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P. T. A. CHATAUQUA IS GREAT SUCCESS. LARGE ATTENDANCE

Friday night December 4th, the Belt P. T. A. put on a Five Night Chatauqua at the Auditorium to a large and appreciative audience. Over two hundred tickets were sold, and over \$75 cleared, the expenses amounting to only about \$5.00. This will be expended for the benefit of the school.

The Belt Chatauqua was fortunate indeed in securing Wm. Lowry as manager, and are pleased that they obtained him before Ellison-White Co. learned of his ability along this line.

Monday night under the direction of Mr. Waldo, a male quartet presented a program of songs. This troupe consisted of Messrs. Waldo, Robertson, Culver and Harry Browning, and they were accorded hearty applause.

Tuesday night program, Living pictures under the direction of Mrs. Homer Armstrong was extremely novel and pleasing.

The stage settings were made by the Manual Training boys.

I Innocence—Virginia Leland.

II Mother—Mrs. Thomas Wright.

III The Portrait of a Lady—Joy Browning.

IV John Alden and Missa—Mr. N. H. Nelson and Miss Genevieve Schroeder.

V A Comic Valentine—Mrs. Chas. Rice.

VI A Colonial Lady—Miss Elsie Bemis.

VII A Summer Girl—Miss Mary Schuler.

VIII A Modern Madonna—Mrs. C. H. Provin and baby Charlotte.

IX Veterans of the World War—Rev. H. Stong and Leo Graybill.

Wednesday Night—Opened with two vocal selections by Mrs. Harry Armstrong, whose well trained voice pleased all music lovers.

Mr. Waldo in a dramatic reading entitled "Our Folks" merited the hearty applause he received.

A Chalk Talk by Mrs. Robbins completed this part of the program.

Mrs. Robbins is an artist of ability who has appeared in the regular Chatauqua circuits and the Belt Chatauqua numbers her among its stars.

Thursday night was Farmers night directed by Mr. Harry Armstrong, assisted by Roy Johnson and Wm. Pilgeram.

They represented typical New England Farmers not the kind we have in Montana and their droll speeches and frequent trips to the old oaken bucket convulsed the audience with laughter and with Mr. Armstrong "We trust we will be better farmers for having spent the evening together."

Friday night, under the direction of Mrs. Homer Armstrong, the Coonville Jubilee Singers "completely flabbergasted" the audience with their repertoire of songs and dances.

There were fourteen members in this troupe and their work was worthy of a larger field. Both solos and chorus were excellent. The artists next day were recognized by left over makeup.

Taken all in all, this was the best Chatauqua ever held in Belt and there was no deficit for the business men to make up, as is so often the case, the proceeds stay at home, to benefit this community.

Nellie Grogan to Enter Havre Nurses' School

Nellie Grogan of Havre visited her mother, Mrs. E. Grogan, over the week end.

She has been employed in Havre for some months and now plans to enter the Nurse's Training Class at the Havre hospital.

In fact one object of her visit home at this time was to assemble her school credits which she did not have with her at Havre. Nellie is looking strong and well and will doubtless find her new work pleasant and profitable. She returned to Havre Tuesday.

Bruce Wilkins and Mike Oozler of Great Falls and Anastasia Klimas were the guests of Miss Billie Stufel Monday evening.

Born on December 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benn a son.

Stone Paulson was in Belt yesterday with a load of wheat.

METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, The Eternal Commendation.

Evening service at 7:30. An informal service consisting of a song service and a short presentation of the subject of Business and Religion.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Epworth League at 6:30. The newly elected officers will be publicly installed and new members will be received.

Choir rehearsal this Saturday evening at the parsonage.

The support and co-operation given by the people of the community to the bazaar and supper which was held Saturday under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society was very gratifying and highly appreciated.

The splendid supper served was partaken of by upwards of 150 people. Besides being a success from the monetary viewpoint, it proved to be a most delightful occasion from the standpoint of good fellowship.

Habit is either a friend or an enemy. Establish the habit of going to church, and thus be sure of a friend.

A Mighty Hunter Before the Lord

J. Burgher is death to Jack-rabbits. Sunday he visited the Davis Creek section which is famous for the quantity and quality of the supply. It is said that no resident of that section ever went hungry for a meal from the long eared sage jumpers which often grow to the size of a very small calf.

Burgher came back with his car festooned with bundles and bunches of jacks. Some weighed fifteen pounds and were giants of the species.

Last week the local market was glutted when Messrs. Burgher and Rush brought in a carload, so Monday Mr. Burgher took his load to Great Falls where he readily disposed of them.

Even though the supreme court decision gives a man the right to say that no man shall hunt on his land, jack rabbit hunters are welcomed in the Davis Creek country.

WALTHAM

Sam Loy is home but is on crutches and is not able to do any work.

The American Legion had a banquet at Highwood one night last week. Jack Finkle was toast-master. About forty members and several other guests enjoyed the delicious four course dinner served by Mrs. Berkner and assisted by several of the Highwood ladies.

On Friday afternoon of last week Miss Cleaver took her pupils to visit Argonne school. Regular class periods were dispensed with and pupils of both schools participated in discussion of current topics, language contests, arithmetic drills, topics in various school subjects, dramatization, games, songs, and the outstanding numbers—a debate by each school. It was regretted that only one visitor was present.

The most delightful social event of the season was staged Saturday evening when Mesdames C. J. Hauer and John Lander entertained more than fifty friends at the home of the latter. Five hundred was played at five tables. The dainty tally cards and score pads were suggestive of Christmas. Mrs. Conn Forder won the first prize for the ladies and Joe Lander for the men. The consolation prize fell to Mrs. Joe Lander. The younger set spent the evening dancing. At the close of the evening dainty luncheon of chicken salad sandwiches, pickles, assorted cakes, and coffee was served by the hostesses assisted by Evelyn and Geraldine Lander.

Jaap-Weggeland

On Saturday evening at six o'clock John Jaap, our popular drayman, and Miss Della Sophie Weggeland, daughter of Mrs. Emma Weggeland of Goodman Coulee were united in marriage.

The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Manchester in the presence of immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. T. Stong. Thor Weggeland and Allen Brolin stood up with the couple while little Aldrina Brolin served as ring bearer.

After this an elaborate wedding dinner was served by the Manchesters, the table being decorated with carnations, roses and chrysanthemums.

Shortly after the wedding, guests began to arrive and several charivari gangs called and were royally received by the groom.

Music and dancing occupied the assembly until a late hour.

The newly-weds will be at home to their friends at the Jaap residence after a few days.

Best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

The groom needs no introduction to a Belt audience, he having spent his life in the city of Belt where he handles his transfer business successfully for himself and to the satisfaction of others.

The bride is also a native of Cascade county having been born at the Weggeland home in Goodman Coulee. Her father was the late Thor Weggeland. Her mother, Mrs. Emma Weggeland, her sisters, Annette and Edith and her brother Thorvald were present at the ceremony while another brother, Andres, looked after the ranch.

HENRY FORD WILL SOON BEGIN TO MANUFACTURE OWN STEEL

Rolling of steel in the big steel mill of the Ford Motor Company at the River Rouge plant, Detroit, indicates another long stride toward the company's control of its primary necessities.

The start of production in the new mill, where steel billets are rolled into bar stock suitable for use in Ford cars opens one of the most dramatic chapters of Ford industries. The building itself is unusual, measuring more than a quarter of a mile in length and 460 feet in width, it is one of the largest structures of the River Rouge plant.

The rolling itself is accomplished in continuous operations, characteristic of Ford production methods. Tireless cranes pile the billets upon the loading deck of the huge oil-burning reheating furnace and from that point until they are rolled to size and cut to length, the process is without a halt.

The furnace itself is automatic in action, and as a billet is introduced at one end of the inferno of flame, another—a veritable pillar of fire—is forced out and starts through the operation. Electrically driven rollers give it momentum and like a comet it speeds into the first stand of rolls emerging slightly smaller in diameter and spitting sparks to be seized again and sped on to further reduction.

Forward and back through the milling lanes which occupy half of the length of the building, the billets, like incandescent snakes, writhing and twisting, progress through the ten stands. At the end of the process another conveyor carries them to a rack where they cool to blue-gray rods.

To the veteran steelman, the Ford mill is representative of the new era of rolling. Electricity from the Ford lines has been harnessed to provide the power for all the jobs which formerly demanded manual labor. Even the furnace, once stoked by men, is now fed by the turn of a valve.

In the parlance of the trade the mill is known as a merchant mill a name passed down from the early days in the steel trade, when the steel bar merchant was expected to handle bars of all sizes. And this is just what the new mill will do. It will produce bars of various sizes, all of steel made according to Ford specifications and intended for the manufacture of many parts to be used in the assembly of Ford cars.

The rollingmill, which has a capacity of handling from 15,000 to 20,000 tons of steel in a month, is the first unit of the steel plant to start operations. It will be March or April next year before the plant begins to function as a whole, with open hearth furnaces from which the ingots will be cast and the conversion of these into billets which go to the rolling mill.

In the mean time rolling mill operations will be carried on with billets purchased from outside sources. Production will be increased monthly so that when the remainder of the plant begins to function the mill will be ready to care for all output of the furnaces.

When the new steel plant gets into operation as a whole, with everything running from open hearth furnaces to rolling mill, it will present in reality a mammoth monument to Ford industry and economy methods.

TRIO OF ACCIDENTS AT WALTHAM

Not since July Fourth has there been so many accidents near Waltham. Exact place that his father upset he broke the driving shaft and the hogs went rolling down the hill. Neither John nor his load were hurt. His father whose leg was broken when the first accident occurred is rapidly improving.

A woman was the third victim. She was driving one horse to a buggy heavily loaded and was on her way to Great Falls. When she reached the top of the Lander hill the horse could not make the top and the heavy load pulled it back until it went over in the same spot the Jacoby truck had before. The hogs immediately began to investigate her packages, so the story goes. Her name or the extent of her injuries could not be learned.

The Jacoby truck turned over for the second time recently on Lander's hill. John Jacoby was taking a load

Our stores are draped in holiday colors, their shelves are filled with those things which the best judgment of the proprietors decided that you would need to make Christmas a success.

It will be a source of gratification to you to inspect this holiday array and a pleasure to the store people to show their goods.

IT PAYS TO READ OUR ADS

AUTOMOBILE LICENCE LAW HAS SEVERAL NEW WRINKLES

FIRE ON TUCKER PLACE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

On Friday night last the hay stacks owned jointly by L. M. Tucker and the Insurance Company now owning the Ashworth place were completely destroyed by fire.

The stacks were located on the bench about one mile back from the house and could not be seen from there.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Tucker while riding after the cows discovered that the hay was gone and that the ashes were almost cold. This was the first that she had known of the fire.

Later Mr. Tucker informed Deputy Sheriff King of the matter and the two made an investigation. The only clues found were the tracks of a heavy man leading to the stack and away. The fire was clearly of incendiary origin as it was one mile from the railroad and long distances from any other possible source of ignition.

About thirty tons of hay were destroyed which makes the hay problem this winter a serious one for Mr. Tucker who has some fifty head of stock to feed.

The Prevost boys of Raynesford returned home from Great Falls Wednesday with a new Ford Truck.

Harry Armstrong was attending to business matters in Belt Tuesday.

Help From Water Fund Is in Doubt

Word has been received from the Attorney in response to a letter from City Attorney to the effect that the city council of Belt acting as Trustees of the Water Works fund can not legally use money derived from water plant operations to assist in the fight to clear Belt creek.

The letter is very definite upon the point "derived from water plant operation" which leaves the city council free to appropriate whatever they may see fit from monies derived from taxation for the support of the water plant. This technical point might appear to some to effectually prohibit the city taking any steps to protect its property and it does in so far as revenues derived from the operations of the plant, but that portion of the revenue received from direct taxation of the city at large may be diverted to protection as well as to the upkeep of the city water system.

ARMINGTON

Mrs. Fred Hamlow entertained the Ladies Aid of the Christian church Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in sewing after which a bountiful luncheon was served.

Mrs. Tuura visited the primary grades this week.

The game of marbles has replaced the interest in the giant stride this week.

The Randall family spent Saturday in Great Falls.

The Armington section crew were called out on account of the derailment of the Nelhart train. After 9 or 10 hours of work the wreck was straightened out. About 100 ties and six rails were changed.

Mrs. Matt Richardson left Wednesday evening enroute to Portland where she expects to spend the winter. Enroute she plans to visit friends in Spokane and Seattle.

Lewis Nevala was a business visitor here Saturday.

Harry Hamment was also a business caller one day last week.

Don't forget to attend the lecture at the school Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickerson and Mrs. Silve of Geyser visited at the Nordquist home on Sunday. Mrs. Silve is the mother of Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Nordquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Servoss and son Russel and Mrs. Anna Servoss visited in Monarch in Sunday.

The primary department made a record of only one absence for the month of November. The children

Don't fail to send to Austin B. Middleton, warden of the state penitentiary, an extra \$1 with your regular automobile license fee. The last legislative assembly, in making a transfer of the handling of the motor license department from the office of the secretary of state to the prison warden, added many new wrinkles to the procedure and one of them is a \$1 fee to be charged by a warden for the issuance of a certificate of ownership. This certificate of ownership must be filled out by the automobile owner but the blanks will be furnished by the warden. Ask for one.

The motor vehicle department of the State of Montana will be transferred to the state prison next Tuesday. Ski Small, former sheriff of Valley county, will be in charge of the registration and issuance of license. He has been occupied for the past month in preparing for the transfer of the office equipment and has prepared a place at the prison for the handling of the plates. The last legislature provided 17 new forms to make out in connection with the licensing of the automobiles of Montana. Mr. Small has these forms in the printer's hands and will be ready for business within a very short time.

A saving is expected to be made in the matter of labor by reason of the change but the legislature has added much to the expense in the matter of printing new forms and the postage to be used in mailing blanks and the license plates. Mr. Small has estimated that the postage bill will be double what it has been in the past because of the increased postage rate, the increased weight of the license plates to be used in 1926 and the necessity for returning certificates of ownership to the various persons registering automobiles.

Applications for licenses should be addressed to Austin B. Middleton, Deer Lodge, Montana. The rate for licenses is the same as last year. The only change is an extra dollar for owners certificate.

who were neither tardy nor absent are as follows:

Dorothy Tuura, Ward Junkermeier, Helen Cooper, Sidney Merriman, Ruth Junkermeier, Dale Siegling, Mary Jane West, Mickey Lee, Donald Morris, John Dawson, Hede Hirano, Everett Lee and Rosemary Hamlow.

We regret greatly the loss of Ward Junkermeier our little first grader, and Ruth Junkermeier our second grader who have entered school in Great Falls.

The schoolbell which has been purchased cannot as yet be heard until a carpenter is available.

The school is rapidly progressing with the Christmas program which will be given in the near future.

Oscar Junkermeier, chairman of our local school board has sent in his resignation because he will make his future home in Great Falls.

Those on the honor roll having 80 per cent or over in their grades are: First Grade—Ward Junkermeier and Dorothy Tuura. Second Grade—Ruth Junkermeier and Mickey Lee. Third Grade—John Dawson. Fourth Grade—Rosemary Hamlow.

Shirley Family Bound For the Sunny South

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley and family departed Monday by Oldsmobile for Sanford, Florida where they plan to spend the winter. Whether they locate permanently or not depends upon whether they find a satisfactory business opening. They have lived some twenty years in this vicinity and their old friends expect to see them back when it gets hot in Florida.

Lulu Johnson was shopping in Belt stores Wednesday.

J. D. Moore a former resident of Belt called on old friends yesterday. George Atkinson of Conrad visited his sisters here Tuesday.

Fred Teigen of Great Falls was in Belt for a few hours Wednesday.

John K. Nelson and Andrew Maki were Belt visitors this week.

Andrew Kivi who is working the Anderson ranch came to town yesterday after repairs.