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SEEK IN VAIN FOR CANDIDATE

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CITIZEN'S CONVENTION

Non-Partisan Meeting to Be Held Tomorrow Evening and Endeavor to Pick a Candidate.

"Bee, bee, who's got the bee?" That is the bee to be mayor of the great and growing city of Lewistown. Anyone with said beelet busily buzzing in his bonnet can be it. No pun intended. Neither is it to be assumed that the kind-hearted voters of this municipality contemplate that anybody shall be stung. But they do want a mayor. They want a mayor who can may—that is, a mayor who will be an ornament to the community, one possessing somewhat the wisdom of a Solomon and the business acumen of a Carnegie. He doesn't have to be either tall or short, fat or slender; dimensions will cut absolutely no figure just so he knows something of waterworks, a bit of paving, have a smattering knowledge of finance, be able to turn over the keys of the city to visiting conventions or delegations with neatness and aplomb and guide a common council through the maze of parliamentary procedure. These are the broad, general specifications. Details are not lacking, but they will not be mentioned here for want of white paper and black ink.

Not in One Million Years. They tried to tag Gene Lane but Gene reneged. He turned a smiling countenance to impertunity, threat and cajolery. Exit Gene by the propulsion of his own power. George Stone stands pat in his first refusal. A dozen or two others whose qualifications are unquestioned, passed. Every man approached has hung up the "nothing doing" sign in plain view of all tempters. They might take the whooping cough, measles or bubonic plague, but may of Lewistown, never. It's the busiest burg on the map. Every man mentioned has a job which keeps him busily engaged without borrowing the burdens of a burgomaster. Bob Woodman was pointed to as a likely victim. But Bob bobbed his head in negative nod, not gentle, but emphatic, when sounded on the subject.

Democrat Not Interested. Pursuant to a call by Chairman Regan, several democrats assembled in the second ward Friday evening and elected delegates to a city convention. That will be the only ward represented tomorrow evening as in both other wards the faithful failed to show up. There were two present in the first, but they adjourned sine die without performing their plain duty. The city hall drew a blank in the third ward.

Call Citizens' Convention. Judge Brassey, as chairman of the citizens' city committee, has called a mass meeting or convention or caucus to be held at the court house tomorrow evening, the aim, object and intent of which shall be to kidnap, coral or lasso a man to run for mayor. It may be that when the entire community gets together and conspires against one defenseless man, he may be powerless to protect himself. The confines of this city are fairly bursting with men who will make good mayors. Some one of them owes to this city of fair fortune that he gets busy and be mayor. Local pride must come to the fore. Selfishness must be shunted onto a side-track. We repeat it, we must have a mayor. Please tell us, if you can, just what sort of a figure this city would cut if permitted to remain mayorless. It is an unheard of condition in the annals of the American commonwealth—an office vainly, blindly seeking a man and finding him not. Avant the thought.

In the meanwhile, the sign of the time is: Wanted, one mayor. Apply to "Citizen," "Pro Bono Publico," or "Constant Reader," Lewistown, Mont.

INTERESTING PROGRAM.

Lewistown Woman's Club Hear Excellent Papers Read at Meeting. The literary department of the Lewistown Woman's club held its regular meeting at the library on Thursday, March 16, with twenty-three members present. The topic for the day was "Elevatory Institutions," and Mrs. Hedges was Leader. She was assisted by Mesdames Goss, Stoddard, Sharp, Watson, Holzemer, Vrooman, Hazen, Wallin, Warden, Ed. Sutter, Reynolds, Pfau, Cheadle and Weed. Mrs. Wasmansdorff was critic. After the program a business meeting was held to elect officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Will White, Mrs. Weed and Mrs. Reynolds were named as program committee. Mrs. Wasmansdorff was unanimously chosen chairman of the department. Mrs. Akins was appointed to fill the

vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Warden, the present chairman, and will finish the unexpired term.

At the annual business meeting of the Lewistown Woman's club, held at the library on Friday, March 10, the following officers for next year were chosen: President, Mrs. W. A. Hedges; vice-president, Mrs. Marble; recording secretary, Mrs. Stoddard; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hyde; treasurer, Mrs. Symmes; custodian, Mrs. Pfau; historian, Mrs. Vrooman.

Miles Finlen Dead. Butte, March 17.—Miles Finlen, a former mining magnate and at one time a prominent turfman, died at his home here today after a lingering illness at the age of 64 years. Mr. Finlen was prominent in the great copper war and for a time owned the famous Minnie Healy mine. Later he owned a string of some of the fastest race horses in America.

MAIN ST. PROPERTY BRINGS HIGH PRICE

GEORGE M. STAFFORD SELLS FOR \$625 PER FRONT FOOT.

That outside investors look upon Lewistown realty as a mighty good investment was shown last week when Dennis Driscoll, a Butte capitalist, purchased a piece of property of George M. Stafford, on Main street, comprising 25 front feet between Third and Fourth avenues, for \$16,000, or \$625 per front foot. The property has a building on it, which rents for a large sum, but the improvements are old and must, in a very short time, give way to a more modern structure; in fact, it is stated that the purchasers contemplate the erection of a modern four or five story building within the next year or two.

Woodman Lets Contract. M. L. Woodman, who has had the excavation dug for a big building on Fourth avenue, is going to push the construction work with all possible haste, and to that end, last week let a contract for the stone, cement and brick work to Antone Anderson, of Harlowton. Mr. Anderson was in the city Saturday and closed the deal and says that he will have a crew of men at work within the next week or ten days.

Will Go Up Four Stories. A foundation of solid concrete, sufficient to carry a four-story building, will be put in. It is the intention of Mr. Woodman to put up but one story this year, unless conditions arise which shall justify running it up four stories.

HON. B. C. WHITE NAMED.

Gov. Norris Appoints Buffalo Man Fergus Sheep Commissioner. Governor Norris has announced the following as the members of the state board of sheep commissioners for the next two years: Beaverhead, W. F. Crowell; Broadwater, J. D. Doggett; Carbon, L. C. Piper; Cascade, Roy Clary; Chouteau, A. L. Lowman; Custer, Frank D. O'Neil; Dawson, W. F. Jordan; Deer Lodge, Robert Fisher; Fergus, B. C. White; Gallatin, John W. Work; Granite, S. L. Walker; Jefferson, E. J. Stanley; Lewis and Clark, A. K. Prescott; Musselshell, J. V. Elliott; Madison, Frank Schwartz; Meagher, N. B. Smith; Park, J. M. Darroch; Powell, William Williams; Ravalli, P. J. Shannon; Rosebud, John Davidson; Silver Bow, Jerry J. Flannagan; Sweet Grass, Harvey Coit; Teton, G. M. Coffee; Valley, Alexander Elliott; Yellowstone, Thomas Snidow.

LITTLE OPPOSITION TO WATER WORKS BONDS

ONLY SIXTEEN VOTES CAST AGAINST PROPOSITION.

But sixteen votes were cast in opposition to the proposition to bond the city for one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of rebuilding the water system at the special election, which was held last Tuesday. Only 111 votes were cast, all told, the overwhelming merits of the proposed issue tending to rob the election of special interest.

The vote was as follows: First ward, for bonds, 37; against, 4. Second ward, for, 29; against, 9. Third ward, for, 29; against, 3. Total for bonds, 95; total against, 16. The city council will now proceed with all possible expedition to the work of completing all details for the sale of the bonds in order that the money may become available for the starting of work at the earliest possible time. It is the desire of the council to have the greater portion of the work completed during the present year. The work will mean the employment of from fifty to one hundred men within the limits of the city at good wages for the next ten months and this in itself will be no small item toward making Lewistown a lively town this season.

COMMISSIONERS AGREE ON TERMS

Governing Boards of Fergus and Musselshell Counties Come to An Understanding.

FAIR TO BOTH SIDES

Debits and Credits Just Balance and Neither County Is Compelled to Pay Any Money.

After being in consultation for more than a week, the boards of commissioners of Fergus and Musselshell counties reached an agreement last Friday afternoon. The terms of settlement were signed by all of the commissioners and the visitors from the southern county departed for home to make preparations for another little financial wrestling match, this time with the commissioners of Yellowstone county.

No Money Changes Hands. Under the terms of the agreement, there will be no money transferred from one county to the other. The assets of Fergus county in which Musselshell had a pro rata interest, were figured up as follows: Court house, \$112,000; furniture, \$11,000; jail, \$8,950.68; poor farm, \$7,000; clock, \$1,500; cash on hand, \$62,729.32. Total, \$203,180. The debit items include bonded indebtedness, \$203,000, with \$180 interest, total, \$203,180.

Difference of Opinion. The only difference related to the valuation of the Fergus county property, the visiting commissioners contending that the poor farm is worth more than seven thousand dollars and insisting that other property should be increased over the figures fixed by the Fergus commissioners and Judge Cheadle, who, under the provisions of the bill creating Musselshell county, is made the final arbiter of any disputes. The men from the "Miracle of the Musselshell" naturally tried to drive the best possible bargain for their county, while the Fergus commissioners were equally as anxious to protect the interests of the parent county. The agreement which was finally signed appears to be fair to both counties and imposes no hardship on either of them.

MINNEAPOLIS CONCERN TAKES OVER WESTERN

IMPORTANT DEAL CLOSED UP IN LEWISTOWN THIS WEEK.

An important deal in local lumber circles was closed up this week when the Rogers Lumber company, of Minneapolis, purchased the yards and business of the Western Lumber & Grain company here and at Moore. Inventory is now in progress and the purchasers will be in full control within a few days.

An Important Concern. The Rogers company is one of the largest lumber concerns in the northwest. They not only have large yards in Minneapolis, but own line yards in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Since they have now invaded the Montana field, it is stated that they will establish a number of yards in this state. Lewistown will be their Montana headquarters, and Mr. T. M. Lewis, who will have charge of the Montana end of the business, has already arranged to take up his residence in one of the von Tobel houses in the upper end of the city.

THE BRICK AND TILE COMPANY ORGANIZED

NEW INDUSTRY WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED IN THIS CITY.

A meeting of the promoters of the plan to establish in this city a large, modern brick and tile manufacturing plant, met yesterday afternoon and perfected an organization of the Lewistown Brick & Tile Co. The capital stock is \$75,000 and the officers are: G. J. Wiedeman, president; N. J. Littlejohn, vice-president; J. E. Lane, treasurer; O. W. Belden, secretary, and John Gretencort, manager.

Begin Work at Once. As an indication that no time will now be lost in getting the plant in operation, ground was broken today for the foundation of the establishment, which will be located near the Milwaukee depot. The machinery was ordered some time ago and will be here by the time the building is ready for it. A contract was closed

the latter part of the week with the Lewistown Coal, Gas & Light company for current to the amount of 150-horsepower for the operation of the plant.

To the Democrat, Mr. Gretencort states that the initial capacity of the plant will be 50,000 brick in eight hours, but as the demand increases, this output will be increased. He further stated that it will not require long to work up this demand as the Lewistown plant with the material at hand here will put out a product superior to the famous Hebron brick, which has a big sale throughout the northwest. In addition to all sorts of building brick, they will also manufacture paving brick and hollow tile. One of the immediate effects of the establishment of the factory will be the means whereby the streets of Lewistown can be paved at such a cost as to inflict no hardship upon any one.

ROAD SUPERVISORS APPOINTED BY BOARD

LONG SESSION OF THE BOARD WILL END TO-MORROW.

One of the longest sessions of the Board of Commissioners held for several months will end tomorrow, when the business of the session will be completed. The dickering with the Musselshell county commissioners occupied a full week's time and an unusual grist of routine business has kept Messrs. Petersen, Parrent and Gallagher at work for an additional two weeks.

The following road supervisors were appointed last Saturday:

Road district No. 1, William Bridenfeld, Lewistown; road district No. 2, Michael Trachy, Philbrook; road district No. 3, Mike Gibson, Maiden; road district No. 4, L. W. Eldridge, Lewistown; road district No. 5, Robert Sharp, Gilt Edge; road district No. 6, Theo. Nichols, Garnell; road district No. 7, John Gill, Gilt; road district No. 8, Earl Irish, Lewistown; road district No. 9, H. D. Rogers, Utica; road district No. 11, Guy Sitzer, Kendall; road district No. 12, J. W. Leslie, Stanford; road district No. 13, W. J. Adams, Lewistown; road district No. 14, A. B. Long, Lewistown; road district No. 15, M. A. Johnson, Deerfield; road district No. 16, John Murphy, Fullerton; road district No. 17, F. A. Bennett, Benchland; road district No. 18, George Rohrbacker, Jones; road district No. 19, David Lake, Natal; road district No. 20, C. A. Christopherson, Philbrook; road district No. 21, Charles J. Foran, Forest Grove; road district No. 22, Frederick W. Schwin, Fullerton; road district No. 24, W. F. Sherman, Gilt Edge; road district No. 25, J. D. Clark, Lewistown; road district No. 26, S. D. Parkinson, Weede; road district No. 27, David Foreman, Grass Range; road district No. 28, David Sanford, Kendall; road district No. 29, J. D. Sargeant, Roy; road district No. 30, Mike Hogan, Moccasin; road district No. 31, John Jenni, Lewistown; road district No. 34, Irene Desy, Lewistown; road district No. 35, Sam Lawler, Lewistown; road district No. 36, Arthur Noel, Lewistown; road district No. 37, G. B. Stuart, Kendall; road district No. 38, John Eshleman, Grass Range; road district No. 39, Ralph Marcotte, Wilder; road district No. 41, L. G. Bibb, Windham.

MRS. CLIFF DEYO DIES AT MAIDEN

ESTIMABLE LADY SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA AFTER SHORT ILLNESS.

Mrs. Cliff Deyo, wife of the well-known mining man of the Maiden district, died last Friday morning at 1 o'clock at her home near Maiden, of pneumonia, which was contracted following the illness from child birth. The funeral was held from the M. E. church in this city, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. White conducting the services.

The decedent was formerly Miss Minnie Wells and was born 42 years ago at Grand Tower, Illinois. When a young girl, she moved with her parents to Texas, from which place she came to Montana nearly twenty years ago. She was married 17 years ago to Cliff Deyo, and has made her home in and near Maiden since her marriage, with the exception of a brief period spent in Lewistown.

A husband and eight children survive, the youngest of the children being an infant about three weeks old. The family have the sincerest sympathy of many friends in their sad bereavement.

CHAS. LEHMAN BURIED TODAY

Pioneer Merchant of Lewistown and the Judith Basin Passes Away After Long Illness.

REACHED RIPE OLD AGE

Decedent Almost Eighty-Three Years on Earth—Stores Close During Hours of Funeral.

Charles Lehman, a pioneer of at least four western states and, for over twenty years, one of the leading merchants of Lewistown, passed away at his home on west Main street Sunday morning at 4:15 o'clock, death following a general breakdown which started two or three years ago and reached an acute stage some six weeks since. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, the Rev. Ernest Wright of the Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. Pfau, conducting the services. A large crowd of friends were present at the residence and a yet larger concourse followed the remains to their last resting place in the City cemetery. The pall bearers were J. D. Waite, William Blackford, John B. Rauch, George W. Cook, M. L. Woodman and David Hilger, these old friends having been chosen by Mr. Lehman for that service a short while before he passed away.

As a remark of respect to this old time citizen of the county, all stores and business houses of the city were closed during the hours of the funeral.

Biographical Sketch. Charles Lehman was born near Magdeburg, Germany, August 15, 1829, being therefore within but a few months of eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. He immigrated to New York in 1850 and a short while later, moved to Ringold, Georgia, where he was engaged in the contracting business. From Georgia he went to St. Joseph, Missouri, which was then a small frontier town, and where he served as the first street commissioner. He followed the contracting business there until he was seized with the gold fever which carried him to St. Louis and thence across the plains to Denver, where he conducted a store and bakery.

From Colorado young Lehman went to California, arriving there in 1859. After spending some time in that state, he went to the Boise mines, located near the present city of Boise, Idaho. From Idaho, he came up into Montana, locating at Virginia City in 1864. The next year he and his brother, Fred, formed the firm of Lehman & Brother, and for nearly fifty years his name has been identified with the mercantile interests of first the territory and later the state of Montana.

Comes to Judith Basin. In 1885, Mr. Lehman started a store at Cottonwood in this county and this was, for many years, the principal trading point in the Judith basin. He started a store in Utica in 1890 and moved his family to that place two years later. In 1893 he sold his Utica store to George J. Bach. In 1892 he built his present store in Lewistown, the building being occupied in September of that year. For the past nineteen years, he has been devoting his entire attention to his business here, which, through his excellent business judgment and industry, became one of the leading mercantile institutions of central Montana.

Some six or seven years ago Mr. Lehman relinquished the active management of his large interests here to his sons, although until within a few weeks of his death he was about the store more or less and ever manifested a keen interest in all passing events. Mr. Lehman was married in 1869 to Miss Caroline Bach, who survives him. The children who were born to mourn the passing of a devoted father are Mrs. A. W. Warr, Alex. B., Louis J., Oswald S., Walter B. and Arthur B. Lehman, all of Lewistown, and the Rev. Gustav A. Lehman of Pueblo, Colorado. There is also living a brother, Fred, in Los Angeles, California, and one brother and one sister in Germany.

Thus records in brief the simple story of a long life well and usefully spent. His was an unbeat path into a land where real men and loyal women dared the dangers of a dawn era. His fortune it was to survive until savagery succumbed to civilization, the torch of which he and his kind carried. He lived beyond his time and type and his passing breaks but another link which binds this day with another link which binds today from eyes of young and old alike tell more truly than piled up monuments of marble the story of fond affection in which our friend was held. When life is lived in such a way, Death dares in vain its terrors to inspire and the final dissolution is but a surcease of sorrow to the soul. Requiescat in pace.