

TOM STOUT'S LETTER

Interesting sidelights on men and things political

Washington, D. C., August 18, 1914
 —It occurs to me that if there is to be any humor to be extracted from this most tragic situation, the esteemed congress of the United States is these days in a position to give the laugh to certain and sundry of our citizens who, for several months past, have been devoting their spare time to berating the aforementioned congress of the U. S. A. and imploring it to shut up, stop and go home. These same gentlemen are now fairly besieging the congress to remain in session until a lot of measures for their own and the nation's relief are enacted into law and are gravely advancing most weighty arguments in support of their hastily reformed view that all thoughts of adjournment should be cast aside.

For several years it has been a favorite pastime with some of our facetious friends of the press to poke fun at congress. To read their stuff one would be brought to the conclusion that this country would be infinitely better served if congress never convened and the country's true destiny be attained if the lawmaking body of our government could be altogether abolished. It made fine reading for the thoughtless and won for some of our hardworking, deserving members of the literati well earned reputations as genuine cut-ups and regular wits.

But congress is having its inning just at the present time and a number of our most popular humorists are minus the inspiration for their daily dose of quips and quirks. Even these self-constituted regulators of correct congressional deportment have been compelled to admit that, during the last couple of weeks, congress has been a mighty handy little, old institution to have around. The thought has even been borne home to the most frolicsome of these intensely intellectual individuals that had congress followed their sage advice and adjourned back last April or May, there would have been the necessity for an extra session and while the members were assembling in response to such a call, a lot of precious time would have been lost before several very necessary emergency measures could have been made into law.

Among those who thought we should have adjourned several weeks ago are also a lot of our captains of industry. They for weeks filled the atmosphere with lamentations because business was being disturbed by reason of congress remaining in session. To have heard them talk prior to two weeks ago, one could only have thought that congress is an institution designed chiefly for the purpose of harassing them in their noble efforts to keep the ship of state headed in the direction of peace, prosperity and contentment. But when the bottom dropped out of things over in Europe a few days ago, when the laws of trade and commerce were suddenly suspended and it looked as if our entire fabric of business and finance were to be smashed to smithereens by the greatest upheaval that has occurred in the history of civilization, these same captains of industry were, like the name of Abou Ben Adhem, at the head of the list of those who rushed pell mell to Washington in terror and distress shrieking for immediate assistance

from congress. Little wonder that congress smiles rather grimly at this sudden turning about of things. It has been some time since it has had such a chance to smile, even grimly, and no one should begrudge this silent display of sardonic mirth.

Having acted promptly in putting through two or three bills of admitted urgency, we are now rather marking time. It is generally admitted that other measures of relief will have to be enacted before we quit. In the meanwhile, the interrupted routine work has been resumed although, it must be confessed, without any great show of enthusiasm. There is no disguising the fact that most of the members are tired. They would like to knock off, call it a day and go home, partly to engage in campaigns for reelection but, chiefly, I believe, to rest up and get into shape for the next session which will convene the first of December. But all now realize that this is no time to think of quitting. They realize that any day may bring some mighty serious tasks to perform and are patriotically willing to remain here prepared to do whatever the exigencies of these stressful times may demand. They feel that the people of the country will feel easier in the knowledge that the legislative branch of the government is all ready to aid the president in taking care of our people and their vast interests at this time.

TOM STOUT.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Non-coal land. Serial No. 011763
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Mont., July 31, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Peter W. Sherry, of Glendive, Mont., who, on March 17, 1911, made Homestead entry No. 011763, for SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 13 N., Range 56 East, M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Mont., on the 24th day of Sept., 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
 W. E. Lowrey, Francis P. Kelly, Chas. Newlon, Bert Carroll, all of Glendive, Mont.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Coal Land. Election Filed.
 Serial No. 02731.
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, July 24, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that William W. Poling, of Bloomfield, Montana, who, on Oct. 14, 1907, made Homestead Entry, No. 02731, for NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 32, Township 19N, Range 58E, M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Montana, on the 19th day of September, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Emil Johnson, Julius Otto, Jens Martenson, Chas. R. Tillman, all of Bloomfield, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Serial No. 013159
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, August 4, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas A. Murphy, of Glendive, Montana, who, on August 30, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 013159, for the N $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 24, Township 16N, Range 53E, M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Montana, on the 28th day of September, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Harvey W. Mitchell, L. W. Curtiss, Chester Richard, Edward Murphy, all of Glendive, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Coal-Election Filed, Serial 07206.
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, August 13, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Samuel R. McKinney of Glendive, Mont., who, on March 9, 1910, made Homestead Entry, No. 07206, for NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lots 1, 2, Section 18, Township 16 N., Range 53 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner at Glendive, Montana, on the 10th day of October, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Tullie Cato of Glendive, Montana; L. F. Wilcox of Woodrow, Montana; S. M. Groves of Glendive, Montana; and Frank Mahlkuch, of Glendive, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Miles City, Montana, August 4, 1914.

To George H. Foster of Glendive, Montana, Contestee:
 You are hereby notified that Ida J. Ellison who gives Glendive, Montana, as her post-office address, did on August 4, 1914, file in this office her duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead, Entry No. 013120, made August 22, 1911, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, Township 14, Range 56, E. M. P. Meridian, and as grounds for her contest she alleges that that entryman has never resided on the land, never cultivated the same, but has wholly abandoned the same.

You are, therefore further notified that the said allegation will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be cancelled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

Date of 1st publication Aug. 6, 1914
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 RIVENES & HANSON, Attorneys for Contestant.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Coal-Election Filed. Serial No. 05345
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, July 31, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ludwig H. Kjerengvold, of Lindsay, Montana, who, on July 14, 1909, made Homestead entry No. 05345, for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, Township 17 N., Range 52 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Montana, on the 23rd day of September, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
 John Minde, of Bloomfield, Mont., Andrew Minde, of Bloomfield, Mont., Englebright Larvold, of Lindsay, Mont., Sam Mathison, of Lindsay, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Coal-Election Filed—Serial 06079
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, August 18, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ralph Moore, of Glendive, Montana, who, on October 7, 1909, made homestead entry, No. 06079, for N $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 28, Township 16 N., Range 53 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Montana, on the 13th day of October, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edward Murphy, Clarence Barber, Ernest Mahlkuch, and Frank Mahlkuch, all of Glendive, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Coal - Election Filed - Act 6-22-10
 Serial 08412-014051
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, August 13, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mary E. Reynolds, of Glendive, Montana, who, on April 19, 1910 and March 5, 1912, made Homestead Entry, No. 08412, 014051, for E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and lots 4, Section 30, Township 15 N., Range 54 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner at Glendive, Montana, on the 10th day of October, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ed. Murphy, Alex Murphy, Melvin

Straight, and Joseph Locken, all of Glendive, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Non Coal—Serial No. 011663
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Mont., Aug. 14, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Victor A. Possien, of Glendive, Montana, who, on March 10, 1911, made Homestead entry, No. 011663, for NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 24, Township 13 N., Range 56 E., M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner at Glendive, Montana, on the 9th day of October, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Forest Gertenson of Hodges, Mont., William Billodeau, David Foster, and John Doeblor, of Glendive, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.
 First Publication, Aug. 20, 1914.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Serial No. 011609
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Miles City, Montana, August 4, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jerry F. Dougherty, of Lindsay, Montana, who, on March 4, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 011609, for E2, Section 30, Township 17N, Range 53E, M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before F. A. Parrett, U. S. Commissioner, at Glendive, Montana, on the 29th day of September, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Everton Dunham, of Glendive, Montana, L. E. Schnare, of Lindsay, Montana, Nels Jensen, of Glendive, Montana, O. A. Toptine, of Bloomfield, Montana.

A. KIRCHER, Register.

(First publication August 13, 1914.)

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA—A PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Montana, I, S. V. Stewart, Governor of said State, do hereby proclaim that on Tuesday, the third day of November, A. D. 1914, there will be held in the State of Montana a general election by the qualified electors of the State to elect the following officers, viz.:

- 2 Representatives in Congress,
- 1 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court,
- 1 Railroad Commissioner,
- 1 State Senator in each of the following counties, viz.: Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Granite, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Teton, Toole, Valley, Wibaux, Yellowstone, and in the County of Dawson to fill a vacancy; also in any other County where a vacancy exists.

Members of the House of Representatives in the several Counties of the State as follows, viz.:

- Beaverhead County 1
- Big Horn County 1
- Blaine County 1
- Broadwater County 1
- Carbon County 3
- Cascade County 6
- Chouteau County 4
- Custer County 3
- Dawson County 1
- Deer Lodge County 3
- Fallon County 1
- Fergus County 4
- Flathead County 3
- Gallatin County 3
- Glacier County 1
- Hill County 1
- Jefferson County 1
- Lewis and Clark County 1
- Lincoln County 1
- Madison County 2
- Meagher County 1
- Mineral County 5
- Missoula County 5
- Musselshell County 1
- Park County 2
- Powell County 1
- Ravalli County 2
- Richland County 2
- Rosebud County 2
- Sanders County 2
- Sheridan County 1
- Silver Bow County 12
- Stillwater County 1
- Sweet Grass County 1
- Teton County 2
- Toole County 1
- Valley County 3
- Wibaux County 1
- Yellowstone County 5

There will be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at said general election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition whether Article IX, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Montana shall be amended so as to provide for equal suffrage and the right to hold office, as prescribed by Chapter 1, of the Laws of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly, being

"An Act for the submission to the qualified electors of the State of Montana of an amendment to Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana, relating to rights of suffrage and qualifications to hold office."

There will also be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at said general election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of fixing the rate of taxation by the State at three and one-half mills for ten years, one mill whereof to be used for the support of State educational institutions, as provided by Chapter 117 of the Laws of the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly, being

"An Act for the submission to the qualified electors of the State of Montana of an amendment to Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana relating to rights of suffrage and qualifications to hold office."

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to compensation of workmen injured in extra-hazardous industries;
 Initiative Measure No. 8, relating to investment of permanent State funds, and designating securities.
 Initiative Measure No. 9, relating to consolidation of State institutions of higher education.

At said election there will also be referred to the qualified electors of the state, for their approval or disapproval or rejection, Chapter 97, Laws of 1913, entitled

"An Act establishing a State Athletic Commission and regulating Boxing and sparring in the State of Montana," being Referendum Measure No. 6.

At said election there will be elected the following officers in each county:

- 1 County Commissioner
- 1 Sheriff,
- 1 County Clerk,
- 1 County Treasurer,
- 1 Assessor,
- 1 County Attorney,
- 1 County Superintendent of Common Schools,
- 1 Coroner,
- 1 Public Administrator,
- 1 Surveyor,
- 1 Auditor in each county of the and eighth class counties, first state

State, except in the sixth, seventh and eighth class counties.
 Also, in the County of Richland one County Commissioner for a term of four years; one County Commissioner for a term of two years.

Also, a Clerk of the District Court in any county where a vacancy exists.

Also, one or more County Commissioners in any county where vacancies exist.

Also, a District Judge in any Judicial District where a vacancy may exist.

Also, any local question submitted to the voters of any county.

And in order that said election may be conducted in a quiet and orderly manner, I do hereby offer a reward of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the arrest and conviction of any person violating any of the provisions of Title IV, Part I, of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1907, the said reward to be paid until the total amount thereafter expended for that purpose reaches the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Montana to be affixed.

DONE at Helena, the Capital, this the sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fourteen and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred thirty-ninth.

S. V. STEWART.

(SEAL) By the Governor:
 A. M. ALDERSON,
 Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF ELECTION—CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Senate Bill No. 1.
 An act entitled: "An act for the submission to the qualified electors of the State of Montana of an amendment to Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana relating to rights of suffrage and qualifications to hold office."
 Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana: That Section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the State of

Montana be amended and that the question of such amendment be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Montana at the next general election.

Section 2. That Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
 Section 2. Every person of the age of twenty-one years or over, possessing the following qualifications shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people and upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; Second, he shall have resided in this State for one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law; provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned; Provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this Constitution; Provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this Constitution no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote.

Section 3. Separate official ballots shall be used at the general election to be held in November, 1914, which shall have printed thereon immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law; provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned; Provided, second, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person of the right to vote who has such right at the time of the adoption of this Constitution; Provided, that after the expiration of five years from the time of the adoption of this Constitution no person except citizens of the United States shall have the right to vote.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This act shall take effect and be in full force after its passage and approval.

Approved January 25, 1913.
 Enacted by the Thirteenth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana and approved on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1913.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 State of Montana, ss.

I, A. M. Alderson, Secretary of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an act entitled: "An act for the submission to the qualified electors of the State of Montana of an amendment to Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Montana relating to rights of suffrage and qualifications to hold office."

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of said State.

DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital of said State, this twenty-seventh day of June, A. D. 1914.
 (Seal) A. M. ALDERSON,
 Secretary of State.

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At the last show she rendered delightfully "The Rosary" and "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier."

The lady in the black mask—she must be called for lack of a better name—provides music loving patrons of the theater with a rare treat. Her splendid soprano voice is of wondrous sweetness, has unusual volume, wide range and fine tone quality. Her program is so diversified and so well selected that it is pleasing to all classes of patrons. She never sounds a false note and there is expression that gives hint of long study.

It is not easy to hold an audience by sheer vocal power, when that audience is distracted by surprise upon seeing an entertainer walk before the footlights with her features concealed by a mask, yet this is just what the mysterious lady does. Concealment of features robs one, as a rule, of the personality which most entertainers have advantage of, so it is that the charm of her voice alone holds the auditors of this unusual artist. Few entertainers have made such an impression here.

She will appear again tonight and give a complete change in program.—Billings Gazette, Monday, Aug. 24.

The Tray of Hearts at the late Theatre, Friday, August 22.