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## SUPT. CULVER AND FAMILY TO VISIT OLD HOME

Supt. J. R. Culver and family will leave soon for a visit in Iowa before going to Deer Lodge to assume his new position in the Powell County High School.

Mr. Culver came to Belt in 1917 to take the position of manual training instructor and athletic coach in the local high. In 1919 he was made principal of the high school and in 1920 when Supt. Remington resigned to go into other work, he recommended Mr. Culver for the superintendency.

During the ensuing six years the schools have been managed in a very satisfactory manner. The high school enrollment has gradually increased until this year the enrollment has reached 150 which is the largest enrollment ever recorded in the high school which previous to Mr. Culver's administration had never exceeded 136.

He was instrumental in organizing a Masonic lodge in Belt and was one of the first Masters of Belt Lodge No. 137, A. F. and A. M.

He is an excellent athlete and during the existence of the Cascade county league played second-base on the Belt team which made an excellent record.

Mr. Culver and his estimable wife were social favorites in their set and because both were possessed of good voices were welcome additions to the M. E. choir and to the quartette which furnished the music at funerals.

Mr. and Mrs. Culver will be deeply missed by their friends who wish them success and prosperity in their new home.

His contract with school district No. 29 did not expire until July 1st but the board of trustees gave permission for him to leave before that time in order that he and family might visit their old home in Missouri Valley before beginning his duties in Deer Lodge.

## Young People In Auto Wreck

John Boadle of Evans attended the dance at Logging Creek last Saturday night with his family and some guests. On their way home they had climbed the Lick Creek hill and Mr. and Mrs. Boadle got out of the car to open the gate for the car to take a short-cut to the Boadle home. They crossed the cut-off safely but, as they turned to drive back upon the main road to the house, the car was overturned and rolled over and over into a small coulee below. The five young people who were in the car were all injured, but are out of the hospital with the exception of Edna Flood of Great Falls who was the most seriously injured.

The other occupants of the car when it turned over were Annie Boadle, Clifford Boadle and Ruth Erickson, Robert Custer, and James Custer of Great Falls. The car was considered to be a total wreck.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Harry T. Stong, pastor

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, subject, Reciprocal Love.

There will be no evening service on account of the Anti-Saloon League convention which is being held in Great Falls, June 18-20. Our congregation will attend the Sunday afternoon and evening sessions of the convention. Speakers of international reputation will give out facts and in part inspiration.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. The future of the church depends on the Sunday School. Continued loyalty on the part of the teachers, and an increased number of parents who will bring their children, will assure the success of the school and the church.

Vacation Bible School will open next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. School will be in session each day from 9 to 12. The course of study will contain music, catechetical work, Bible stories, membership manual, and supervised recreation. All children will be welcomed. The only requirements are, interest and willingness to work.

## JOHN PELTO INJURED WHEN HORSE SLIPS

While driving home some cattle Tuesday morning, John Peltto of Geyser was seriously injured as his horse slipped on the muddy ground. Peltto's leg suffered a compound fracture and after first aid had been administered he was hurried to the hospital in Great Falls where he will remain for some time.

His son left his work in Great Falls and came home immediately to take charge of the farm work. The family drove to Great Falls yesterday morning to visit Mr. Peltto.

## Mining Company Plans to Operate

H. Haney of Monarch, Roy Thorson of Hughesville, Dan Tracey, F. Van der Putte and H. P. Brown of Great Falls have organized a mining company to develop a mining property about five miles south of Hughesville.

This property is distinctly a lead proposition and already shows large deposits of lead carbonate with some galena showing. The ore is said to assay 40 per cent lead. The company have seven claims all in a group. Some are valuable for their timber as well as mineral and one claim has been located to serve as a millsite. The claims are situated a short distance south from the top of the Blankenship hill. Charlie McGee has been doing most of the preliminary work.

The showing is such that, should the present owners prefer to do so, they will undoubtedly be able to dispose of them to some of the many mining concerns that are looking for lead propositions.

## ALASKAN VILLAGE IS BUILT FOR MAKING OF MOVIE

One of the most remarkable motion picture construction feats in years was the building of a complete Alaskan village, an exact reproduction of a little northern settlement of Flambeau, for the making of "The Barrier." Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer photoplay from the famous Rex Beach novel of the same name, showing at the Pythian Sunday and Monday, June 20 and 21.

Photographs of the original town were used as a guide in making the representation exactly as described in Rex Beach's novel and when the town was completed it was given a ready-made population of some three hundred people, whites, Indians and Eskimos, men, women and children. The primitive life of the Indians and scarcely less primitive life of the fur trapping folk and seal fishers was carried out in utmost fidelity.

The village was true to detail, even to the signs on the stores and trading posts. The saloon, with bars and roulette wheel, just as it existed in the story was built from an old photo and from Beach's descriptions.

The larger buildings were of log construction and the smaller ones of stucco. Indian wigwags and skin tents and primitive hovels, kennels for sled-dogs and bathhouses for fishing canoes were in the motley list of buildings.

## NEIHART HAS BASEBALL TEAM

Neihart has a baseball club and their team appeared for a few short minutes last Sunday in their new and attractive uniforms. They were to cross bats with the Geyser team but the latter failed to appear and just as the hour of the game approached a heavy shower started which lasted well through the afternoon. Doubtless this will propitiate the jinx which is said to follow new uniforms.

On Sunday next the Neihart team are slated to cross bats with the Belt team in Castner Park. The visitors are said to have a strong lineup but as yet have failed to secure any large amount of practice.

Remember the Kings Hill Epworth League institute will be held this year from July 12 to July 18 inclusive. Plan to attend.

Scientists are making much over the fact that the last decade has added a number of years to the prospective length of our life. It is time to add years to our life, but it is more significant to add life to our years. With Christ in your life there is peace and satisfaction.

## CHAS. H. PROVIN RETIRES FROM ACTIVE MANAGEMENT GEO. H. KIRK TAKES CHARGE

After active participation in the business life of Belt for more than twenty years, C. H. Provin has resigned as Vice-President and manager of the Farmers and Miners State Bank and George H. Kirk, formerly of Benchland has been elected to succeed him.

Along about 1901 Mr. Provin came to Belt to take the cashiership of the Bank of Belt, a private institution which was later incorporated as the State Bank of Belt. After nine years of service with this bank, in 1910 Mr. Provin resigned his position, sold his interest, and later held positions with banks in Clyde Park and Havre, Montana and San Diego, California.

In 1914 he returned to Belt and joined in the organization of the Farmers and Miners State Bank and became

its cashier. He suffered a paralytic stroke some years ago which left him disabled and his retirement at this time is due to his physical condition.

Mr. Kirk has for many years been engaged in the banking business in the Judith Basin being located at Winifred and Benchland. He has the reputation of being one of the most capable and conscientious bankers in the state. He is investing in a substantial amount of the stock of the bank and feels that the investment is a good one and that Belt is a fine little city in which to make his home. He will be joined in a short time by his wife and daughter.

Much to the satisfaction of his friends and business associates, Mr. Provin will retain his financial interest in the bank and with his family, will continue to make his home in Belt.

## Among Our Neighbors

Brief Items of Personal Interest Gathered by The Times Efficient Corps of Correspondents

### NEIHART

Tony Faller made a business trip to Great Falls Thursday of last week and returned Friday.

An L. O. O. F. meeting was held last Friday night, June 11. The members held the third degree, George Burkhardt being the new candidate.

Thomas Ledbetter came from Los Angeles last week to visit his brother David whom he has not seen for twelve years.

Messrs. Porter, Gutman and Tripp made up a fishing party last week.

The Misses Irene and Hazel Hobe were up from Great Falls Saturday evening to attend the dance.

Cody Ledbetter who has been attending High School in Great Falls came up Saturday and is now in the employ of the J. J. Stewart Mercantile.

Mrs. Harry Bridgeman and children, Harry and Margaret came up from Great Falls to visit her mother, Mrs. Chas. Swanson last week.

Mrs. White and family returned last week from Great Falls where they resided for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and children Marjorie and Thomas will leave this week for Missoula where Mr. Hogg will attend school for six weeks.

The Misses Eloise, Aileen and Jane Barker came up from Great Falls last week.

Miss Eleanor Schoberg came up Saturday from Great Falls where she has been attending high school.

Misses Florence Smith and Clara Hansen are visiting friends in Great Falls.

Tuesday evening of last week the occasion being the Rebekahs annual Memorial day, several brother and sister Rebekahs visited the cemetery and put flowers on the graves of the dead.

Oscar Schoberg came Thursday from Boulder where he has been attending school.

Carl Schenck has been kept quite busy recently painting places of business. The Gutman Pool Hall, Bennett's Garage, Taylors Cafe and Porter's store have all been painted.

Mr. T. F. Hogg, Carl Schenck and Edgar Schenck motored to Great Falls Friday and returned in the evening with Mr. Schenck's daughters Misses Emma and Elvira.

Sons were born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Bronson and Mr. and Mrs. Tennyson Kincaid.

Dave Ledbetter motored to Great Falls Sunday returning the same day with Mrs. Ledbetter.

A dance was given Saturday night by the Silver Dyke Orchestra. The members of the orchestra are: Mrs. Collette and the Messrs. Wilkins,

Bain, Kearns, and Zahn. Supper was served at the Taylor Cafe. The show given before the dance was "The Exchange of Wives."

Wm. Faller reports a fine showing of ore at his claim at the Fitzpatrick mine where he has been working several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Savage and four sons returned Saturday and will open their place of business, the G. N. Cafe in the near future.

Misses Esther and Carrie Leyson arrived last week from Whitehall where they have been attending high school.

Mr. F. Heath local depot agent, returned this week from his vacation at Missoula. Mr. Dunsult, relief agent, and family will return to Great Falls in a few days.

The Brazee bungalow at O'Brien creek has just been completed and their furniture was unloaded Friday. Trustee Schenck and Dunsford and Clerk Hogg held a school meeting Monday evening June 14.

Mr. Law, salesman for National Biscuit Co., made a business trip here Monday.

The Geyser baseball team was scheduled to play the Neihart team Sunday but due to weather conditions the game was called off. The Neihart team held high hopes and were in nifty new suits and possessed new equipment.

The Murphy brothers and Paul V'Dovic have just shipped a car of ore from the Dakota.

Bill Tripp, Bob Tripp and John Glover intend to ship from the Big Seven in the near future.

Mrs. Speiger sustained considerable bruises when the car in which she and Mr. Speiger were riding went over the bank near Johannesburg.

Mrs. Fred Bronson came up from Great Falls Saturday with her infant son.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sutton and family have moved up to King's hill for the summer.

Angus McDonald was down from the Silver Dyke Sunday.

### WELCOME RAIN !!!

It has been raining for several days and sod is soaked to a depth of several inches while plowed ground has absorbed moisture deep enough to connect with the moisture already in the ground.

Many fields of early winter wheat will suffer somewhat from the unprecedented heat of the first weeks in June, but while the crop will undoubtedly be lessened by the heat and lack of rainfall yet nearly every field will yield a fair crop of wheat.

Spring wheat was little injured and the abundance of moisture will keep it growing for some time until nearing maturity when it is hoped that further rainfall will carry it through to a bountiful harvest.

## MRS. CULVER HONORED

After the meeting of the Eastern Star Lodge Tuesday evening, Mrs. J. R. Culver, Worthy Matron, was presented with a past Matron's pin and a bouquet of flowers as a token of the goodwill of the lodge. Mrs. Culver is leaving this week with her family for a visit to her old home in Iowa and after the ceremonies the lodge met in a social way over cards and a lunch succeeding which those present wished Mrs. Culver "God-speed."

## Robert R Davis Answers Call

Robert R. Davis for 22 years a resident of Fife died at the Depew ranch in Fife on Saturday night last.

His death was unexpected because up to Tuesday when he came to Belt for a load of posts he had been in excellent health but while on his way home from Belt he suffered a severe heart attack from which he never recovered. He had lived for many years in the Fife community and was liked and respected by all who knew him. The universal esteem in which he was held is attested by the fact that all his neighbors were present at the funeral in spite of rain and muddy roads.

His wife died seventeen years ago. He was survived by his only daughter, Mrs. Mack Depew, one sister, Miss Etta Davis of Kallispel and one brother, Frank Davis of Carlsland, Alberta.

The funeral was held from George's chapel on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Williams officiating. The pallbearers were Fred Burrows, A. C. Alexander, Roy Porter, M. C. Campbell, J. R. Debow of Dutton and B. S. Baker. Burial was made in Highland cemetery in the family plot.

## MONARCH

Howard Wixson returned to his home here last week from Belt where he attended high school.

Genevieve Gerhart came back Wednesday from Great Falls where she visited several days with her mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Violet Redfern has been on the sick list the past week but is much better now.

Mrs. Homer Thomas is at Butte this week visiting her brother and friends at that place.

W. V. Talbot was a visitor in Monarch Tuesday from his ranch near Armington.

Mrs. Robert Day returned to her home here last week from Havre and Great Falls where she spent the last several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lishburg arrived here Saturday from Fargo, North Dakota for a visit with Mrs. Lishburg's brother, Arthur Vicens and wife of Belt Park.

Mrs. Margaret Clindien is spending the week at her cabin here and has as her guest Mrs. Wm. C. Coffman and daughter, Claribell.

Messrs. H. P. Brown, F. R. Van De Putte and Dan Tracy of Great Falls accompanied by H. S. Haney from Monarch drove to Hughesville Wednesday to inspect property of the Monarch Silver and Lead Mining Co. which they are interested in.

Miss Lillian Johnson, Candidate for county superintendent of schools, with Miss Ione Bohne and Mrs. H. Ayres of Great Falls were visitors in Monarch Saturday.

Francis and Archie Hunt motored up to Neihart Saturday on business. They with their mother recently returned from Fort Meyers, Florida where they spent the winter.

S. A. Remington of Belt was a business visitor in Monarch and Neihart on Saturday and Sunday of this week returning to his home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oriet spent Sunday at Raynesford at the R. L. Fish home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hudson made one of their frequent trips to Great Falls Monday accompanied by Mrs. Guy Haney, June Camp and Mr. H. S. Haney who will attend the Merchants convention.

Roy Benson was in town Saturday after mail and supplies.

## BARKER ROAD GETS NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

The road from Monarch to Hughesville has been confidently termed the worst road in the state of Montana. This is because of the nature of the soil and the heavy hauling which is done over it.

Unfortunately the mining camp of Hughesville is one mile across the line into Judith Basin county and the county fathers of Cascade county have not been particularly enthusiastic about building a road for the Block P which pays no taxes in Cascade county.

Supt. J. Vaughan Rhys of the Block P has interviewed the commissioners of both counties and is said to have procured an appropriation of \$500 from Judith Basin county and \$1500 from Cascade county for repairing this road. To this amount the Block P will add a considerable amount and it is hoped that this will be sufficient to provide a roadbed which will be strong enough to hold up the heavy ore trucks. Considerable development work is being done on the Block P and the management believe that they have ore reserves in sight sufficient to guarantee operation for twenty years.

Another road to the railroad is possible from the mines and this is over the road once called the Nebel trail and leads to Geyser. It is quite doubtful whether the pullover the mountain and later up the McCarty grade would ever be preferable to the water grade down Dry Fork. The natural topography of the country includes Hughesville in Cascade county but in drawing the county lines little consideration was then given to the dead lining camp but the next legislature should see that some county is responsible for an outlet to this active town of Hughesville.

## Circus in Great Falls June 28

Al G. Barnes Big Four ring Circus will exhibit afternoon and night at Great Falls on Monday, June 28.

The announcement of Al G. Barnes 4 Ring Circus appears in this issue. The coming of this organization is welcome news, as the Al G. Barnes Circus is one that always presents a clean, wholesome and entertaining program.

This year, according to announcements, the circus has been greatly enlarged, and in addition to the all new spectacle of Pochontas at the court of Queens Anne with the enormous cast, selected from the 1080 employees, other features are: 180 horses in line big act, The Fez-Tin Tribe of Arabs from the Sahara Desert—their first visit to America, The Canton troupe of Chinese Circus Artists, The Imperial Midget Family from Bavaria, Joe Martin (himself), The Gorilla Man, Lotus, the only performing hippopotamus in the world, and the Famous Exclusively Al G. Barnes Feature—40 dancing horses and 40 dancing girls, and Al G. Barnes appears in person at each performance.

Owing to the enormous size of the circus this year, the management announces that no street parade will be given in any city visited, however, in place of the omitted procession, a mammoth Open Air Free Exhibition will take place on the show grounds at 1:00 and 7:00 p. m., immediately preceding the opening of the doors to the circus, and the largest traveling menagerie in the world, comprising over 400 rare animals from all quarters of the earth.

The circus performance starts promptly at 2:00 and 8:00 P. M. Ample parking space for autos is reserved at the show grounds and a City Ticket Office, where numbered reserved chairs can be obtained at same price charged on the show grounds, is maintained in each city.

The father and sister of Loy Molunby of Great Falls drove out to Belt Monday evening with Frank Polutnik Jr. and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Polutnik.