

FERGUS COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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Beginning of Another Year.

With this issue, the Fergus County Democrat starts on its third year. Inasmuch as each milestone marks an epoch in the history of any newspaper, marks the end of a twelve months of trials and loss in some instances, of pleasure and profit in others; marks also the beginning of another year, brought with all its possibilities of hope or discouragement, it is met that something better than mere passing mention should be made of the occasion.

Retrospectively speaking, the year has been a most satisfactory one for the Democrat. From a business standpoint, many of the unpleasant features which were encountered during the first year have been missing. The advertisers of Lewistown and the business men generally of Fergus county have manifested their appreciation of our efforts to get out a good paper by patronizing us most liberally. About three hundred people of the county have had their names added to our subscription list during the last twelve months and the number of subscribers we have lost has been most gratifyingly small.

In every question effecting the best interests of the people of Fergus county, which has come up during the year, the Democrat has always taken an unequivocal stand. The interests of the people here are our own interests and if we are ever in error in any public question we are most gladly open to correction.

The coming year will be a momentous one for this paper. We have outlined a list of improvements which some may consider entirely too ambitious. But with a sublime faith in Lewistown and Fergus county, we will continue our progress, fully confident that the development of our territory will justify every expenditure for a better and bigger Democrat.

There is now in process of erection on Main street, the new home of the Democrat. When completed and equipped, there will not be a more convenient or better arranged newspaper office in the state. It will enable us to give even better service to our patrons and do so with less work, worry and expense to ourselves. When we move into the new building, we will also put into our business office a complete stock of office supplies typewriter supplies, blank books, etc.

Many improvements in the paper itself are contemplated for the year. We have but recently added to our editorial staff, Mr. David Trepp, a young man well known to a larger number of the people of Fergus county. He will have entire charge of the local news department of the paper and will institute features of improvement which will add greatly to the general appearance, literary style and newness of the paper.

It is going to be a good year for old Fergus county, is this coming one. Better than average prices for wool, good crops of grain which will undoubtedly command better than a living price, new settlers by the hundreds—these things are sure to make a prosperous community for a year at least. It will mean a thriving business for the merchants and a prosperous time for business men of all classes.

The Democrat fully expects to reap a portion of the fruits of such a gladsome time. We expect to add not less than five hundred new names to our list of subscribers; we expect to constantly increase our business. We may be disappointed, but not if hustling and good workmanship can get these things for us.

In return for what we get from the people of Fergus county we intend to give a paper which shall be a credit to the people who live here; a paper devoted to the welfare of all; a paper which will honestly portray the conditions of our county, one which will give the news fairly and impartially. We will give a paper which "boost" for Lewistown and Fergus county, not by means of patent exaggerations but simply by telling the honest truth concerning our matchless resources, the opportunities for homeseekers, the resources which may be developed even by those who are now living in the county.

WITH THE POLITICIANS

What's happened to the boom of George Wiedeman for state senator, we wonder?

Sam Hurvitch of Gilt Edge appears to have a clear field for the nomination for assessor. His selection seems to be a foregone conclusion.

The republicans have decided to hold their county convention on the 8th of September, being the first to fix a positive date.

Johnnie Sellers has not yet decided whether or not he will again be a candidate for clerk and recorder on the republican ticket.

It is said that R. D. Baker captured the delegation from Butte while in Helena and is now almost sure of his nomination for sheriff.

It is said that W. T. Neill will once more be a candidate for commissioner on the republican ticket. The contest is between Neill and R. W. Clifford but the latest reports are to the effect that the latter gentleman does not care to get into the race.

John C. Huntoon for the senate, Rufus B. Thompson and H. M. Rae for the legislature is a slate which has been arranged by a few of the republican leaders but, it is understood that not one of the three want a place on the ticket. There are numerous substitutes spoken of.

It is understood that John Montmorency Vrooman is opposed to the candidacy of his business manager, Mr. Watson, for the nomination for the legislature, fearing that the allurements of political life will have a deterrent effect upon the young man's attention to business affairs.

The nomination of Charles Fasel, the young Kendall man, for one of the legislative positions on the democratic ticket is now almost certain. He is a young man of exceptional fitness for the position and his friends who are legion, have every confidence in his ability to secure an election against anyone the republicans may put up.

The primaries of both the democrats and the republicans will be held next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The republican bosses, having followed

their usual rule of having every thing "fixed" far in advance of the date of holding the primary, say that there will be no contests for delegate places. It is likely that there will be two tickets of delegates in Lewistown by the democrats.

Frank Smith is the busiest politician in the county just now. Not only is he very industrious in promoting his own candidacy for the office of county attorney but he is also making a herculean effort to "harmonize" the different elements of the party. We fear that Frank's self imposed load is entirely too heavy even for his broad shoulders.

We desire to deny the gentle allegation of our worthy contemporary that we have become the "spiritual and political" adviser of the democratic party. Our friend across the street has frequently essayed such a role for the republican party, but the leaders have invariably contemptuously disregarded his "spiritual and political" advice much to his mortification and chagrin. On the other hand, he himself has, on divers occasions been given "spiritual and political" advice which he has always followed most religiously.

The Argus is very solicitous as to our attitude on the contest for the democratic nomination for county attorney. We will very gladly gratify the curiosity of our contemporary in that respect. The Democrat is whole souled and unequivocally for the man whom the democratic county convention, in its wisdom selects for the place. Mr. Ayers is a young man whose official record shows that he is worthy of the preferment which he has received at the hands of his party. Mr. Scott and Mr. Gordon are both able attorneys and are both personal popular. That either one of them can and will administer the affairs of the office in a manner entirely satisfactory to their constituents is a foregone conclusion. That any one of the three can very decisively defeat Mr. Smith, the proposed republican nominee, is also very much in the nature of a certainty. Your move, John M.

THE END OF THE WORLD

of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago kidney trouble caused me great suffering, which I never would have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of general debility." Sure cure for all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, blood disease, head-

ache, dizziness and weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Phillips Drug Co.

If you buy a new piano from W. S. Smith you are taking no chances of getting an old piano that has been in use for several years in some other town, taken back, refinished and sold

for a new one.

Start the baby off right with its finances. See advertisement of First National bank, page five.

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Fergus County Hardware Co.

THE PHILLIPS DRUG CO.

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PHILLIPS DRUG CO.
The Corner Drug Store.

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APPLES \$1.50 PER BOX

Mr. Charles Lehman has just written us that he has closed a contract with MacRae Brothers, whose fruit we have handled for the past five years. In order to secure the apples at the right price we were compelled to take 1,000 boxes of Dutchess of Oldenburg apples. These apples must be sold within three days of arrival as we have not the room to keep them, requiring the space for our winter apples, and we will therefore offer them at practically flat cost. Of these 1,000 boxes, we have already received orders for over 400 boxes. These apples are promised us to be shipped the first week in September and immediately upon arrival will be sent to our customers, thus insuring good choice fruit. Parties living along the railroad will please place their orders immediately so that the apples will not be compelled to stand in the hot warehouse of the local station. MacRae Brothers have the most competent and experienced apple packers in the Northwest, Mr. Charles MacRae having been a commercial orchardist for over thirty years and will personally inspect each box of apples before shipment.

Only one car of four tier Alexander Apples could be secured they will be shipped about October first or sooner. Price should be no object where the quality is the best.

Watch our competitors get a hustle on themselves. They may get a few cars of poor apples and follow suit by advertising, but they are always behind. We save commission and get good fruit.

BEAR THIS IN MIND

You will never get good apples at this price again this winter. The Montana apple crop is almost an entire failure. Last year we secured 1500 boxes of MacIntosh apples, this year we only secured 500 boxes. If you want any MacIntosh red apples this fall you must place your order now, which means 60 days in advance, and we will not name a price, but they will not be less than \$2.00 per box. If you place your order for winter apples and the fruit is not to your satisfaction you need not take them. We will open an order account for MacIntosh red apples and will take orders subject to being able to fill them. They will not be shipped before the middle of October.

CRAB APPLES

Last year over 50 cars of crab apples were shipped by one firm out of Hamilton, this year they inform us that they will possibly give us seventy five boxes of crab apples instead of the car which we ordered. We do not know what the price will be and we will not advise you to buy in advance, take your own pleasure in the matter but when they are all gone, please do not repeat the oft sung phrase "My I thought you had lots of them." Remember we will only have 75 boxes, but we have been promised the finest crab apples that Montana will produce this year, and we are hoping that we will not be disappointed.

LEHMAN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE