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M. E. Conference Ended.

The tenth annual conference of the North Montana mission of the Methodist Episcopal church came to an end late last evening, after Bishop Merrill had announced the following appointments of pastors for the ensuing year:

Augusta—To be supplied by Rev. W. D. Luther, who has had the Culbertson charge for the past year.

Beaver Creek and Gilt Edge—Rev. A. B. Sheldon, re-appointed.

Belt—Rev. Allen Rodger, re appointed.

Cascade—Rev. F. P. Leckliter re-appointed.

Chinook and Bear Paw Mountain—Rev. Joel Vigus, re-appointed.

Choteau and Burton—Rev. F. L. Buzzell, re-appointed.

Culbertson—To be supplied.

Fort Benton and Highwood—Rev. C. E. Cunningham, re-appointed.

Glasgow and Hinsdale—Rev. P. W. Haynes and Rev. Milton Chester, both re-appointed.

Great Falls—J. R. Smith, re-appointed.

Havre and Box Elder—Rev. L. R. Kufus, re-appointed

Lewistown and Kendall—W. A. Winters, re appointed.

Little Rocky Mountains—No announcement.

Malta—Rev. James Opie, who has had the Augusta charge for the past year.

Neihart, Monarch and Bethel—Rev. S. J. Hocking, re-appointed for his seventh successive year.

Sand Coulee, Stockett and Red Butte—Rev. George Logan, re-appointed.

Shelby and Sweet Grass Hills—Rev. A. W. Hammer, who has had the Dupuyer charge and has also served Shelby, the Sweet Grass Hills, Pondera, Bynum and Raymond.

Swift Current and St. Mary's Lake—No announcement.

Ubat, Garneill and Musselshell—No announcement.

Utica—Rev. W. B. Young, who has had the Garneill charge, also serving Harlowton.

West Great Falls and Sun River—Rev. J. H. Little, re-appointed.

Wolf Creek and Craig—No announcement.

Superintendent of Epworth Piegan Indian mission—Rev. F. A. Riggin.

Rev. C. E. Hayes, who has had the Malta charge, was excused for one year, to attend school.

Unless the Montana conference session should result in other arrangements, Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel will be continued as superintendent of the mission—and "bishop of northern Montana."

Next year's conference will be held at Fort Benton, that place having beaten Belt in the voting

The Telephone in Surgery.

In several London hospitals surgeons are now using the telephone whenever they have occasion to probe for bullets or other metallic objects. The receiver of the telephone is placed on the head of the operator, and the patient is placed, in the usual manner in contact with a plate, the general medium employed being a wet sponge or some paper saturated with a saline solution, which is spread over the plate. The latter is connected with the telephone by a wire and the probe after it has been introduced into the body, naturally vibrates as soon as the foreign metallic substance comes in contact with it. The probe is also connected with the telephone by a wire, and thus no such blunder is possible, as sometimes happens when an ordinary battery is used.

State Land Sale in Flathead.

What will undoubtedly be the largest sale of state land of the year, that is Flathead county, has been set for September 11 by Register T. D. Long. It is generally conceded that the business the register will do at this auction will exceed that of any that has been or will be held this year. Flathead contains some of the finest farming land in the state, and the auction should prove as great a success as that of last year, when thousands of acres were sold and leased.

Oil Well in Flathead.

Helena, July 31.—An oil well that gushes over 100 barrels a day and shows promise of a great capacity after development has been discovered in the Flathead oil fields.

The Associated Press is authority for the above grand news for Flathead people, and the investors in oil lands in this city will be very anxious until they find upon which property the strike has been made. From the fact that the strike was reported in Helena and not in Butte, the Butte company cannot be the lucky one, and the good fortune must be devided between the Kintla Lake Oil company and the Calgary company. The latter have already reported an oil strike, and it is possible that the Kintla Lake company is the fortunate one. Last reports from the field of operations was that the Kintla was working continuously on the well and making rapid headway. More news is expected tonight, and if it is a strike in the Kintla oil well, the news will be brought here by one of the operators tonight. Nearly all the stock in the Kintla Lake Oil company is held by Kalispell people.—Bee.

Will Sail the Seas.

Two Helena boys have been appointed naval cadets at the Annapolis academy and both are now in the east preparing for the examinations which they must pass before they may be admitted to that famous government school. Hobart L. Clayborg, son of Judge and Mrs. John B. Clayborg, and William Parberry Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson of Helena, are the fortunate lads who have received the Annapolis appointments. Young Mr. Clayberg was appointed by Senator Paris Gibson and Mr. Davidson received his appointment from Senator W. A. Clark.

Both boys are now at the Wentz preparatory school at Annapolis making ready for their examination. It is considered almost certain that both will pass the examinations, which are however very severe.

Sins of the Tongue.

The sins of the tongue all point to the necessity and profit of self mastery. There is danger in the tongue that often brings sorrow to the innocent ones, as well as throws a reflection on a pure character. If this confession of failure and magnifying of the office of the tongue seems exaggerated, let any one sit down quietly and think of the sins and cruelties of human speech. The careless words which no repentance can call back again. The rash promises which it has cost us so much to fulfill, the expression of the lower nature which has shamed the higher, the confessions of evil and yielding to falsehood, the hot and angry words which sober thought condemn—these are some of the perils of the tongue. On the other hand, like most of the uses of the world which turn so easily to evil, the tongue may be the instrument of great and lasting good.

Cattlemen on Warpath.

Masked men near Lackeys, Wyo., are reported to be beating sheepmen and killing their herds. Jack Mercer, a foreman for Leonard Sedgwick, is ill from the effects of the terrible beating received at the hands of the masked strangers.

He, with several herders, was attending Sedgwick's herds near Lambreaux, when the party was surprised by men in masks, presumably infuriated cattlemen. Mercer was gagged, blindfolded, beaten and then grappled to the ground. Joseph Gague, one of the party, was shot and killed. Nineteen other sheepherders in the vicinity were treated in the same manner. For 24 hours they lay perfectly helpless, while the masked men proceeded to burn their saddles and outfits and seize their clothing.

Four thousand five hundred head of sheep were then driven into a corral and there slaughtered. Most of them belonged to Sedgwick, whose loss is nearly $13,000.

Railroad Assessment Raised.

After spending most of the afternoon Friday in deliberating on the question of fixing the assessments of the railroads, the state board of equalization surprised every one by making enormous increases in the values, in some cases as much as three hundred per cent.

In the morning the board called before it some of the railroad men to ask for additional information concerning some of the arguments advanced. The afternoon session was executive and the board members discussed at some length the question of fixing the valuation of the roads.

All main lines of the principal roads in the state are placed at about $16,000 a mile. The Butte, Anaconda & Pacific was valued higher than any other system, the board fixing it at $16,000 a mile. Through the change the board has increased the valuation of the roads from $15,000,000 to probably $40,000,000. This is a higher valuation than prevails in most of the states.

It was conceded when the board began its sessions that there would be some raise in the valuation of the roads. Those who follow the actions of the board from year to year believed that it would be 6 to 10 per cent. Last year the increase was but 2½ per cent all around.

Croker Making Enemies.

London, Aug. 4.—Richard Croker is making arrangements to supply milk in London from his dairy farm. He is also trying to get local patronage, but is opposed in this city by the local farmers, who have been supplying the customers in Wantage and neighborhood. He has lost some of his popularity by coming in competition with local dealers. While he simply paid money out, they were all polite to him. Now that he is trying to make some of it the reverse and many ill-natured remarks are made about him and his career.

Statistics Of Sheep.

The fifth annual report of the state board of sheep commissioners for the year 1901 has just been issued and contains statistics and a large amount of matter exceedingly interesting to sheepmen. In it are embraced the governor's quarantine proclamation for 1902, rules for the guidance of deputy sheep inspectors, laws relating to sheep inspection, directions for preparing dips and a list of grazing areas on railroads for sheep transported through the state.

The report shows that there were 4,126,331 sheep in Montana March 1, 1901, while since that time there have been 47,920 sheep brought into the state from other states. The number of lambs docked since March 1, 1901, are estimated at 1,710,121. There were 29,796,089 pounds of wool sheared since March 1, 1901, while the average price per pound for it was 12.36. The number of lbs. of wool consigned was 4,625,908, for which an advance of ten and a quarter cents a pound was received.

The number of sheep destroyed by wolves is estimated at 39,003. The number of lambs and sheep slaughtered, sold and shipped out of the state since March 1, 1901, is 766,678.

Since March 1 of last year 378,591 pounds of pelts were sold, for which an average price of seven and one-half cents was received.

Uncle Sam Makes Money.

During the month of July 16,566,000 coins were made at the mints of the United States, their total value being $4,576,800. Only double eagles were coined in gold, 106,000 pieces, of the value of $2,120,000 being minted. In silver there were coined 1,059,000 standard dollars; 838,000 half dollars; 1,644,000 quarters and 2,740,000 dimes of a value of $2,254,000. Of five cent pieces, there were 2,778,000 coined, besides 6,390,000 cents.

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9 45	Stirling	9 45
8 30	Tyrrell's Lake	11 05
8 10	Brunton	11 25
7 25	Milk River	12 10
6 25	* Coutts	1 05
5 50	Sweet Grass	1 45
5 00	Kevin	2 45
4 10	Rocky Springs	3 45
3 15	Shelby Junction	4 45
DAILY.		DAILY.
2 50	Shelby Junction	5 10
2 00	Conrad	6 05
12 40 / 12 25	*Pondera	7 30 / 7 50
11 30	Brady	8 45
10 45	*Collins	9 35
10 15	Clark's Spur	10 15
9 10	Steel	11 20
8 35	Vaughan	12 01
7 55	Willard	12 40
7 45	Great Falls	12 50
A.M.		A.M.

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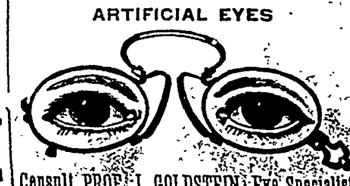
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