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NEW MIDLAND PLANT FINISHED

With the completion of their new building by the Midland Coal & Lumber Company, Baker can now boast of as fine and extensive a building of this kind as can be found in the country, or in any Montana city twice its size. General Manager R. E. Raymond has shown much foresight and skill in the handling of the difficulties connected with rebuilding and restocking of so large a store.

The Midland carries a complete line of general hardware and this department is capably managed by R. L. Bodley.

The company also carry a heavy supply of building material of all kinds, besides coal, cement, etc.

The plant has a floor space of 70 by 150 ft., the store building with office is 30 by 70 ft., the lime and cement house is 20 by 40 ft., the coal house is 18 by 45 ft., and there is a cement basement 30 by 48 ft.

The building is steam-heated and well lighted thruout.

The store room is beautifully finished with Cornell Wood Wall Board and paneled with 1 by 4 inch fir finish.

The front is of plate glass set in metal bars which sets off to good advantage a spacious display window. On the east side extending to the rear of the lots is a 100 ft. fire wall, and conveniently located thru the center of the building is a 20 by 150 ft. driveway.

Outside of the shed is 15,000 square feet of piling space.

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J. A. WILLIAMS MAKES REPLY

Dear Mr. Editor:—
The prohibition question is not a partisan one now and being of general public interest please give me a little space. It is a question of good citizenship and the enforcement of law against criminal tendencies. I wish to refer briefly to the alleged speech of Mr. Conwell last night. It was well staged but its weakness consisted in its misleading statements and its utter failure to make a single argument or even the suggestion of an argument against prohibition.

Wherein he said anything at all worthy of notice clustered about Kansas. Of all things think of his selecting Kansas! The world over Kansas is the pride of the prohibitionist and he admitted as much before he was through. He admitted that prohibition is so popular with the editors, politicians, educators and business men of Kansas that any one advocating anything else would be boycotted. Admitting the complete success of it in Kansas he had the nerve to try to make the intelligent people of Baker believe that the people down there were not defending it because of its being a success but because of its being a failure. Mr. Conwell did not state the facts about Kansas. When he started in to give statistics he stated falsehoods as any one can see who will look it up.

He tried by garbling to make Chafin an opponent of prohibition when any one who reads knows that he is one of the strongest advocates of prohibition in the country. Mr. Conwell was careful to make it clear that he is not a drinker but his whole effort is in the direction of trying to make your boy and mine a drinker and an incompetent and trying to make the girls bawdys for some one's profit.

Not a single thing was said or could be said for the saloon.

He said in effect that if the poor heart-broken mother can not pray her son into true manhood before he is 21 years old then it is all right to set up a whiskey shop to destroy him for her.

He asked the people to lie down before the miserable bootlegger and

lawbreaker in advance that they will run the thing any way. Let him and the rest take notice right now that in this community at least if we pass that prohibition law the officers will enforce the law or retire to private life mighty swiftly.

If more liquor is sold in dry territory than in wet why in the name of common sense are the brewers and distillers dressing him up to make this wall for wet territory and everything that's bad?

Prohibition will not be voted unless a majority want it. And if the majority want it and vote it, do not forget it, it will be enforced in this state. Even these generous hearted, good-natured drinking men are going to vote dry by the thousands.

They want the temptation and opportunity out of the way. They will help us enforce it and you need not be afraid of the little imps who live off the earnings of poor ruined girls.

After failing to state facts or make any argument Mr. Conwell capped the climax by taking names that are to us sacred and divine, names we first heard at mother's knee, and he tried to drag them in the cess-pool of iniquity where the purveyors of vice and crime have their habitat. Lack of space forbids further comment.

Yours very truly,
J. F. WILLIAMS,
Baker, Montana.

MISS BACHTLE HOSTESS.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, Miss Carrie Bachtle was hostess to the teachers of the Baker schools. Fancy work and congenial conversation made the hours pass all too swiftly. Miss Bachtle demonstrated to her guests satisfaction that good teachers can also prepare and serve good luncheons.

Following are the guests present: The Misses Mata-Allee, Lela Gribble, Lucy Backus, Ruth Thompson, Elva Richardson.

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Drilling at the oil well has been resumed with every reason to expect the hoped for results.

Milwaukee Bridge Burned.

The one hundred and eight-foot bridge spanning the Yellowstone river on the Milwaukee railroad between Miles City and Terry was recently destroyed by fire, supposed to have been caused by a spark caught among the timbers and fanned into flame by the wind. Work of rebuilding the bridge was begun at once. All trains affected were sent over the Northern Pacific tracks.

Old papers for sale. Times office.

ARMOUR WILL BUILD BIG PLANT

Plans for the construction of an enormous packing plant at South St. Paul, at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000, are being pushed by Armour & Co., and ground may be broken within the next month, it was announced today by George Robbins, vice president of the company.

Plant Here Biggest.

The plant will be built on the same general lines as the other Armour establishments in the Western States, but will have a greater capacity than the majority of the plants. The same byproducts will be packed there as at the other Armour plants, including bacon, ham, lard, sausage, canned beef and all other live stock commodities.

"We probably will get the contract for the foundation work this fall," declared Mr. Robbins. "I do not know exactly when the work will begin, but it will be as soon as possible after the contracts are drawn up and all arrangements are completed."

To Take Long Time.

"One may realize the time required to erect such a big plant when it is considered that we are going to spend several million dollars on the project. It is safe to say that the plant will not be in operation for at least two years."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEDDING INTEREST BAKER SOCIETY

Attesting to the popularity of Miss Bessie Millard, youngest daughter of Mrs. C. J. Millard and who is soon to become the bride of Mr. Paul Collette, are the several social events given in her honor by her friends.

The first of a series of showers given for her was the kitchen shower, when Mrs. Ed. Lentz was hostess to the Catholic Altar Guild.

The pleasing decoration scheme of yellow and white was in evidence thruout the rooms.

The two Lentz children, Betty and Buddy, in the sweetest manner possible, presented the gifts to Miss Millard. They consisted of a practical assortment of high grade kitchen ware.

A delicious lunch was served as close to a very enjoyable afternoon on Monday of last week. Mrs. C. P. Cornish and Mrs. C. V. Crosby entertained the Woman's Club in Miss Bessie's honor.

A most beautiful and pleasing effect was attained in the decorations of yellow and white, with the shades drawn and candles lighted.

The main feature of entertainment was a mock wedding in which Mrs. C. H. Proctor, wearing her own wedding gown and veil, posed as the bride, and Mrs. L. C. Erther was the happy groom. Mrs. C. Hildreth was inimitable as the minister, while Mrs. L. Price, as the father, gave the bride away. Mrs. C. Millard took her proper place as mother, and Mrs. Ed. Lake, dressed as flower girl, looked and did her part beautifully.

The Misses Lucy Backus and Bonita Cornish, both of whom have pleasing voices, entertained the ladies with songs.

Many fine pieces of china were given to Miss Millard, the presentation being made by Miss Backus, who was gowned in Chinese costume for the pleasant duties of gift-bearer.

Dainty refreshments were served in cafeteria style.

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. L. Price entertained in Miss Millard's honor, the high school girls who, for

three years had been her school-mates, Miss Bessie having graduated from the Baker high school last June. Needless to say, they all enjoyed to their hearts content, this final good time together, before losing Miss Bessie from their ranks.

The rooms were all beautifully and suggestively decorated with red and white hearts, darts, cupids and arrows.

One form-of-entertainment which created much merriment, was the reading of original rhymes by each girl on a paper heart, the thought expressed in each rhyme being good wishes for Miss Bessie in her new life.

During the afternoon, each girl hemmed a kitchen towel which she had brought with her and on it embroidered her own initials. These practical gifts, on which are the initials of each beloved school friend, will be the inspiration of many happy memories for the bride to be.

The decorative scheme of red and white and heart shapes were tastefully carried out in the appetizing two-course luncheon served. At each plate were place cards of cupids and arrows.

The flashlight pictures, taken by F. J. Neiman, of the girls and the beautifully arranged dining and living rooms, will be among the treasured mementos of the occasion.

Following is a list of the seventeen girls invited:

Bessie Millard, Eula Sparks, Bessie Hubbard, Lazella Bonner, Bonita Cornish, Beth Conser, Viola Braun, Irene Lentz, Martha Majouk, Ruth Long, Leona Brownson, Hazel Crosby, Ethel Wilson, Pearl Helgeson, Louise Hildreth and the Misses Ida and Mabel Damon.

The marriage of Miss Millard and Mr. Paul Collette, will take place next Monday morning at the Catholic church and will be open to the public. Later a wedding breakfast will be served to invited guests. Mr. Collette has a very pretty bungalow waiting for his bride.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WLLARD

Miss Salome Johnson assisted Mrs. E. Anderson with the housework a few days last week.

Charles Short and James Murray left for Senora, Ill., last Monday.

The farmers of Willard will no doubt have an Equity co-operative store in the near future. S. B. McVay

of Great Falls, Mont., sold a number of shares last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westrope, a 10 pound girl, last Sunday.

Geo. Sharpness is working for Sigward Berntson at present.

John and Ole Roget, Misses Louise Hildreth and Cathrine Blake made a flying trip to Ollie last Saturday.

Two cars from this vicinity will leave for Murdock, Minn., next Monday.

Fred and Elmer Anderson with their families autoed to the Atkinson ranch Sunday the 17th.



—From New York World.

Arvid W. Jensen from Sykes brought in a load of wheat this week from his farm and took back with him supplies to last him thru the winter. Mr. Jensen comes in the seventy miles from his farm about three times a year, as this is his nearest railroad point. Such perseverance as this wins out every time.

MUSICAL.

The Lawler Drug Co. is demonstrating a number of very pleasing and entertaining records on their Edison Diamond Disc machines. One among the number that demands attention is Hawaiian selection, entitled Hilo March, which excels everything of harmony we ever heard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton were in from their ranch east of Ekalaka, Monday.

Oscar Ferguson looked after business matters in Ekalaka last Friday.

W. H. Peck of Ekalaka was in Baker Monday to meet Mr. Mobray who was expected to return from Rochester where he had gone for treatment for rheumatism.

FOR SALE.

One Shetland filly, gentle—a bargain. BUTTE H. TIPTON.

At the Fertile Prairie dance given last Friday night, a rousing good time was reported.

A Benefit dance given by the High School, on tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Athletic Association, is being joyously looked forward to by those who "trip the light fantastic toe."

Miss Clara Northrup en route from Seattle to Iowa, is enjoying a few days visit with her sister of this city.

Geo. Harris, recently operated on for appendicitis at the Elizabeth hospital, is reported doing nicely and can soon be moved to his home.

FOUND.—Auto crank handle on Yellowstone Trail. 9-28-16

Mr. Ernest Floyd Strain of Ekalaka and Miss Letitia Elizabeth Macrery of Clark Fork, Idaho, were married in this city, on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, Rev. S. W. Pollard officiating.

Forty couple enjoyed a royal good time at the Yeoman's dance Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. L. Cory and little son Halsey returned yesterday afternoon from a visit of several months with relatives and friends in Colorado and Iowa.

MARMARTH MAN DIES OF TYPHOID

On last Wednesday, Sept. 20th, occurred the death of W. R. Comstock of Marmarth, at the Moberg hospital, after a two weeks illness, of typhoid fever. The remains were taken back to the old family home in Oregon, Wisconsin, from where the funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon. On the same day and at the same hour public services were conducted in the Opera House of Marmarth. The throngs of people in attendance attested to the deep love and respect in which he was held by the entire surrounding country.

At the time of his death Mr. Comstock was Mayor of Marmarth, president of the Farmers State Bank and manager of the Carpenter-Webster Lumber Co. at that place, which latter position he had satisfactorily filled for many years.

The deceased was a brother of J. M. Comstock of this city.

Mrs. F. O. Carmichael entertained the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Ed. Lentz left Saturday afternoon for Minneapolis where she will visit for several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Wolter of that city.

GUSTAFSON COMMITTED SUICIDE

Last week came the tragic end of Charles Gustafson, who in a spell of insanity became a suicide.

It will be remembered that this is the man who a few weeks ago hid himself in a hay mow on the Louis Larson farm, near Plevna, and for three weeks lived there without being discovered, his only food being wheat from the bins and milk which he stripped from the cows at night. He was brought in on an insanity charge, but was considered harmless and placed in the keeping of friends. He was irrational only by spells when he labored under the delusion that someone was trying to harm him.

It seems that Gustafson, in a recurrence of one of these spells last week, watched and waited till the Larson family had left home, then he set fire to the house, went into the barn and set fire to the hay, deliberately burning down the barn with himself in it.

When not laboring under these paranoic spells, Gustafson was industrious and saved his money. He is said to have considerable money in the bank and a share in the Larson farm.

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LUTHERAN SERVICES.

English services in Carlyle next Sunday, Oct. 1st, at 10:30 o'clock. In Ollie at 3:00 o'clock.

Services in Willard Oct. 8th, at 10:30 o'clock. In Baker, at 3:00 o'clock, and in Fertile Prairie hall at 7:30 o'clock.

All these services will be conducted in the English language except these held in Ollie.

REV. H. L. ANDERSON.

MONTANA GETS GRAND PRIZE

Montana continues to head the list in the quality and quantity of her agricultural products. Frank Hazelbaker, California exposition commissioner, has received word that Montana has again captured a number of prizes for its participation in the agricultural competitions at the San Diego exposition of 1916. This state was awarded the following prizes:

Grand prize for agriculture.
Grand prize for potatoes.
Grand prize and gold medal for vegetables.

Nine silver medals for all varieties of peas.
Six gold medals and three silver medals for all varieties of wheat.

Six gold medals for all varieties of barley.
Two gold medals for barley.
Four gold medals for all varieties of oats.

One gold, one silver and two bronze medals for grasses and forage crops.
One bronze medal for corn.

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E. H. Trandum, deputy county treasurer, spent Sunday at his ranch near Webster.

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