In fact, one of the measures promised in that platform is likely to force the submission of many propositions to the people if it is put in force.

There is ever lessening opposition to the initiative and referendum as its operations are seen in the various states; and the experience of Montana—although the law here is not ideal but somewhat difficult of operation—should lead to the broadening of its scope and to the simplifying of its operation.—Great Falls Tribune.

WATCH MONTANA GROW.

One of the best evidences that new and permanent settlers are coming to Montana is shown in the large sales of state lands which are constantly being made, and all of the moneys so received represent a material growth and development of the state's resources.

It is not known how many settlers are represented by this large amount of money, says the Helena Independent, but it shows in no uncertain way that Montana is progressing remarkably well in the development of its agricultural lands.

The point that stands out in this transaction is most encouraging, for there is nothing at the present time that is more needed in Montana than new settlers and many of them.

Divining Rod Is Useless.

The United States geological survey states in Water Supply Paper 255, entitled "Underground Waters for Farm Use," just released, that no appliance, either mechanical or electric, has yet been devised that will detect water in places where plain common sense and close observation will not show its presence just as well.

In experiments with a rod made from a forked branch it seemed to turn downward at certain points independent of the operator's will, but more complete tests showed that this downward turning results from slight and, until watched for, unconscious muscular action, the effects of which were communicated through the arms and wrists to the rod.

An Essay On Eggs.

An egg is composed of four parts, the shell, the yolk, the white and the price. The shell is very fragile like one of the ten commandments, and can be broken without an effort.

Eggs are very delicate, and spoil very quickly. When an egg spoils it puts its whole heart into the performance.

There was a time when everyone ate fresh eggs in summer and went without in winter. Nowadays, however, business methods have led men to buy all the fresh eggs in summer and store them until winter, when they have acquired a rich, russet flavor.

Would Protect Investors.

SPOKANE, Nov. 26.—Consideration of methods for the protection of the investor in mining properties occupied the sessions of the American Mining congress today. The open discussion centered about the proposal of Lieutenant Governor W. R. Allen of Montana that state laws be urged compelling mining corporations to file with a commission of corporations frequent reports giving full details regarding the company, the probable condition of its property, the amount of stock sold and what was done with the money and that these reports be confirmed by state officers as far as possible.

Lieutenant Governor Allen also urged that laws be passed providing that at least seventy-five per cent of the money derived from the sale of treasury stock must be used in the development of the property.

Lived On Diet of Apples.

SIoux CITY, Nov. 26.—Andrew Gorchitz of Newburg, N. Y., after being a prisoner for 13 days in a car of apples, into which he had crawled at Newburg, was released when the car was opened here today. His feet were frozen and may have to be amputated. He had eaten nearly a barrel of apples. He has a wife and five children in Hungary.

Should Come To Montana.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 26.—One hundred thousand settlers from the United States entered western Canada between April 1 and October 1, according to announcement made by the Canadian immigration commissioners.

Boy Bandits Arrested.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Stripped of their black masks and revolvers, three youthful desperadoes were taken to the national training school yesterday, where they will remain for the next seven years. The boys are all 14 years of age.

The three lads, inflamed by "penny dreadful" literature covered their faces with black masks and their revolvers in hand broke into a store, after "Jimmying" their way into a private residence. As they were emerging from the latter place, two prosaic policemen saw them, and after a chase, captured them and put an end to their desperate careers.

Convicts Receive Pardons.

HELENA, Nov. 27.—Acting Governor Leighton yesterday pardoned five of the inmates of the state penitentiary, his action to be submitted to the state board of pardons for approval. Among those to whom the pardons were granted was Seth Dix, convicted in Yellowstone county in 1901 of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 20 years in Deer Lodge. Five years ago Dix was granted an unconditional pardon by Governor Toole, but the state board refused to confirm the action.

The sentence of Milton O. Howell, convicted of murder in the second degree and given life imprisonment, was cut to 22 years.

The term of Sidney Houk, convicted in Beaverhead of murder and sentenced to 25 years, was reduced to 14 years by Governor Leighton.

That of Boyd Anderson, convicted of grand larceny in Madison county sentenced to 10 years, is reduced to eight.

William Fitzgerald's sentence of five years for forgery in Flathead county is reduced to four.

Thanksgiving Gift For Convict.

HELENA, Nov. 28.—Albert J. Beckman, known as "Montana's Jean Valjean," sentenced for life to the penitentiary for a murder in 1903, received for a thanksgiving gift a commutation of his sentence to 15 years. The commutation was extended by acting Governor Leighton last evening and was announced today. Beckman's case has aroused interest all over the country. During his confinement in the penitentiary he has sent all the money he could earn to charitable organizations in different parts of the country, and to crippled children. He learned of those who needed assistance through the newspapers he was allowed to read. For several years no one outside of the prison warden knew who it was that was sending the money to unfortunates. The cases of crippled children appealed to him particularly.

Beckman is now working in a convict road camp in Flathead county.

He has never made an application for pardon or commutation and it is doubtful if he will know before tomorrow of the action of Acting Governor Leighton.

Application for Pardon.

HELENA, Mont., November 26, 1912. At a meeting of the state board of pardons held at its office on the above date, the following order was made:

In the matter of the commutation of sentence granted by the acting governor to one, Dan Shea. Whereas, The acting governor of Montana has this day officially notified this board that he has granted a commutation of sentence from life to fifteen years to one Dan Shea, a convict confined in the State Prison, who was convicted of the crime of murder, committed in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana, and sentenced on the 20th day of December, 1908, for a term of life in the state prison:

Therefore, be it ordered, That December 14, 1912, be set apart for the consideration of said pardon, so granted, and all persons having an interest therein desiring to be heard either for or against the granting of the pardon are hereby notified to be present at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of the state board of pardons at the capitol of said state.

It is further ordered, That a copy of this order be printed and published in the Great Falls, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, once each week for two consecutive weeks, viz: Wednesday, December 4, 1912, and Wednesday, December 11, 1912.

Adopted. ALBERT J. GALEN, President. J. J. RYAN, Clerk.

Alias Summons.

In the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

E. M. Bartley, plaintiff, vs. Louis T. Hartley, defendant.

The State of Montana sends greetings to the above-named defendant. You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon one of you in each county wherein any of you may reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This action is brought for divorce by the plaintiff from the defendant, on the grounds that on the 27th day of November, 1908, the defendant wilfully and without cause deserted and abandoned the plaintiff and still continues to do so wilfully and without cause desert and abandon the plaintiff and continues to live separately and apart from her against her will and without her consent. That the issue of said marriage is one daughter, named Selma May Hartley, age five years. That the plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant; that the marriage between her and the said defendant be dissolved and annulled, and that the custody of the minor child be awarded to the said plaintiff.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 16th day of November, A. D. 1912.

CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk. H. F. Miller, attorney for plaintiff.

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