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NOT A POLITICAL MARTYR

Quite naturally, when suspended from his office of state prohibition enforcement officer, last Friday, Mr. O. H. P. Shelley started to pose as a martyr and the victim of political intrigue, and quite natural it was for the Helena Independent to expatiate at length on Shelley's removal and claim it was the work of Congressman Carl W. Riddick.

Anything the Independent can twist or distort so as to reflect on Mr. Riddick is seized with great avidity, and yet, even if Mr. Riddick was behind the movement to oust Shelley, it may not be a reflection upon him before the investigation is over, but exactly to the contrary.

But Mr. Riddick did not have anything to do with the suspension of Shelley. In taking charge of Shelley's office Mr. Metcalf, a division official of the revenue department, stated positively that there was no politics behind the Shelley investigation. That it was instituted by the revenue department after considerable research work had been done by special agents of that department of the government.

On Friday Mr. Riddick telephoned a statement to the Helena Record-Herald from Great Falls, in which he stated that he had no knowledge of the reasons for Shelley's suspension by the revenue department.

It may be stated in passing, however, that for the past several weeks rumors have been floating around Montana to the effect that Shelley's office was being investigated. How the report became current no one seems to know. It did not come from Mr. Riddick or any of his friends.

Mr. Shelley has requested the people of Montana to suspend judgment in the matter until a thorough investigation has been made. This is only fair. Let Shelley take a fair stand, also, and not attempt to make political capital out of the embarrassing position he finds himself in.

If he is guilty of malfeasance in office the government will no doubt ascertain the facts very shortly. If he is not guilty he will be given a clean bill of health and restored to his former position without opposition from anyone in Montana.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS GOOD

On every hand we have accumulating evidence of business recovery.

Since August of last year, each month has revealed substantial progress in the way of business revival and the recovery has been sound and in response to a steady demand for an increased quantity of goods.

We are practically assured of good crops. The nation's wheat crop is estimated at 817,000,000 bushels as against 795,000,000 harvested in 1921. Corn is estimated at 2,860,000,000 bushels. While this estimate is less than 1920-1921 crops, it is above the 10-year average. It is estimated that there will be 11,065,000 bales of cotton produced, which is 3,000,000 bales greater than the 1921 crop, but about 1,000,000 bales less than the 10-year average. The estimated potato crop is 428,606,000 bushels, which, if harvested, will be the second largest in the history of the country. The prospects are good for a bumper crop of hay, the estimate being 107,000,000 tons, which is 10 per cent greater than last year and 15 per cent greater than the 10-year average. The estimated tobacco crop surpasses the 10-year average by nearly 40,000,000 pounds. Rye, barley and oats also appear to be exceptionally good crops. Unless some catastrophe occurs the outlook for the farming sections is brighter than for several years. Nearly half of the people of the United States are farmers and this will mean that business as a whole will be materially helped, debts will be liquidated and money put into new railroads, power plants, highways and other essentials, which are tools of further production.

THE STATE INCOME TAX

On top of a federal income tax a state income tax is to supply the tax eaters more "revenues."

A state income tax means a new machine established in the state with a lengthening chain wound around the taxpayer's neck.

It means a new department of state government with inquisitorial powers over the affairs of the citizen and the system to be extended.

An army of officials, with experts to overhaul your books and investigate your investments, will be added to the state and county governments.

If you, dear fellow citizen, like more of this sort of thing, more fat salary

drawers, vote for it and it will be fastened on you forever.

They will tell you it is to cinch the big fellow—but nine out of every ten will find a way to escape or shunt it onto the little fellow to pay.

GAS INDUSTRY HAS FUTURE

Use of gas has grown in our country from 92,714,667,000 feet in 1920 to 319,887,813,000 feet in 1920.

These facts fully refute the statement in the Babson reports that "gas companies have probably seen their best days."

Gas is being used more extensively than ever before for industrial purposes.

It fills a certain field for which no substitute has yet been found.

IS STAGE BEING SET?

If the big newspapers in the cities can have their way the national railroad strike will be a success, the American railroad system will be wrecked or turned over to radical labor agitators, and agriculture and industries generally will suffer.

Millions will go into the winter unemployed and then will come the opportunity to spring the soviet revolution.

The finest country in the world will be plunged into the political and social chaos that prevails in Russia.

But the people love the strike-inciting headlines and read the papers that flourish on disturbances, discord and pitting class against class just for the fun of raising a little h-l in print. They do not realize the danger.

There is food for thought for the Republicans of Montana in the manner in which the Democratic press of the state rallies to the support of Republican National Committeeman O. H. P. Shelley, regarding the charges that have been brought against him as prohibition director for the state.

From Our Exchanges

Counting the Votes

With a registration of approximately 230,000 for the primary election, candidates for nomination for congressional offices are busily engaged in figuring out how big a vote will be cast and how many votes it will take to nominate.

The probabilities are that there will be in the neighborhood of 60,000 votes cast in the Republican primary.

In the Republican senatorial contest there are five candidates. In the Republican contest for Congress in the second district there are eight candidates. In view of these facts it is possible that the senatorial nomination will be won with a vote of 16,000 and the congressional nomination by far fewer than that.

In the Democratic primary it is estimated that the vote will be from 45,000 to 50,000. In the senatorial contest there are four candidates. An equal division would be 12,500 and only a few more than that will undoubtedly carry the nomination.

Basing the estimate upon the primary and election of two years ago, only about half of those registered may be expected to vote in the primaries. In the regular election the vote will be larger, but two years ago the total registration for the election was in the neighborhood of 261,000 and the total vote cast in the gubernatorial and congressional contests about 70,000 fewer than that.

This year students of the political game are expecting an unusually light vote in the primary because the farmers will be busy taking care of the biggest crop the state has had since 1915 and many of them will not stop their work long enough to vote. The consequent assurance that a comparatively small number of votes will carry the nominations is responsible for considerable activity upon the part of candidates, practically every one of whom has it all jotted down in his little black book and can tell you to a gnat's eye lash just how many votes he has corralled in each county in the state.—Billings Gazette.

A TRUE SNAKE STORY

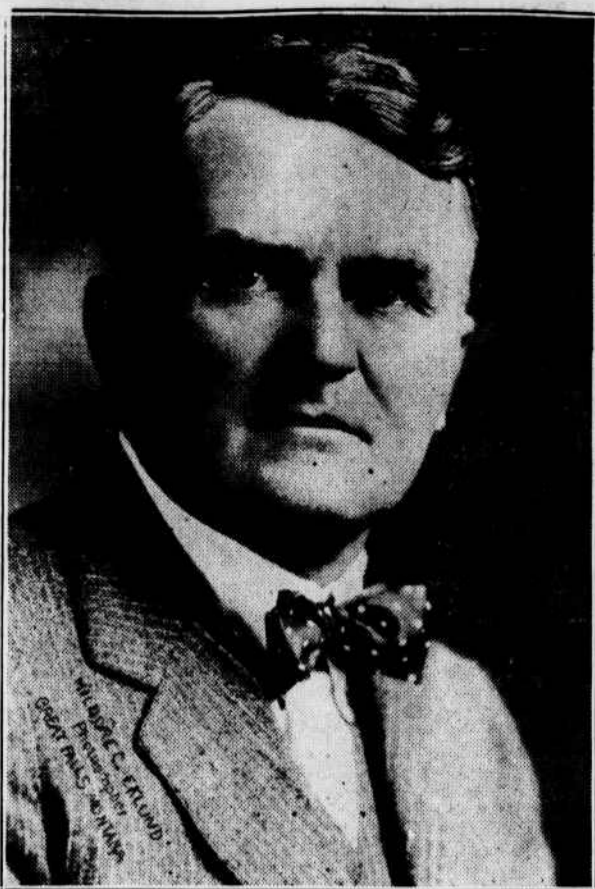
To the Editor of the Courier: The rattlesnake story in your issue of August 11th tends to confirm the contention of all old timers that a rattlesnake, even with his head cut off, will live for a long period of time especially if not exposed to the sun.

A good many years ago there was an influential and well known citizen of Saco known as Ben Bean. Ben was an expert rifle shot, an accomplished liar and a fine drinking man. However, with all his shortcomings, he was a good fellow and would never take a drink without a good and sufficient excuse, and he usually could find the excuse.

He was hired by a well known rancher of Saco to build about two miles of fence south of Saco along the road up Larb creek. In those days the rattlers were fat, sassy and plenty and Ben was death on snakes. Every snake he killed he would cut off its head and bury the snake in a post hole, marking the post with a blaze.

Now it happened that in going from town to his ranch Ben followed this fence, and each time he came to a marked post he would stop his team and, producing his ever present jug, proceed to imbibe a little antidote. The result was that he often waked up in the morning, his team patiently standing at his gate, the jug empty, but Ben showing no symptoms of snake bite, due to his constant and praiseworthy forethought in making the blazes and providing the jug.

However, Ben and jug have both gone from us, but is it not possible



MATT MURRAY

Candidate for the Republican Nomination for State Senator.

that Mr. Luras inadvertently pulled up a blazed post and that it was a long since decapitated rattler that he so valiantly beat to death with his "naked 'ands." I wonder.

RATTLESNAKE RALPH.

JOBS OPEN FOR VALUATION ENGINEERS AT \$3600 TO \$4800

Washington, Aug. 17.—Collection of the income tax becomes a complicated affair after it passes the point of figuring the return of the average wage earner. That part, of course, is simple.

The technical staff of the bureau of internal revenue at Washington is in need of valuation engineers in general mining, coal mining, oil and gas, and the forest industry. The positions pay from \$3,600 to \$4,800 a year. The United States civil service commission will receive applications until October 1. No written examination will be given; the ratings will be based upon education, training, experience and physical ability.

The duties involve estimation of

quantities, market values, value of equipment, cost of development, etc.

Full information and application blanks may be secured from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or the civil service board at the post office or customhouse in any city.

R. M. Young, cashier of the Glasgow First National bank; T. M. Patton, city clerk at Glasgow, and Percy Kent, a contractor of that city, were in Great Falls Tuesday on their way to the state Masonic meetings at Helena.—Great Falls Tribune.

E. M. Hutchinson of Glasgow was in Great Falls Monday and Tuesday on a business trip. Hutchinson, who is president of the Theodore Roosevelt Highway association, conferred with Great Falls road men in connection with highway problems.—Great Falls Tribune.

J. M. Bailey returned Thursday morning from a two weeks' trip over the state calling on Royal typewriter dealers.

MILK RIVER VALLEY BANK

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$127,729.39
Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures	28,713.28
Interest Paid	355.21
Warrants	555.03
Expense	944.57
Other Resources	5,572.48
Cash and Due from Banks	28,345.30
	\$192,215.26

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus	28,000.00
Undivided Profits	547.39
Exchange, Commission & Interest	1,481.24
Certificates of Deposit	70,009.65
Individual Deposits	16,712.78
Cashier's Checks	900.09
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Rent	66.50
	\$192,215.26

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23-6-48—Coupe, 4 pass.	1895
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FOUR CYLINDER MODELS	
23-6-54—Sport Road., 3 pass.	\$1625
23-6-55—Sport Tour., 4 pass.	1675
23-4-34—Roadster, 2 pass.	865
23-4-35—Touring, 5 pass.	885
23-4-36—Coupe, 3 pass.	1175
23-4-37—Sedan, 5 pass.	1395
23-4-38—Tour. Sedan, 5 pass.	1325

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