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The Democrats and Scoop at Bynum

The democratic county central committee and a few democratic postmasters and "editors" of final proof papers met at Bynum last Friday for the purpose of starting off the campaign of 1914 in proper shape. Among other things they passed resolutions commending the Wilson administration for the passage of the tariff measure, which has not reduced the cost of living to any appreciable extent, but has been the means of throwing thousands of wage earners out of remunerative employment, and at the same time has brought the producers of the country, and especially the farmers of the west and great northwest into active competition with Australia, China and other foreign countries; the administration of Governor Stewart was unqualifiedly endorsed, but no mention was made of the fact that the Governor had recently ordered the state militia to hold itself in readiness for duty in Butte, later denying that he had made such an order; U. S. senators were highly endorsed for their vote on the toll repeal bill overlooking the fact that Senator Walsh dodged the issue—being conveniently absent when congress took the vote on that measure, after having told the people of the state that he could do nothing else than stand with the democratic platform on the matter, which provided for the exemption from tolls of vessels of the United States engaged in coastwise traffic. Congressman Evans and Stout, who have recommended many of the faithful for postmaster, and who are responsible for the nomination of these persons to those positions, were pledged the hearty support and co-operation of every postmaster present in their race for election. After these resolutions were adopted the "crowd," consisting of possibly 20, adjourned for more liquid refreshments, which was freely dispensed by the gentlemanly bar men at so much per dispense. Much democratic enthusiasm was thus created and our democratic friends, postmasters and "final proof editors" were soon in a condition to "point with pride," and "view with alarm," etc.

The efforts to place "Scoop" on record politically proved a dismal failure. When called upon to state his position, poor "Scoop" stammered out that he saw no reason at this time to make his politics known. He was attempting to run a clean, independent paper, and might have added that the democratic administration was already recognizing his paper by permitting him to print a few final proof notices, and they should let well enough alone; it would be unfortunate for the Acantha to have a break with the republicans of the county, and he wanted to be in a position to hold the county printing for another term, and if his "clean, independent" policy could be continued he might be able to fool the candidates on both tickets into believing that he had supported either side; at least he could show them that his paper had certainly done them no harm, even if he could make no claim of doing them any good. As a trimmer Scoop is in a class all by himself, and he wants to be let alone by both political parties.

Catholic Services.

Next Sunday, June 23, mass will be celebrated in Choteau. Church at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 7 p. m. Evening devotion at 7:30 p. m.

State Fair Premiums

Fresh off the press, neatly illustrated, and with 168 pages of special and regular liberal cash premiums, this paper is in receipt of the 1914 Montana state fair premium catalog which tells in an interesting fashion how prizes amounting to over \$30,000 can be won at this year's exposition. The list is divided into sixteen separate departments; in the several stock divisions, including poultry, \$16,474.00 is offered; agricultural, \$6,432; fruit and flowers, \$2,173; women's division, \$1,484; schools, \$902; dairy products, \$559; and Montana manufacturers, \$510.

The list of special premiums offered by manufacturing firms, associations and railways aggregate over \$6,000, principal among which being the handsome \$1,400 automobile offered by the fair management for the best wheat exhibited. The three transcontinental railways traversing the state are again represented with liberal offers for agricultural products, as well as many manufacturing firms from every section of the country.

That an unusual interest is being manifested in the big state fair is shown in the way inquiries have been pouring into the office of the secretary for lists, and while an edition of six thousand was printed, it is more than likely to be exhausted before the opening events. More counties than ever have announced their intention to be represented with an official display, and with the increased demand for lists pouring in daily, the greatest array of the state's selected products ever brought together will be exhibited this fall during the week of the state fair, September 21st to 26th inclusive.

Johnson-Ryan

Lambert M. Johnson and Elsie Ryan, both of Valier, were united in marriage last evening at 8:30 by Rev. E. L. White, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city. After a short honeymoon to San Francisco and other Pacific points, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home in Valier where the groom is employed.—Great Falls Tribune.

M. E. Church

Next Sunday, June 28, at the First Methodist Episcopal church, the pastor, Rev. Percy Reid Mc Mahan will have for his themes—"The Visit of Nicodemus," and "Reminiscences of Travel."

Rev. McMahan traveled extensively through Europe, Asia and Africa during the years 1903 to 1908. His firsthand knowledge of conditions, sites and customs should enable him to give an interesting lecture.

Services at 10:30 and 8 o'clock.

Parade at Noon

In order that the country folks can have as much time at home on circus day as possible, also that incoming excursionists can have the opportunity of witnessing the immense circus and wild west parade of Yankee Robinson and Texas Bill, the event does not take place until high noon. Promptly at that time the parade moves, then all the outside free exhibitions are given at the show grounds. For those who come in early there is plenty of amusement, however, and it is advisable when convenient, to come in as early as possible.

For Sale.—Two dozen strictly pure bred R. C. Rhode Island Red yearling hens.

E. H. Ganong.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of interest taken from the Choteau papers of this date twenty years ago.

Rev. J. M. Largent, of Cascade, died at Augusta last week of pneumonia.

Jos. Kipp, of the Marias, spent several days in town this week. He is one of the administrators in the Burd estate and is busy gathering stock to wind up the estate.—Lethbridge News.

Monday evening Dr. Wamsley was called out to Clark's to attend a young man by the name of Padget who was seriously hurt by being run over by a loaded wagon. The doctor found two ribs broken but no internal injuries were sustained. The patient was made as comfortable as possible, and later reports are to the effect that he will recover.

A. C. Warner arrived home from Anaconda Monday evening, where he had gone to attend the annual meeting of the Grand lodge of Knights of Pythias.

John Webb went with a crew of men to the Muddy, near Steele, this morning, where they go to build shearing sheds for Wallace Taylor who expects to shear there in a few days.

Wm. Hodgskiss arrived home from Anaconda, Sunday morning. Mr. Hodgskiss went over to the future capital as a delegate from Chevalier lodge, K. of P. to the grand lodge.

The literary entertainment given by Miss Grace Vance, at Dupuyer, last Friday evening is pronounced by those from here who were present to have been attended by a crowded house who are all enthusiastic in their praises of her ability in entertaining an audience. The programme was a lengthy one, but from beginning to end the listeners were held in rapt attention, and her various changes from the ludicrous to the pathetic brought forth vociferous applause and occasional tears by her unequalled elocutionary powers. A gentleman from Dupuyer says Miss Vance can count her friends by the number of citizens in that locality. The proceeds were donated for the benefit of the Dupuyer school and will be used in equipping the room with articles beneficial to the education of the pupils.

Choteau now has three general merchant stores, all reporting good business.

Hon. Samuel Mitchell arrived home from Missoula today after several months visit in that city. Mr. Mitchell is looking well and healthy, and says that the report that he was nigh unto death during his absence was a mistake. He has been constantly on the improve since he left Choteau last spring, and is now almost entirely improved from the fall he had last winter. His many friends will be pleased to see him on our streets again, looking hearty and as genial as ever.

C. E. Trescott has removed his family out to the muddy, where he has gone ranching. He says he will cut three hundred tons of hay of the Carpenter ranch this season.

Sheriff Al Hamilton was the recipient Wednesday of an invitation from the sheriff of Park county, asking the former's presence in Livingston on June 22, to witness the hanging of Anderson.

The Northwestern tennis club, of Choteau, was organized Wednesday, with a membership of

fifteen. President, Jas W. Cory; vice-president, J. E. Erickson; secretary and treasurer, W. H. Webb. The meeting was held at the parlors of the bank. The club proposes to fix up two courts in first class condition. The ladies also met and organized a tennis club with a membership of fifteen. The meeting was held at the residence of Jacob Schmidt. Miss Jennie McDonald is president. Their court will be on the lawn in Mr. Schmidt's yard.

F. D. Cooper is in town today, having come over from Cascade Wednesday evening. Mr. Cooper is very much impressed with Choteau's prospects and says we have the best town in the state, for its size. He contemplates locating here this fall with a view of making this his permanent residence.

Chas. Cartwright of Robare, was in town this morning and made the Montanian saint a very pleasant call. He is very much chagrined at the way the commissioners have disposed of registration matters in the northern end of the county, and proposes to put in a vigorous protest at the next meeting.

A whist party was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Sydnora Silverman, in honor of Mrs. Loble. The evening was pleasantly spent in social conversation and the playing of parlor games. There were two prizes given in the game of whist, Mr. James Cory, and Miss Jennie McDonald being the lucky winners of the first prize and Mr. Will Webb and Miss Jennie Drake of the second prize. At the hour of 11:30 the guests repaired to the dining room, where refreshments were served in abundance.

Otis Whaley is building a new dwelling on Choteau avenue.

While several of our flockmasters are through shearing, none of the shearing crews have gotten through. Each crew has work to do yet.

I. S. Corson came in today from Sun River, where he has been engaged for some months past in erecting a dam across that stream at the Priest's crossing for the development of the immense water power available at that point.

One of the most pleasant social events which we have had the pleasure to note this season was given last Wednesday evening by Dr. and Mrs. Beaupre. Progressive whist constituted the principal amusement of the evening until a late hour, when the tables were cleared and the guests were treated to one of those delicious repasts of which an editor in these times is not permitted to indulge, and for which Mrs. Beaupre has an enviable reputation in preparing. Other amusements more boisterous occupied the attention of the merrymakers until the "wee sma' hours" and when the company dispersed it was with a unanimous voice that all pronounced Dr. and Mrs. Beaupre's initial attempt at entertaining a decided success. Those present were Messrs Burd, Bristol, Sulgrove, Erickson, Ralston, W. T. Cowell, Dagle, Vance, and Mesdames Burd, Crawford, Cannon, Vance, Graves, Cowell, and Misses Hardin and Vance.

For Sale Cheap—A cobblers outfit; a plumbers outfit and a partial outfit of jewelers tools. Byron Corson.

Riot in Butte

Butte, June 24.—One was killed and three wounded in rioting that resulted in Butte tonight, when 80 deputies under Sheriff Driscoll opened fire upon a crowd of Miners congregated in front of Miners' Union hall, on upper Main street, when it was feared that an attempt was to be made to break up a meeting called by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, in an effort to placate the seceding faction of miners.

Edward J. Noy, aged 31, Great Northern freight clerk, a bystander, dropped at the first fire, shot through the neck and instantly killed. Noy was killed as he stood in the doorway of an undertaking establishment directly across the street from the Miners' hall.

Pete Bruno, aged 56, a miner, and a member of the Moyer force, was shot by mistake by a deputy, as he was ascending the steps of Miners' hall to attend the meeting. He was shot through the head and is probably fatally wounded.

Christ Kramer was shot in the abdomen, but the wound is superficial and he will recover. Kramer stumbled into the affray. He had just arrived from Los Angeles during the afternoon, and seeing a crowd collecting, thought a parade was in progress, and that the sound of the revolver firing was the firing of firecrackers. He proceeded directly in front of the hall and the deputies opened fire upon him. T. Noland, another spectator, was shot in the leg.

Starkey Was Second.

Billings, June 24.—F. A. Weatherhead, of Billings, was the high score man for the tournament of the Montana State Sportman's association, which came to a close tonight, breaking 451 targets; R. J. Starkey, of Choteau, was second with 448, and W. L. Mitchell, of Miles City, was third with 438.

At today's shooting William Harkey, of Billings won the individual championship breaking 50 straight on the shootoff, after tying with W. L. Mitchell, of Miles City, and F. A. Weatherhead, with 49 out of 50.

W. L. Mitchell won the Butte Rod and Gun club trophy, with 38 out of 40.

Weatherhead and Starkey tied for the handicap medal within 89 birds broken out of 100, and on the shootoff, Weatherhead won.

State News

Miles City, June 19.—The best sale of wool in this section this season was made when Charles Miller for the North Star Woolen Mills bought the Hunter, Anderson & Wells clip of 150,000 pounds for 21½ cents.

Butte, June 19.—A. E. Blixt, charged with the murder of Enoch Burkheimer, February 4, 1914, last night was convicted by a jury of murder in the first degree, and his punishment fixed at life in the penitentiary. Blixt set up a defense that he stabbed Burkheimer to death during the epileptic fit when his mind was not in normal condition.

More Nominations Filed

Freeman A. Daley, of this city, has filed with the county clerk his declaration to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for county surveyor. Mr. Daley pledges that if nominated and elected he "will fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my ability."

Track Laying Commenced

Track laying upon the Choteau line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was commenced out of this city yesterday. Work was started at the west end of the bridge recently completed across the Missouri river and it was carried westward and across the Great Northern tracks running to the Boston & Montana smelter. The crossing frogs had been put in some time ago by Great Northern track men and it was only necessary to connect up with these.

A force of about 30 men is being employed and it is the intention to run the track westward for a distance of only a mile and a half no track laying machine being used. Ties and rails are being delivered by means of push cars. It is expected that the laying of this stretch of track will be completed within a couple of days. This will carry the terminus over to a point near the race track.

Just how soon the work of track laying on a large scale will be taken up is not definitely known but it is expected to follow shortly after the completion of the ballasting on the Great Falls-Lewistown line. Large quantities of ties have been unloaded at Fallsyard in order to release the cars. The steel will not be brought in until the construction forces are ready for them in order to avoid unnecessary handling.

The piling for the bridges between this city and Vaughn has all been driven and the two pile drivers of Contractor D. J. Burke are now working at that place. The decking crew will be started out at once and will closely follow up the piling outfits.—Thursday's Tribune.

Civil Cases

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

The Citizens State Bank, a Corporation, vs. C. C. Sheble, suit on note. Filed June 19th.

A. E. Schwingel vs. Margaret M. Smith et al, foreclosure. Filed June 23rd.

Wm. Titman vs. Elias Rekdahl, damages. Filed June 24th.

The County of Teton, a corporation, vs. Jens Bakke, eminent domain. Filed June 24th.

Naturalization Papers

The following have made application before Clerk of the Court Gibson for citizenship papers:

Karl Kilian, a native of Germany, residing at Valier

Declaration to become citizens of the United States have been filed by the following:

Fjerk DeVries, a native of Holland, residing at Valier.

Advertised Letters

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Choteau post office:

William Adams
Morris L. Bridgeman
Geo. Boyd
H. M. Braugher
Miss Mary Chlasper
F. W. Egelston
Frank Feth
Leonard Fransworth
E. G. Caron

Persons calling for the above please say "advertised," and pay one cent.

WM KROFFT, P. M.

Oscar Odenwald and bride returned last Saturday from Helena and other cities in that locality, and are now making their home in this city.