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### FOUNDATIONS LAID FOR NATIONAL F-L PARTY

#### CHICAGO MEETING MAKES PLANS FOR FUTURE BUILDING

No Presidential Candidate  
for 1936, But Congressional and Senatorial Candidates Will Be Supported by Local Parties

#### NATL. PARTY FOR 1940

CHICAGO—Preliminary organization for a national Farmer-Labor Party was set up at a vigorous but harmonious 2-day conference in Chicago over the Memorial day week-end. No presidential ticket will be named this year but congressional, state and local candidates in agreement with the move against the old parties and for the declaration of principles will be supported.

The Minnesota Farmer-Labor Assn. committee which sponsored the conference was empowered to call a national convention to build a national party, assisted by an advisory committee of 25 elected by the conference. Attempts to instruct the committee to call the convention within a specified time failed of passage. It is possible that Minnesota, engrossed in the campaign to put Gov. Olson into the U. S. Senate and Sen. Elmer A. Benson into the governor's chair, will not have the time, resources or enthusiasm to attend to national affairs until after the November 3 election.

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#### BOND PAYMENT MADE IN COUNTY

The Treasurer of Sheridan county, acting under the orders of the Board of County Commissioners, called in \$38,000 of outstanding Sheridan county bonds last Wednesday night. The bonds were of the new refunding issue for June 1, 1935.

Numbers representing the numbers on the bonds of that issue were placed in a box and 38 were drawn which were duly designated for payment.

The method is used because of the agreement made when the refunding bonds were issued last year, because of the fact that all bonds were issued in only one series.

The bonds called are in the denomination of \$1,000 each, eight thousand are being paid from funds becoming available from the spring taxpaying period and thirty thousand from previous payments which has been in the banks since those payments. These payments reduce the county interest charges considerably.

#### Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued at the office of Clerk of Court this week:

Lloyd E. Zimmerman, Poplar, and Alma Gilbertson of Verendrye, N. Dak.

Russell Mitchell and Alpha Anholt of Westby, Montana.

Dan Whitcomb of Zortman and Margaret Cosper of Outlook, Montana.

#### Callahan Injunction Hearing Date Advanced

The hearing of the petition for a permanent injunction, asked for by the attorneys of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, restraining Callahan from trespass upon his own farm and entry into his own home, set for Monday, June 22, has been vacated, and reset for Monday, July 6.

The reason for the continuance is the absence of Judge Paul, attending the reunion of his law class at the University of Minnesota.

#### Rev. Clifford Off For Cong'l Convention at Mt. Holyoke College

Rev. Earle A. Clifford, pastor of the First Congregational church of Plentywood, left Tuesday for Massachusetts, where he is a delegate at the general conference of the Congregational and Christian churches at Mt. Holyoke college, in the Berkshire Hills, in the old Bay state.

Rev. Clifford is a delegate from the Northeastern Association of Congregational churches in Montana.

While in the east, Rev. Clifford will take advantage of the opportunity to spend a few weeks with his parents and relatives in his native state of Maine.

Services at the Congregational church here will be resumed upon the pastor's return as advertised in announcements.

#### NEW GAMBLE STORE OPENS HERE TODAY

The Gamble store opened here today under the new management of Lorenz Bros., enterprising and capable young businessmen of Crosby, N. D., in the building formerly occupied by West's Cafe, redecorated and remodeled for the purpose, who purchased the agency formerly owned by Robert Grasham.

The new store opens with entirely new fixtures and a large new stock.

The new Gamble agency opens today (Friday) with the new owners inviting the public to visit the new store and see their splendid stock.

Jerry Rhodes, manager of the Gamble branch at Williston, is here assisting the Lorenz brothers in getting established.

#### FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO., DAGMAR, TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 25

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance company of Dagmar, will occur Thursday, June 25, at 1 o'clock, at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, at Dagmar.

Secretary Svend Petersen is now busy mailing out the notices to the 1300 or more active members of the prospering and growing cooperative enterprise, all of whom he hopes will attend the annual meeting. Secretary Petersen says that there is very important business coming up that demands the attention of the membership—so he urges, "be sure to come."

#### THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLATHEAD POWER PROJECT

#### Candidate for Judgeship Visits Plentywood Tues.

The Hon. Ernest Walton of Wolf Point, who has filed his petition with the Secretary of State for nomination on the non-party ballot for Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial District was in Plentywood in the interest of his candidacy, Tuesday, and while in the Sheridan county capital took advantage of the opportunity to make the Producers News office a very pleasant call.

Attorney Walton is a candidate against Judge S. E. Paul, incumbent, who filed several weeks ago. Both Attorney Walton and Judge Paul are life long Republicans, Mr. Walton being quite a leading figure in the councils of that party for years, and four years ago was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Senator. The fight between the two Republicans promises to be a pretty one, at Attorney Walton says he is going after the ermine earnest.

#### GRASHAM OPENS VARIETY STORE IN PLENTYWOOD

Bob. Grasham, who has operated the local Gamble store in Plentywood for the past couple of years, has given up the Gamble line and will open a variety store in the same building.

#### DEFUNCT CONCERN GIVEN GRANT OF ULTRA VALUABLE PUBLIC PROPERTY

Rocky Mountain Power Co.  
New Jersey Corp., Capitalized at \$25,000, Financed by Mont. Power

#### Another Teapot Dome

BY W. B. SANDS  
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of the State of Montana

Special to Producers News.

The Flathead River as it leaves the Flathead lake near Polson, Mont., drops several hundred feet in a very short stretch of the river offering the greatest and cheapest water power site in Montana and perhaps the greatest West of the Niagara. It is frequently called "the Niagara of the West." The Flathead Lake is fed by rivers from the main range of the Rocky Mountains. The large lake affords

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#### TAXPAYERS HAVE PAID FOR FOR COURT HOUSE, IN LAST 22 YEARS YET DON'T HAVE ONE

Court House Rent Alone Has Cost \$33,314—Operation and Maintenance \$77,392.22 More; Average Annual Cost \$4,896

Since Sheridan county was organized in 1913, and set up in the old school house at Plentywood, it has cost the taxpayers a pretty penny, in fact, practically the price of a new court house, for rent, upkeep and court house operations, for the 22 years from March 19, 1913, to June 30, 1935: \$30,392.22, rents and repairs, and \$77,392.22, for operation and maintenance, the cost of a fine spacious, modernly equipped court house, while there still is no court house, and the county records are yet housed in an old fire trap, cold and leaky, in danger of burning up at any time, forcing the building of a court house under circumstances not so favorable for building as now.

The average rent paid per year for the shack the county now uses for a court house has been approximately \$1880. The average cost

per year for operation and maintenance, which involves janitors salary, electric lights, coal, water, insurance, and additional building and improvements, has averaged \$3,516 per year, or an average of \$4,896 annually for all purposes.

The cost of heating the ceiling building, the old Plentywood school house, plus the part built on by the county, is very high. Janitor Dionie reports that during cold weather it requires three and more tons of coal per day to heat the building, three or four times as much as it would cost to heat a good building, and then the place is not warm, because it is impossible to keep it warm on cold days. The shack being a fire trap the insurance rates are very high. The cost of lights in a properly constructed building will also be much less. It is estimated that

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