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Make Your Town First

Location and natural advantages and facilities have much to do with the making of a good town or city, but we are inclined to believe that the energy and spirit of its citizens have as much, if not more to do with it.

Hundreds of towns have passed to the commercial "boneyard" just because the people of the place were penurious, easily discouraged or disgruntled, pessimistic and lacking in enthusiasm, public spirit and confidence in themselves, their neighbors and their town. Lots of people are too willing to sit down, give up and say "Oh, this town has no resources, no support, never will amount to anything, anyway, and is sure going to the bow-wows." And such men help to send it there. They make this unworthy belief of theirs an excuse, to themselves at least, for declining to participate in any public enterprise or movement for the bettering of conditions.

Enthusiasm and enterprise were never wasted; they are contagious. Hundreds and thousands of towns have been made and built up into trade and industrial centers of importance largely by the enthusiasm, public spirit and enterprise of their citizens. Enthusiasm, bubbling over, and enterprise unquenchable, are what is wanted, and the more any community has of these cardinal virtues the better off the community will be, the greater its prosperity, the more certain and rapid its growth and the less keenly its depression will be felt.

There seems to be plenty of "boosting" going on throughout the Pacific northwest, especially in the larger cities: some people believe there has been too much.

However this may be, what is wanted is not the "booming" or encouraging of "wildcatting", but the "boosting" that helps along every legitimate and practical enterprise; the steady and consistent optimism that can be depended upon the same in times of adversity as in times of prosperity.

It is the people that make a town or build a city. Everyone knows of instances of towns or cities which seem to have excellent natural advantages and opportunities, but which, for some reason or other, failed to move forward as they should have done, and we know of many towns without any particular natural advantages which have created advantages and have grown into thriving cities. Fortunate indeed is that town which has a large body of public spirited, enterprising and optimistic citizens.

So stand up for your town! Merchants, business men, farmers, get together, pull together and work for the advancement of your home town and community! Tell the world of the advantages it offers, for every town has something behind it, some advantages although they may be few. Start something that will employ people! Develop such surrounding resources as there may be.—Ex.

Marriage Licenses

Since our last report marriage licenses have been issued by James Gibson, clerk of the district court, as follows:

Merritt N. Waters, 30, of Dunkirk and Anna Marie Mickelson, 26, of Shelby.

Thomas F. Gibbons 39, of Conrad and Celia Nugent, 39, of Troy, N. Y.

RELINQUISHMENT—7 miles south of town. For particulars inquire at Montanan office. pf.

Episcopal Church

The minister, Rev. Leon F. Haley, earnestly requests the people of Choteau to make a better effort than they are now doing toward church going. The churches here stand for the best things in the world, and while you have the opportunity and God gives you life and good health show your appreciation of these blessings by attending our church services. There should be a more combined effort on the part of all good citizens toward the work of the churches in our midst. If Choteau is ever saved it must be accomplished by the co-operation of all good christian citizens. We are all proud of our town; and hope to see it advance rapidly toward a more modern and up-to-date city. Why not begin with the first Sunday in November, next Sunday, and encourage your ministers by filling their pews. Church going is a habit, and a very good habit to get into. It is better to form the habit of church going than to remain in the bad habit of sleeping till noon. Let everybody who reads this notice resolve to get up at 8 o'clock next Sunday, and go to church. You are welcome at the Episcopal church, and you are just as welcome at the other churches. Get the church going habit, and get it now.

Sunday morning, November 2, the minister will preach on the subject "The Application of the Gospel on Today's Problem."

For the evening subject, Rev. Haley will discuss the present complicated relations between Mexico and the Washington administration under President Wilson. Violin and cornet music will accompany the choir in the hymns in the evening. Mr. Holland will play the violin and Mr. Reade the cornet. They will render an offertory solo together.

Hours of service: Morning 10:30; Sunday School, 11:30; evening, 7:45. Everybody welcome.

Civil Cases

The following civil cases have been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court since our last report:

F. L. Buzzell vs Great Northern railway company, a corporation, damages. Filed October 25.

Alexander Truchot, executor of the estate of Francois Truchot, deceased, vs C. H. Wilcox, debt. Filed Oct. 27.

C. H. Connor and R. A. Earhart, co-partners as Connor & Earhart vs Ole G. Ostensor, debt. Filed Oct. 28.

H. W. Bateman vs Charles Hayton and Annie Hayton, debt. Filed Oct. 29.

Letters of administration have been issued to Wm. W. Gamble, in the estate of Roger S. Gamble, deceased.

First Quarterly Conference Services

Nov. 1-4 is the date of the First Quarterly services at the Methodist church.

At that time Rev. J. A. Martin, the newly appointed district superintendent, will be in charge of the regular services of the First Methodist church.

Order of Services

Church services, Saturday Nov. 1, 7:45 P. M. Quarterly conference, Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:45 P. M. Worship and communion, Sunday, Nov. 2, 10:30 A. M. Sunday School, 11:30 A. M. Epworth League, Sunday, Nov. 2, 7 P. M. Evening Worship, Sunday, Nov. 2, 7:45 P. M. Reception, Monday, Nov. 3, 8 P. M.

Hist! September Morn Pinched! Shivering Jehoshaphat, 'Tis True!



Taking in September Morn

Poor September Morn! What a lot of liberties have been taken in her name! No wonder the poor dame shivers. In the case under present discussion, dear reader, she was pinched. This all happened in the great annual baby parade before 100,000 persons at Asbury Park, the famous summer resort of the New Jersey coast. The illustration tells the story, and if you don't get a laugh out of it then try your best to get a September morn. These two little codgers, dressed up as September Morn and the cop, posed in this fashion on a float, and they made the aforesaid 100,000 roar all along the line of the parade.

Order Winter's Supplies.

At the meeting of the Society of Equity held at the West end school house on the bench last Sunday afternoon, the members voted to order, for immediate delivery, four car loads of Bear Creek coal—two cars to be shipped to Paris and two to Collins—also one car of flour to be shipped to Collins. According to reliable members of the society the coal costs considerable less than formerly delivered at the railroad stations, and the flour, which is the "Pride of Judith," a well-known brand manufactured by the Farmers' Milling company, of Hobson, costs them only \$2.20 per hundred, delivered at Collins. We understand the society also contemplates other large shipments of supplies in the near future. In the opinion of the Montanan there is some thing radically wrong when our farmers send away for their supplies. It may be the fault of the farmer or it may be the fault of the local merchants, possibly both are in a measure wrong; the fact remains that much valuable business is being lost to our merchants, and money is being sent away from home which should be spent here. Something should be done to correct this evil. If our dealers are charging exorbitant prices for their goods, and exacting unreasonable profits, as the farmers claim they are doing, then it is up to the dealers to be satisfied with a reasonable and legitimate profit, or not complain when business which should be theirs goes to the dealers in other communities. Choteau has always been known as a "high-priced" town. In a few short years some of our mercantile establishments have made colossal fortunes—rated with commercial agencies as being worth all the way from a quarter of a million to a million dollars. It is but reasonable to suppose that most of this money has been acquired by charging unreasonable profits

on the goods sold to those who have been compelled, under force of circumstances, to pay the price demanded.

Train Schedule

The work of finishing the track laying on the Great Falls & Teton County railway will be resumed tomorrow (Saturday) morning and by Sunday it is expected the two miles necessary to be laid to reach Bynum will be in place. The operating department have already provided for the running of a mixed train, daily except Sunday, between Bynum and Power, commencing Monday morning.

The Power-Choteau-Bynum train will leave Bynum each day except Sunday as No. 368, at 5:15 a. m., Paris 5:50 a. m., Claude 5:15 a. m., Choteau 7:40 a. m., Flume 7:15, Limington 6:50 a. m., Sloan 8:20 a. m., Cordova 8:50 a. m., Junction 9:25 a. m. and will arrive at Power at 9:30 a. m., where it will connect with the Burlington train No. 44 leaving Power at 9:45 a. m. and arriving at Great Falls at 10:40 a. m.

Passengers leaving Great Falls for points on the branch will take train 239 leaving that place at 9:50 a. m., and arriving at Power at 10:41 a. m. where they will transfer to train 367 leaving Power at 10:50 a. m., Junction 11; Cordova 11:35 a. m. Sloan 12:05 p. m., Limington 12:35, p. m. Flume 1:00 p. m. Choteau 2:00, Claude 2:25 p. m., Paris 2:50 and arriving at Bynum at 3:25 p. m.

What we consider a compliment to our stationery department is the demand we are having for nice writing papers. The hotel Drug Co., leads the town in tasty box papers.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Beupre and their daughter Edna arrived here yesterday from their home at Sweet Grass to again assume the management of their hotel—the Beupre,

County Commissioners

Oct. 25th, board met at the office of D. W. Doyle, county attorney in the city of Conrad, at 10 a. m. Present, L. C. Marsh, chairman, Commissioner Ryan and Deputy Clerk Jameson.

Claims against the county were allowed as follows:

Roomman Mercantile Co., lumber and coal,	\$ 73.45
C. H. Wilcox, livery,	9.00
A. M. Macaulay, medical attendance, Steve Ritchie	15.00
Columbus hospital, care of Steve Ritchie,	7.70
Karl E. Tschepfen, plumbing court house,	63.00
Power & Peterson, medical attendance, Ritchie,	9.00
Minneapolis Bridge Co., first payment Collins and Conrad bridges	3750.00

The following persons were appointed as viewers on road No. 244: N. S. Andrews, E. Granger and C. N. Ward. The clerk was directed to draw warrant on road fund in favor of Montana Culvert Co. in payment of culverts for W. A. O'Neil. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Board met at 2 p. m. in the office of the county jail in the city of Conrad. Present, L. C. Marsh, chairman, Commissioners Ryan and Radcliff and Deputy Clerk Jameson.

Bond and contract of Thos. Pettigrew for construction of Shelby jail approved and clerk ordered to return certified check.

Treasurer ordered to transfer \$5000 from the Road and Bridge fund to the Bridge fund and \$5000 from the Road and Bridge fund to the road fund.

H. A. Rose, supervisor of district No. 22 was allowed \$75 additional for the quarter ending Nov. 30.

Beard purchased two Austin Western Grant graders from F. B. Connely Co. at \$475 each, F. O. B. Conrad and accepted the graders used in the demonstration.

F. W. Robinson was allowed \$25 for fencing on change in Corry Upher road, provided he file with County clerk proper right-of-way deed and also that he file an affidavit that he did not sign a free right-of-way intentionally.

Chairman was authorized to enter an order for three road engines to be shipped March 1 on condition that the order can be cut down to one engine if the country is divided.

High School Notes

The subscriptions for the flag are increasing rapidly.

Today (Friday) ends the first quarter of this school year, and we are pleased to say that only one of the enrolled pupils has left school. This is a very good average considering the number who had left by the end of the first quarter in preceding years.

The public school basketball team and the third team of this school competed in a very spirited game here Wednesday. The score stood: Public school 14; Third team 10.

A great many of the students were exempt from examinations in some branches of their work. The second year geometry class holding the record for exemptions, as every member of the class was excused.

There was no school this afternoon, as all the examinations were completed at noon.

A number of outsiders were present at the basketball game Wednesday.

Some member of the physics class could be seen at any time this week going to get experiments credited.

Cabin for Sale

For Sale for price of lumber, a 6x8 cabin in city, with two windows. Built only one month. Reply to box 62, Choteau.

POSTPONED.

Notice is hereby given that the sale of the property of Peter Eyraud, advertised for November 5th, has been postponed. Edward J. Hirshberg, Guarntian.

FARMINGTON

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schibstad and baby from Powers are visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Lindseth of Choteau spent Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Mary Hanson and children and the Misses Currin and Davidson were dinner guests at Carl Hanson's Sunday last.

R. H. Wright of Great Falls was a business visitor at Conrad last Sunday and Monday.

Tom Klette who for the past year has lived on the Oien place, has moved his family to his ranch near Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Slinger were Choteau visitors last Tuesday.

A. O. Longmuir and wife have gone to their ranch near Brady where they will reside. We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Longmuir from our midst but wish them success in their new home.

The stork visited C. S. Hanson and wife last week and left a baby girl.

The Ladies Industrial met with Mrs. O. S. Forseth Saturday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronsberg were here from Conrad last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Ronsberg preached Sunday morning and evening in the Norwegian Lutheran church.

A daughter was born to A. H. Gamble and wife last Thursday.

Miss Clara Davidson spent last week in Choteau the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Roberson.

O. S. Forseth and wife were Choteau visitors Tuesday.

The Farmers Equity held a meeting in the west school house Sunday last. Three new members were added to the already large membership. The farmers have ordered their winters supply of coal and other business of importance was attended to. The next meeting will be held in the Gamble school Sunday November 8th.

Mr. Peterson from Minnesota is the guest of his daughters Mrs. P. O. Rustad and Mrs. O. S. Hanson.

Mr. Edward and family from Collins have moved into the Longmuir ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stearns and children will go to Canada soon where they expect to make their home.

Mrs. Ard. Moore and children from Choteau were guests at the Pierce ranch near Agawan last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris of the Milwaukee R. R. camp has been ill.

The McKenzie-Matke Mercantile Co., of Valier, will open a general store at Limington in the near future. Construction work on their store building is now under way and will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The McKenzie-Matke company is one of the financially strong institutions of this section, and the people of the Limington country are to be congratulated on having them locate in their town, as they will carry a complete line of merchandise in every department.