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## WHEAT AND OATS ADVANCE

**Old Freight Rate Restored This Morning--Adds Ten Cents per Hundred to Price Paid--Wheat 76 Cents and Oats One Dollar.**

The expected jump in the price of wheat and oats came this morning, when the old freight rate from this section to Duluth and Minneapolis was restored. This rate is 10 cents per hundred pounds lower than the one that has prevailed for some time past, and the amount of the decrease is simply added to the price paid locally for grain, so that for once, the farmers are the real beneficiaries of the change.

### Coming in Lively.

A large amount of wheat has been held back by the growers in order that they might secure this benefit, and it commenced pouring into the elevator at the depot this morning at a lively rate. The quotation today both at the depot and the Moore elevators is 76 cents per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat and \$1 for oats. One result of the advance in price will be that a lot of money will now get into circulation, for during the period that the rate rescinded yesterday was in effect, farmers sold only so much grain as was necessary to meet some pressings needs.

### Likely to Go Higher.

It is understood that the Gallatin valley buyers will be in the game here this week, and as the tendency of the market just now is strong, this may have a stimulating effect on prices.

### The Eastern Markets.

The latest report from the Chicago market is as follows: Wheat ruled strong all day. The opening was firm because of light reports in the northwest and a marked decrease in the world's shipments as compared with last year. A slight decline, due to realizing sales, followed the opening, but later a rush of bullish news caused recurrence of the strong feeling. Large clearances, higher prices for cash wheat and increased demand for export were the chief factors. May opened 1-4@3-8c higher at \$1.07 1-8@1.07 1-4, sold between \$1.06 3-4 and \$1.08 3-4 and closed strong at \$1.06 1-4@1.06 3-8. The corn market opened firm because of wet weather throughout the belt, but heavy selling of holders soon brought about a decline. The slump, however, renewed speculative

### PRAY PRAYS FOR SOLDIERS.

Montana Congressman Tells Taft About Assiniboine.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"I want a regiment stationed at Fort Assiniboine at the earliest possible date," replied Representative Pray, when Secretary Taft asked him what was desired at that place.

Pray saw Taft yesterday and made a strong plea for the fort. Tuesday, next, he will have another conference with Taft, at which the question will probably be settled.

As Senators Dixon and Carter have their hands full saving posts at their own towns, Pray is looking after Assiniboine. He pumped Taft full of facts and figures, and when Taft said

demand and the strength of wheat brought about a firmer feeling, and the market advanced to a level slightly above the close yesterday. May opened 1-4@3-8c to 3-8@1-2c higher at 61 3-8@61 1-2c, sold between 60 3-4c and closed firm at 61 3-8@61 1-2c.

Oats were slow all day and trading was light. May oats opened 1-8c higher at 54 7-8c, sold between 54 1-2@55c and closed at 55c.

### At Minneapolis.

The latest quotations from Minneapolis are: Wheat—May, \$1.14 3-4; July, \$1.14 3-4; No. 1 hard, \$1.16 1-2; No. 1 northern, \$1.14 1-2; No. 2 northern, \$1.12 1-2; No. 3 northern, \$1.08 1-2@1.10 1-2.

### Sets Date of Wedding.

New York, Jan. 4.—According to a statement published today, the marriage of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi will take place January 23 at the home of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt at Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue. The reason for the postponement of the wedding, which had been set for the middle of the month, was because the relatives of Count Szechenyi desired to spend the Christmas holiday in their own country. They are now on their way here.

### Banker Gives Up Estate.

Portland, Jan. 4.—President Ross, of the defunct Title & Guaranty bank, offers to turn over his own estate for the payment of depositors, now that W. M. Ladd has agreed to guarantee the bank's indebtedness.

President Ross will surrender his personal estate to Ladd. This will benefit the depositors to the extent of \$200,000.

### Resumes Journey.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 4.—John Walsh, the pedestrian who is walking from San Francisco to New York on a wager of \$5,000, left the Johnstown hospital today, where he has been ill of pneumonia since Dec. 23. Walsh left San Francisco Oct. 21 in an attempt to make the trip in 90 days. He began his journey today in a somewhat weakened and nervous condition, but expects to reach New York in 10 days.

he had no regiment to send, as the army was 20,000 short, Pray insisted a regiment would be here soon from the Philippines and that it should go to Assiniboine.

Taft promised the matter his personal careful consideration between now and Tuesday.

Representative and Mrs. Pray were guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at a musicale tonight.

Give the Democrat Supply Department a trial order.

### Purchase of Silver.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The treasury department today purchased 300,000 ounces of silver, for delivery in equal amounts at San Francisco, New Orleans and Denver, at 55.567 cents per fine ounce.

## BACON KIDNAPING CASE

The sequel to the sensational kidnaping case that occurred here last Thursday night, when Adelbert Bacon, a well known young rancher of Moore, carried off his infant son from a rooming house on Janeaux street, opposite the Presbyterian church, where his wife was staying with her sister, Mrs. Esther Patterson, came up before Judge Cheadle this morning, Mrs. Bacon having instituted habeas corpus proceedings to secure possession of the child. Mrs. Bacon was represented by Ayers & Marshall, while J. C. Huntoon appeared for Mr. Bacon, and the entire morning was consumed in taking testimony.

In support of her contention that she should have the custody of the little one, Mrs. Cynthia Bacon, the wife, went on the stand. She is only 18 years of age. She testified that during her married life of over two years, the defendant, her husband, had treated her cruelly, cursing her almost daily, sometimes striking her and accusing her of improper conduct with Isaac Bates, a young man about Bacon's age, and who was in-

duced to come out from Nebraska and work for Bacon, the two having been intimate friends in the east. The witness testified that she had separated from her husband on former occasions, but they had made up, and the climax came about December 1, when she quit for good because of his abuse. She was with her sister, Mrs. Patterson, at Georgia Day's rooming house last week when Mr. Bacon came to the house, and although she objected to his seeing the child then because the little one was asleep, and also because he was not feeling well, Bacon insisted, and waked the baby up. Then he commenced walking the floor with the child, and taking advantage of an instant when the witness left the room, he darted from the place with the infant in his arms, jumped into a conveyance which was waiting on the corner and drove away at a furious rate. Mrs. Bacon related specific acts of mistreatment at the hands of her husband, and said he was a man of very quick temper.

Mrs. Sarah Brown, mother of Mrs. Bacon, testified to having heard Mr. Bacon swear at his wife and call her vile names. She said their married

life had not been at all happy, so far as she could judge.

Isaac W. Bates, whose name had been frequently mentioned by Mrs. Bacon, testified that he had lived with the Bacons most of the time since they were married, having come out at the solicitation of Mr. Bacon. He testified that he had frequently heard Mr. Bacon use abusive language toward his wife, but had never interfered, not considering it any affair of his. Witness denied that Bacon had ever accused him of misconduct with Mrs. Bacon, and in reply to a direct question, stated that there had never been any ground for such a suspicion.

Curus Watson, brother of Mrs. Bacon, testified to having heard Mr. Bacon use coarse language toward his wife, but had never seen him strike her.

The defense then commenced, Mr. Bacon being the only witness called by Mr. Huntoon. He testified that he was willing and able to care for the child, and said Mrs. Bacon was wholly unable to care for the little one, having no means. He admitted having had frequent spats with his wife, and this was chiefly due to the fact that they were both quick tempered. He flatly denied ever having struck her. He related an incident when his wife changed a waist in the presence of Mr. Bates. Mr. Bacon happened to enter the room while she was thus engaged and said he "called her down" for it. Mr. Bacon left no doubt as to the suspicions he entertained with regard to Mr. Bates, whom he had regarded in the light of a brother. He said that he returned to Moore unexpectedly late one night, and found Mr. Bates occupying Mrs. Bacon's bed, although Mrs. Bacon had not retired. At that particular time, Mr. Bates was not living at the house at all, but was working over on the river.

He mentioned the incidents that had led him to suspect that all was not right in his household and which culminated in his directing Mr. Bates to remove his trunk and leave the place, and this appears also to have been largely responsible for the separation of the husband and wife.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Judge Cheadle said it was deplorable two young married people should become estranged through such slight causes. "I suppose the next step will be a divorce," said his honor, "although there is no serious reason why you should not get along together."

Mrs. Bacon, he said, was really too young to have sound judgment on so weighty a matter. Both were at fault, he believed, and Mrs. Bacon was in no position to care for the child. Yet the little one needed a mother's care and Mr. Bacon could not give it that.

"Now I want you both to come up here at 3 o'clock," said the court, in conclusion. "Come here alone, just you two. Don't bring any person with you. I want to talk to you both and see if this difficulty cannot be smoothed over."

At the hour named Mr. and Mrs. Bacon entered the Judge's chambers and it was hoped by both their attorneys and their mutual friends that the conference might result in a reconciliation.

## STEPHENS BUYS COBURN CATTLE

DEAL INVOLVING SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS RECENTLY MADE.

Frank Stephens, the young cattle king of Fergus county, recently closed a deal with the Coburn cattle company, who operate chiefly in Cascade county, for the purchase of several thousand head of stock cattle. The exact number nor the price have not been made public by Mr. Stephens although it is known the amount involved goes well into five figures.

Less than one year ago, Mr. Stephens sold over seven thousand head of cattle to I. D. O'Donnell of Billings, the sale being made for the purpose of winding up the estate of the late Oscar Stephens. All bequests under the will have been paid and Frank Stephens, who inherited the bulk of the estate, is now restocking his immense ranches with a good grade of cattle.

### TWO HEARTS MADE ONE.

Interesting Ceremonies Attending First Bohemian Wedding.

The first strictly Bohemian wedding that ever took place in Fergus county, so far as we are informed, occurred this morning at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church, when Miss Julia Hruska and Mr. James Lodman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the Rev. Father Mueller officiating.

Mr. Charles Brabec was the best man and Miss Mary Dusek acted as bridesmaid. A large number of relatives and friends of the young people witnessed the ceremony. The groom, James Lodman, is a popular and industrious young Rock Creek rancher. The bride is the

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**Long Session Held Last Night--Report of City Officers--To Extend Fire Limits--New Improvement District--Routine Business.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council last evening, Mayor Jesse Pinkley presided, and all of the aldermen, Slater, Wilbur, Hazen, Tubb, Leach and Sloan, were present.

**City Treasurer's Report.**  
The report of Treasurer Murray H. Deaton for December showed balances in the various funds on December 31 as follows:

General fund, \$5,986.30; road fund, \$26.14; waterworks fund, \$2,135.32; sinking fund, \$8,116.28; gravity fund, \$3,364.22; special sewer fund, \$1,288.70; sprinkling fund, \$267.68; dog tax fund, \$32.93. Total, \$21,217.57.

Overdrafts were reported as follows: Fire fund, \$1,478.42; library fund, \$15.68; water and sewerage bond fund, \$1,786.91; special improvement fund, \$2,489.60. Total, \$5,769.82, leaving a net balance on hand of \$15,447.75.

**Water Collections.**  
The report of Mark D. Kimball, as collector of water rates, for December, showed collections aggregating \$747.96. The collector states that the receipts for the department for January should show a still larger gain as a result of the recent re-checking, and it is expected that the city will increase its revenue as a result to the extent of between \$250 and \$300 per month.

**Police Court Business.**  
Police Magistrate F. F. MacGowan reported that fines were collected during December aggregating \$133.50.

**A Sidewalk Dispute.**  
The committee appointed to examine the sidewalk laid by John Hovis on Corcoran street and the Boulevard reported recommending that Mr. Hovis' bill for the work on the Boulevard be allowed and that the bill for the work on Corcoran street be disallowed. Mr. Hovis explained that when he did the work on Corcoran street he found it impossible to get a grade to lay the walk on, as there was none there.

Members of the committee stated that their objection to the Corcoran street walk was on the ground that it was neither straight nor level. It was not demanded that the walk be on the city grade, but that it be straight and somewhere near on a level.

The report was adopted and Mr.

Hovis left with the statement that he would bring suit to recover the whole amount claimed by him.

**Want Stream Straightened.**  
B. E. Stack and 82 other residents and taxpayers asked the city to straighten the course of Big Spring creek from a point near the south-westerly boundary of the city and running thence to the bridge crossing the creek on Brassey street. It was represented that the creek encroached upon Third avenue nearly all of this distance and was constantly cutting away the westerly bank, on the thoroughfare, so that it is now only 33 feet wide and in the event of a freshet the street would be quite impassible. It was stated that the street is now dangerous at some points, and this would become more marked unless remedied. Aldermen Hazen, Tubb and Slater were appointed as a special committee to investigate the matter.

**Public Scales.**  
The county commissioners were granted permission to erect public scales at Broadway, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

**The Fire Limits.**  
E. M. Mettler, representing several property owners, requested that the fire limits be extended one-half block. The matter was discussed at some length and City Attorney DeKalb was instructed to prepare an amendment to the present ordinance providing for such extension.

**New Improvement District.**  
City Attorney DeKalb submitted a resolution declaring the intention of the city to create a sewer improvement district bounded by Ninth avenue on the west, Evelyn street on the north, Fifth avenue on the east and Montana street on the south. The date for hearing protests was fixed for February 3.

City Clerk Kimball was instructed to notify Contractor Littlejohn to remove from Crowley's field the rocks taken out in digging the sewer trench through it, and to open up the irrigating ditches.

**Engineers' Convention.**  
The council decided to send City Engineer Wasmansdorff to the engineers' convention at Bozeman, January 9-11.

It was nearly midnight when an adjournment was taken.

sky and family, James Spork and family, James Simacek and family, and a host of young fellows who have some idea of following the example set by Mr. Lodman.

**UNION MEN PINCHED.**  
Butte Parties Fined and Jailed for Contempt.

Helena, Jan. 3.—The contempt hearing came to an abrupt close this afternoon in the federal court, Judge William H. Hunt found Joe Shannon, William Cutts and A. E. Edwards guilty of contempt. R. S. Scott was discharged, with a warning.

Shannon was sentenced to serve 90 days in the county jail here; Cutts, to serve 90 days and to pay a fine of \$200; Edwards, to serve 90 days and to pay a fine of \$100.

## TWO MEN SENT TO THE PEN

Matthew Leonard, the young coal miner who recently forged the name of the treasurer of the coal miners union to a check of \$85, securing the money on it, appeared in the district court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to forgery. He waived time and asked to be sentenced at once. In view of all the circumstances, the prisoner's youth and the recovery of the money, Judge Cheadle let him off with the light sentence of one year in the penitentiary.

W. H. Morris, who was recently captured at Malta on a charge of stealing a horse belonging to "Manitoba Pete" Perry, of this county, also appeared for sentence and was given 14 months in the penitentiary. Morris, who admits that is not his true name, was arraigned yesterday afternoon and entered a plea of guilty. At that time he stated the circumstances of the case to the court, telling his story frankly and without reservation, apparently. He said that he was 28 years of age and had resided in Montana eight years. Four years ago he was married, but as a result of domestic troubles, there was a separation and he came

to Fergus, where he had worked for various stock outfits. At the time of this theft he lost his own horse some eight miles from George Wright's ranch and borrowed one of Wright's horses to make a search for his own missing animal. While out, he ran across the horse he was charged with stealing, and taking it for an estray, made away with it. He rode up to the Milk river country, and became homesick and discouraged and decided to sell the animal, finding a purchaser in Mr. Jermaine. The price agreed on was \$10, most of which had been paid over, but this money was all recovered and returned to Mr. Jermaine, while Mr. Perry got his horse back so that no one was injured. The only excuse he could give for his conduct was that homesickness led him to commit it.

Morris is a young man of good appearance, and anything but a hardened criminal. He was deeply moved while telling the court his story, and there is no doubt of its truth. Morris' former employers in this vicinity all though very well of the man, and until he committed this offense, he was considered an honest, hard working man.