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ONE MILLION BUSHEL GRAIN

Is Estimate of Total Yield in Reservation Country This Year.

Threshing operations have begun in Flathead, and with no recurrence of the drenching rains that have fallen almost daily for the past week or more, Monday morning will see every threshing outfit in the country at work getting out the biggest crop in the history of the Flathead.

Estimates of the total yield of grain in the reservation this year place the figure at one million bushels, and in this can be seen the first effect of the settlement of this territory. When one considers that not a tenth of the total tillable area of the reservation country is as yet under cultivation, a good idea can be formed of just how important this section will ultimately become as a grain producing country.

The estimate of the total yield for this year is made by threshermen, who have been in the country several years, and who have been over it the past month looking at the grain fields. Out of a total of seven men seen in regard to the matter, all but one has placed the estimate of acreage in cultivation at 40,000 acres, with an average yield of 25 bushels to the acre. This includes the territory around Polson, the Mission and Moiese valleys, the Camas Prairie and Little Bitter Root sections. The total grain production for this territory in any year heretofore recorded has not exceeded 225,000 bushels.

FIRE DRILLS IN THE SCHOOLS OF MONTANA

In the future the children in the public, private and parochial schools of Montana, will be taught the dangers of fire and the best methods of preventing loss of life and property. Following the passage by the last legislature of the Holter law, which provided for such instruction, a booklet of lessons has been prepared and is just off the press.

Copies of the lessons will be distributed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. E. Harmon to every teacher in the state, with the request that some time earlier than the holiday vacation they report on the lessons, offering suggestions as to their betterment.

The booklet was prepared by the State Auditor and ex-Officio Commissioner of Insurance H. R. Cunningham, State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. E. Harmon and State Fire Marshal G. W. Raif and is modeled largely after that in use in the state fire marshal's department in the state of Ohio.

The lessons are now issued in cheap pamphlet form because it is desirable that the opinions of the teachers in regard to the manner in which the subjects can best be presented should be secured before they are put in more expensive binding.

The teachers after using some of the lessons and earlier than the holiday vacation are asked to write the state fire marshal answering the following questions:

Is the method of presentation good? Are the lessons couched in language simple enough to adapt them to children of the ages for which they are intended? Do the lessons awaken interest? Do the children appreciate the points? What question in general, can you offer to make more effective the attempt of the department to instruct

the school children of Montana in the most important subject?

The composite of the opinion of teachers will be used in re-writing the lessons before assembling them in binding for use in the future.

POLSON'S PAMPHLET CAUSES COMMENT

J. H. Hall Praises the Manner in Which the Chamber of Commerce Advertises the Flathead.

The advertising folder recently issued by the Polson Chamber of Commerce is attracting favorable attention from all who see it. This week the following self-explanatory letter was received by the secretary of the Chamber:

Chamber of Commerce, Polson, Montana. Gentlemen: I have received the hundred Polson folders which you sent me and congratulate you upon having gotten out such an attractive and convincing pamphlet.

"The widespread distribution of this pamphlet will, I am sure, be of great benefit to Polson; and as the development of Polson and the surrounding country will add to the population and wealth of Montana the state will be a gainer from the enterprise which the Polson Chamber of Commerce has displayed in the matter. Yours truly, J. H. HALL."

SHE WAS ON THE RESERVATION.

The Dayton confectioners are determined that the special agents of the government shall have no cause to shoot them, according to the following story that appeared in the Columbian last week:

"A certain lady living in Columbia Falls is doing something this week that rarely happens—she is telling a joke on herself that happened while on a recent visit to Dayton, one of the new towns on the Flathead reservation. In company with two other lady friends she dropped into the only confectionery store in the town to secure a cold drink. One lady ordered a lemonade, the other soda and the lady in question asked for a glass of coca-cola. The young clerk hesitated and seemed somewhat confused upon receiving the last order, and asked again what it was the lady wanted. After she had given her order the second time the young man blurted out: 'Really, ma'am, you'll have to take something in the soft drink line—this town is in the reservation, you know!'"

BENSON MAKES GOOD IN STILLWATER COUNTRY

Mr. Benson, late of Polson, who a few weeks ago purchased a tract of land from the Northwestern Lumber company over in the Stillwater country, has moved his family out there and has begun building himself a home. Saturday he took out a brand new hay rake together with other new machinery. Mr. Benson is a man thoroughly versed in farming, and comes well equipped. He is very well pleased with this end of the valley, and besides making an excellent citizen, he has the stamp of a man who will make a great success of anything he undertakes.—Whitefish Pilot.

You can get the "Famous" Fitch & Smithers ice cream at the Rexall store. Try it.

To the Public.

Following this week there will be but one paper in Polson, The Sentinel being taken over by the Cowman Printing Company and consolidated with the Flathead Courier. Subscribers who are paid in advance for this paper will receive corresponding credits on the Courier, and those in arrears will pay such amounts to Cowman Printing Company.

This step is taken for the good and sufficient reason that two papers in a town the size of Polson will not pay, which fact has been thoroughly demonstrated during the past year.

Parties in debt to The Sentinel—excepting subscription accounts—will settle with the undersigned, who will call in person with statement. It is hoped that payments will be made promptly.

Polson has been given good newspaper service in the past, and the same high standard will be maintained in the future. The business interests of the city should show appreciation of this service by extending the most liberal patronage to the paper, which does more than any other one agency for the advancement of Polson.

SAM Y. B. WILKINS.

Program of Methodist Conference That Convenes in Polson Tuesday

Tuesday, August 15.

- 1 p. m.—Examinations.
- 3 p. m.—Meeting of the Examining board.
- 7 p. m.—Street meeting.
- 8 p. m.—Epworth League Anniversary. Address by Rev. C. W. Tenney of Helena.
- 9 p. m.—Reception to visitors at the church.

Wednesday, August 16.

- 8 a. m.—Sacrament of the Lord's supper administered by Bishop Neulsen.
- 9 a. m.—Business session.
- 2 p. m.—Anniversary of the Woman's Home Mission society.
- 3 p. m.—Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society.
- 7 p. m.—Street meeting.
- 8 p. m.—Anniversary of the board of Sunday schools. Addresses by Rev. P. W. Haynes of Great Falls and Rev. C. M. Donaldson of Fort Benton.

Thursday, August 17.

- 8 a. m.—Devotions and exegetical study of the Bible, led by Bishop Neulsen.
- 9 a. m.—Business session.
- 2 p. m.—Anniversary of Freedmen's Aid society.
- 3 p. m.—Anniversary of the Deaconess hospital and Deaconess school. Addresses by Mrs. Ina J. Horsfall and Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel.
- 7 p. m.—Street meeting.
- 8 p. m.—Lecture by Bishop John L. Neulsen. Subject, "America as World Power."

Friday, August 18.

- 8 a. m.—Devotions and exegetical study of the Bible, led by Bishop Neulsen.
- 9 a. m.—Business session.
- 9 a. m.—Laymen's business session.
- 2 p. m.—Anniversary of board of conference claimants. Address by Dr. C. E. Clemons of Chicago.
- 3 p. m.—Round table in interests of Montana Wesleyan university, conducted by Dr. J. W. Hancher.
- 4 p. m.—Joint meeting of laymen and ministers.
- 7 p. m.—Street meeting.
- 8 p. m.—Anniversary of board of education and Montana Wesleyan university. Addresses by Dr. J. W. Hancher and Bishop John L. Neulsen.

Saturday, August 19.

- 8 a. m.—Devotions and exegetical study of the Bible, led by Bishop Neulsen.
- 9 a. m.—Business session.
- 2 p. m.—Anniversary of the temperance society. Address by Dr. Clarence True Wilson of Chicago.
- 3 p. m.—Annual missionary sermon by Rev. Geo. E. Hutt of Dupuyer.
- 4 p. m.—Junior League rally

Sunday, August 20.

- 6 p. m.—Sunrise prayer meeting, led by Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel.
- 9 a. m.—Love feast, led by Rev. O. A. White.
- 10:50 a. m.—Sermon by Bishop John L. Neulsen.
- 2 p. m.—Sunday school rally. Addresses by Rev. P. W. Haynes of Great Falls and Rev. J. A. Alford of Helena.
- 3 p. m.—Ordination of ministers and consecration of deaconesses.
- 7 p. m.—Epworth league rally.
- 8 p. m.—Anniversary of board of foreign missions. Address by Rev. D. H. Kleinfelter of the Philippine islands.

Next Sunday services at the Methodist church will close the work of the conference year. At the evening service reports of the year's work will be given.

There will be no preaching service in the morning, but the Sunday school as usual at 10 o'clock. The subject for the evening sermon will be, "What is a New Testament Church?" This will include a discussion of names and creeds and rites which go to make up a church of today.

We wish to make a few statements in regard to entertaining the annual conference which meets here next week. The Lake hotel will be the commissary department of the conference. Anyone who has provisions of any kind that can be used in feeding the visitors can take it to the hotel and receive credit for its value. Donations in the way of bedding can also be used. Some empty rooms can be secured and will be fitted up with beds. Anyone who can help out in this way is asked to report to the committee on entertainment, Jas. Dawson, B. N. Mills, or A. D. Welch.

MUCH WORK NEAR POLSON

Mrs. Lulu Roe of Livingston, deputy state commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World is spending the week in Polson organizing a lodge of that order. Mrs. Roe is meeting with good success and reports the prospects for a splendid order in Polson.

TIMBER FURNISHED THE SETTLERS

Bill Fathered by Representative Gray Enables Homesteaders to Take Timber From State Land

About twenty-five settlers in the reservation country have taken advantage of the law introduced by Representative Gray of Polson and passed by the last Montana legislature, which permits homesteaders to take from state lands any timber needed for domestic purposes. John Cunningham, deputy state forester, has already cruised the tracts from which about fifteen of the settlers will take their timber.

This timber is furnished to the settler at prices ranging from \$1.00 per thousand up, and is taken from the state lands, sections 16 and 36 in each township wherein timber is found. The tracts are surveyed for from one to four acres. Settlers desiring further information on the subject are requested to communicate with State Forester Jungberg, Helena, Montana.

ANOTHER DRAIN DISTRICT WANTED.

Two dozen prominent farmers have joined hands with the Somers Lumber company in an effort to provide permanent means of holding back the waters of Flathead lake, which annually overflows about 1,000 acres of good lands along its northern shore, and a petition has been presented to the county drain commissioner asking for the formation of another drain district for the purpose of constructing a dike four miles in length along the lake shore. Under the present drain laws of the state this may be done, the funds being provided by assessment of the lands benefited. Each year quantities of logs of the Somers Lumber company are beached by the inundation, and the company has petitioned with the farmers for the relief. The project will be an immense one and will entail an enormous outlay.

BIGARM LOTS TO BE APPRAISED AND SOLD

In response to a petition signed by the settlers and residents on the townsite of Bigarm, asking that the town lots be appraised and put on the market at the earliest possible date, Assistant Commissioner Proudfoot of the general land office, stated that the plat of Bigarm townsite had been suspended by order of the secretary of the interior pending investigation as to the coal and oil character of the land embraced in the townsite, but that he had been informally advised that the matter is now under consideration by the secretary of the interior, and as soon as investigation is completed the general land office will take action looking to the appraisal and sale of the Bigarm townsite.

Why not fence your place now while you can get the posts cheap? We have a surplus stock of good fence posts. Cramer Lumber Co.

Reclamation Service Calling for Bids on Construction of Dams.

Bids are now being called for by the reclamation service, on work that will mean the employment of several hundred men on the Flathead project from two to five miles south of Polson. Engineer Tabor, who was in the city last Saturday, left a copy of the call at this office, and it is as follows:

"Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the United States reclamation service, St. Ignatius, Montana, until 3 o'clock p. m., August 25, 1911, for the construction of the North, Middle, and South Pablo dams and about 8 1/2 miles adjacent canals, involving the placing of about 234,000 cubic yards of earth embankment in the dams and the excavation of about 200,000 cubic yards of material from canals. The work is located from two to five miles south of Polson, Montana, on the Flathead project. For particulars address the United States Reclamation Service, Washington, D. C., Helena, Montana, or St. Ignatius, Montana."

It is the understanding here that the three dams mentioned above are to take the place of the large reservoir which it was originally intended to build in connection with the Flathead project. The work will extend over a period of a year at least, as there is a great amount of labor involved. The work will mean a great deal to Polson in a business way, as this city will no doubt be made the supply point for the outfits engaged in constructing the dams and canals.

THE SWELLS WERE FAST AND HIGH

A rough trip on the water was reported by E. J. Cramer, who came down to Polson Tuesday from Cossy Nook farm. He left the farm at 5 o'clock that afternoon in his launch, the Alma C, carrying several crates of fruit that he intended to put on the City of Polson. That boat did not run on schedule time, so Mr. Cramer headed his launch for Polson, 28 miles distant. When about 10 miles out the wind began to blow and by the time the Narrows were reached the swells were rolling six feet high, but with good luck and good management the boat was safely landed here at nine o'clock.

Mr. Cramer has been in several bad storms in his launch, but said he doesn't care to go through another experience like this one, particularly with such a heavy load on board. The cargo consisted of 11 crates raspberries, 15 of sweet cherries, 2 of sour cherries, 2 of currants and a box of apples, and netted the owner over \$50.

TEMPERATURE IN POLSON FOR THE WEEK ENDING YESTERDAY

Following are the temperatures in Polson for the seven days ending last night, as taken by U. S. Observer Frank Browne:

	Max.	Min.	Set.
Friday	69	54	66
Saturday	69	54	66
Sunday	67	52	61
Monday	69	49	65
Tuesday	68	50	66
Wednesday	67	55	65
Thursday	71	47	70

Mrs. F. L. Gray is spending a few days visiting with friends at Kalispell.