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INTO WHICH IS MERGED THE BIG HOLE BREEZE

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Fund for Galen Radio

Mrs. Ted Woodward very kindly permits us to print the names of the donors to the Galen radio fund, a most commendable object, which is the child of Postmaster Will Tovey's brain. Mrs. Woodward says:

The Galen radio fund is increasing slowly and we hope to soon increase it still more.

On account of the benefits to the ex-service men at Galen Ray L Hofstatter of Butte, agent for the Grebe radio, has offered a set at cost, viz.: $219, with a possible further reduction if Galen has a battery and charger which can be used. Dr. Vidal, superintendent of Galen, says a radio is the one thing needed now to round out the amusements at the sanitarium. The following is a list of the subscriptions so far:

Proceeds of play given in Jackson Dec. 2	$40 00
Senator T J Walsh	5 00
Basin Mercantile Co	2 00
State Bank of Wisdom	2 00
J P Lossl	2 00
Charles Quist	2 00
Big Hole Basin News	2 00
Carl Huntley	2 00
George Parsons	2 00
Ted Woodward	2 00
Dresden Shields	2 00
Fred Hirschy	2 00
Ray Squire	1 00
Marshall Ramsey	1 00
Wm. Vogelsang	50
Will Tovey	50

Senator Walsh, who is always interested in the welfare of the patients at Galen, a witness his Elinor Walsh cottage which he built there as a memorial to his wife, responded at once when asked to contribute to the fund.

Special thanks are due the people of Jackson for their generous patronage of the play; to John Pendergast, who contributed the hall, lights and fuel, and to the Jackson orchestra, who by their playing contributed to the success of the play. We thank, also, every contributor to the fund and hope there are others who will send in their contributions. Make the checks payable to Galen Radio Fund and send to Mrs. Dave Hirschy or Bill Tovey.

MRS. TED WOODWARD.

LOUISE GIVOGRE IN THE LEAD

Sunday's Standard in reporting a basketball game between the Tomboys and the Flappers of the Womans Basketball league of Butte at the Y M C A gym. Saturday night, has this to say of our pride Louise Givogre, who is attending the Butte Business college:

"Close guarding featured the game. All shots that were made were from under cover. Givogre, forward for the Flappers, slipped away from her guard early in the first half of the game and tossed a field goal and from then on it was a battle for possession of the ball. The goal that was tossed in by Givogre was the only score made by either team."

When Louise went to Butte a few weeks ago she was of course, being a stranger, and in fact an amateur, placed in the last team of the league but her ability has won her a place in the second team, which has a percentage now of .714 to .857 for the lead team, which her team plays Saturday night of tihs week. Here is hoping the Wisdom girl pulls her team trough to first place!

RESULT OF SEAL SALE

We are very grateful to Mrs. Ted Woodward for the following report on the sale of Christmas seals, which was in her charge this year:

Due largely to the splendid efforts of the teachers and pupils of the Big Hole schools the Red Cross seal sale was a great success. On account of a great number of teachers being away for the holidays only an incomplete report can be given at this time:

Wisdom school	$15 00
Mrs. LeRoy Arnett	[illegible]
State Bank of Wisdom	5 00
Gibbons school	5 00
Basin Mercantile Co.	[illegible]
Miscellaneous sales	22 71
Fox school	[illegible]
Mrs. Fred Hirschy	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

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COMMISSIONERS COMEDY

A nice little comedy for the benefit the taxpayers of Beaverhead county has just been enacted whereby said taxpayers will be compelled to pay 80 per cent more for a certain piece of work entailing the expenditure of several thousand dollars than should be paid for the job in question.

We refer to the county printing. Since the letting of the contract to The Lima Ledger at "80 per cent of the statutory rate" for all of the county printing, when The News bid was 80 per cent for book and job work and 50 per cent for newspaper publications, rumors have been rife to the effect that another call for bids would be made by the board. In fact at one time Chairman Shaw was asked over the phone to call a special meeting for this purpose. He rightly refused, in the interests of economy, for a special meeting to reconsider and call for bids would necessarily entail another meeting to consider the bids. It was impossible for Mr. Shaw to attend the January meeting and the bond of The Ledger was approved.

Nice little joke isn't it? The legal rate for publication notices—all newspaper publicity required by the county—which means the publication of the commissioners' proceedings each month, calls for bids for contract work of any sort and the specifiactions therein—is $1 50 per folio (100 words) for the first insertion and 50 cents a folio for each subsequent insertion. The News offered to do this for 75 cents a folio for the first insertion, 40 cents a folio for each subsequent insertion. In the linotype mats used by The News and the Dillon papers the law makes one and four-tenths inches a folio. The columns of Dillon papers are 0 inches. For ready reckoning let us call a folio one and one-half inches which is one-tenth of an inch out of the way. Now count the columns used in by the commissioners' proceedings each month in the year (12 times) multiply by two,for two years as the length of the contract, and realize that The News wanted to print one and a half (or one and four-tenth inches) for 75 cents and the august body of county dads pays $1 20 for it.

"The board read your bid as 75 PER CENT, Dick." Bah! The board surely is not so simple as all that.

'The board thought that Lima, being on the railroad, would be so much handier. You know the court sometimes runs out of blanks and has to have 'em right away."

Imagine a set of court officers entering upon a session without the necessary blanks—there are no special blanks; a form is prescribed by law and all necessary blanks must conform to the guage set.

Fact is, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, the county printing will be done in Dillon still. Dillon, Dillon, O, great is our county seat and to ----- with the Big Hole except at tax-paying time. They don't need roads over there. What if those fellows have dug deep into their pockets to build a highway through the Rocky mountains connecting the two greatest national playgrounds in the world! The travel will come through Dillon anyway, via Butte.

Our represeentative, Joe Shaw, has had an uphill road from the beginning of his term as commissioner; he has had to use a world of diplomacy to get anything for the Basin and it will be harder now than ever. His term of office as chairman of the board expired at the January meeting and the other two members of the board one from Dillon and one from Lima, elected Al. Anderson chairman and also made him the county's purchasing agent.

There is one way, and one way only, for the Big Hole to get its just dues from the board of county commissioners and that way is to square up the corners of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties that jut into the Big Hole and have a board of county commissioners that will have an interest in the Basin. Why, Dillon doesn't even want any trade from the Basin. How many of her merchants advertise in The News?

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RUDE RURAL RHYMES

(Written for The News by Bob Adams)

OUR SUCCESSORS

O, when in country or in town I walk with Hannah up and down, I see some good kids and some cranky, some neat and some that need a hanky; but be they full of sin or grace some one of them will take my place. Although my hair is not yet gray I'm getting older every day; yea, though my gait no limp is showing I'm getting nearer where I'm going. Dear sir, though not yet old as Priam, you're in the self-same boat as I am. Dear madam, though your charms are plenty, you never more will weigh one-twenty. Full many a rural church has rusted, and many a fair and grange has busted, because in grown-up folks they trusted. Without a jar, without a sound, this dizzy earth goes 'round. O, never does a trip begin but some good worker cashes in, and never sinks a weary sun but sees some leader's labors done. Some kid already in the trace must step on up to take our places, and all our churchs, fairs and granges should have some young blood to meet these changes. Else, when we sleep benath the daisis, th caus w lov will go to blazes. Yea, when we rest beneath our hummocks, the good old town will go kerflummux. So let us train the youngster dapper, and seek to civilize the flapper. O, let us teach the kids life's rules in clubs and camps and Sunday schools, and then sit back upon our pants and give the younger folks a chance.

—BOB ADAMS

SHORT STORIES OF HOME FOLK

High winds have prevailed to considerable extent the past few days, causing road blockades and doing no little damage to telephone lines. We were entirely cut off from Butte Monday and the local line south was impaired as well. Still it is warm, almost uncomfortably so.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jorgenson favored The News with a call Thursday and left an order for ranch stationery. Why don't you do that? We have a long list of names suitable for your ranch and can print your stationery at less than you can buy the same class of paper blank.

Of course, when a fellow puts in a bid for a county job and has a joker in it and the board, looking through the county attorney's glass, discovers it, it is all right for a part of the board to meet and "approve the bond" after consulting with the successful bidder without notifying the competitor.

A P Buck of oLs Angeles is in the Basin, buying beef stuff for the California packing house which he represents.

From The Western News we learn that our old friend Hank Simmons, formerly of the Speckled Trout ranch in the Big Hole, has just received a large consignment of Silver fox animals for his breeding farm in the Bitter Root.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mooney will be glad to learn that little Katherine, their two-year old daughter who was scalded two weeks ago when she fell into a tub of hot water at her home, is rapidly recovering in a Butte hospital. The burns were not as deep as reported and there will be no permanent scars it is said.

RADIO NEWS

[Kindness of C J Faulkner, resident agent Grebe detector and amplifier]

Monday. New York: A blizzard raged here all day today such as has never been equalled before, resulting in many casualties and much property damage.

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Washington. The administration sends protest to France against France occupying Germany's industrial centers.

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Washington. Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer of England, assures the United States that she (England) will soon pay her war debt to America amounting to five billion dollars principal and interest.

NICE PRESENT FROM BANK

The News is at loss for words to express our gratitude to the First National Bank of Dillon for a splendid present received in the mail on Tuesday. It is an up-to-date thermometer, of circular design and encased in copper—"Buy something made of copper."

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PAY BACK FEES FOR GRAZING

Persons grazing stock on the National forests will have their privileges cancelled until all back fees have been paid, according to a decision of William B Greeley, chief forester. Because of the stringency in financial conditions throughout the country grazing fees which are ordinarily payable in advance were in 1921 accepted in two payments, due on July 1 and December 1. The same arrangement was made for 1922 and resulted in considerable assistance to stockmen who had been hard-pressed financially during the two years. At the end of 1922 many stockmen still owed for stock grazed, and it now becomes a matter of payng up or taking their tock off the forest.

WISE RIVER WOMANS CLUB

We are grateful to Mrs. Sanford Shepherd for the following report of Woman's club activities at in the Wise River district:

The Wise River Woman's club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. George Dodgson. Four new members were admitted. Each member responded to roll call by giving one of ex-President Wilson's famous 14 points. Four very interesting papers were given: The Versailles Treaty by Mrs. F P Morrill. Red Cross by Mrs. Walter Jones, Christmas Seals by rMs. Frank Husted,and an original New Years story by Mrs. Margaret Patton.

The next meeting of the club will be held January 18th at the home of Mrs. William Ferguson.

OUR NEW FEATURES

Beginning with this issue we are furnishing our readers with at least a column of legislative news sent us regularly from Billings by the Western Newspaper Union. The first installment of radio news also appears. The latter is quite abbreviated this time, Mr. Faulkner not being quite certain as to what we would consider news. It will be more extended in the future.

The News can be depended upon to install anything and everything within our means if it be of interest to our readers. Without public pap of any sort the paper has reached its present stage of efficiency and it is not our natere to be satisfied as long as there is anything we can add

DOESN'T WANT CASE

The News is advised that it "has a case" with regard to the county printing and the law firm giving us this information wants the case on a percentage basis, no win, no cost.

No, thanks! The News has saved the taxpayers of old Beaverhead a neat little sum by forcing the county commissioners into retrenchment. We were honest in our efforts to help you save, and the board would not; but if we were to accept the offer of the legal firm, and perchance win, we would fail in our object, viz: a saving to the taxpayers of the county, and especially the ranchers of the Basin and adjacent valleys.

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SHERIFF CAPTURES SOME STILL

The great-granddaddy of all the stills captured in Beaverhead county since the advent of prohibition was found shortly after 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff W Kellum and Under Sheriff W D Ross at the head of Six-Bit gulch on the upper Blacktail.

Constructed in a manner which showed that the one man in charge knew his business thoroughly, the plant was capable of holding at least 600 gallons of mash and it is believed that this miniature distillery sets a record for size which has not been equalled in the state. It was firmly imbedded in masonry and concrete, with a 12-foot furnace beneath in which huge logs were burned. The top of the still was fully 12 feet high and 19 or 20 feet around the base. Vats in the cabin were large enough to hold about 7,000 gallons of mash. Water had been piped about 500 feet through regular sewer pipes and in order to dump the barrels of mash into the still a grade elevator had been constructed to lift them up. The sheriff states it will be necessary to use dynamite to break down the foundation and it is going to be a difficult task to bring the plant into the city. Another small still of about 10 gallons capacity was also found on the premises.

Only one man was arrested at the time but several more may later be apprehended. The one arrested gave his name as John Doe and stated he had just started in the business, in fact, he had run off only a few gallons of the finished product when the officers raided his cabin.

He was arraigned before Justice Stahl Thursday evening and pleaded guilty to the charge, being released under bonds of $250 for his appearance in the district court for sentence.

The sheriff is making preparations for the removal of the huge plant into town early next week. Doe states that he is justly proud of his distillery. When told of the big one captured a few days ago near Butte which was said to have been of 300 gallons capacity, he merely shrugged his shoulders with the remark that "that was simply a working model."—Dillon Tribune.

FARM WOMEN AND FIGS

A recent bulletin from the United States Agricultural department gives the following interesting facts.

Over $3,000 worth of fig preserves were sold in Adams, Jefferson and Copiah counties, Mississippi, during the past season after the state market specialist and the extension worker representing the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural college had shown the women of these counties how to preserve and market a high-grade product.

It was realized, from the great demand for fig preserves that came to the extension office, that the figs wasted each year in southwestern Mississippi could be turned into a good cash income for the farm women of the state. Investigation showed that the shelves of the leading grocers were stocked with California fig preserves instead of those prepared locally.

A standard recipe was introduced by the home demonstration agent in each county and club members who had figs were instructed in the method of putting up a product that could compete with highly standardized commercial products. Members who enrolled for this work even took precaution to buy sirup thermometers in order to have a perfect preserve for sale.

A large part of these preserves was sold within the state, but many orders were filled outside. The fig preserves were sold to hotels and tea rooms and sent as gifts to persons in New Orleans, Denver, Hot Springs, Detroit, New York, Nashville, and several cities and towns in Virginia and West Virginia. In Adams county alone $2500 worth of fig preserves were sold before the 1st of October. It is felt in all three counties that a permanent industry has been established.

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State Industrial Review

Domestic crude oil production in the week ending December 16 averaged 1,682,600 barrels daily, and increase of 24,850 barrels daily over the previous week, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Oil imports decreased from 362,831 barrels daily to 231,367 daily.

Shelby: Two carloads of pipe received for building the gas line in town.

Roundup: Deep test well is to be driven in Devil's basin.

Butte: Garibaldi mine is sinking big shaft.

Cascade county has property valuation of $33,957,441.

Hardale's new $40,000 school is completed.

Northern Pacific may build a line through the Smith river valley into Great Falls.

Cat Creek shipped 904 carloads of crude oil during last eight months.

Great Falls: Bear Den well shows oil at 500 feet

Montana assets are $17,191,227. Cash resources of the state are increased $3 224,264 during 19-month period

Sidlix Amazon Dixie mine uncovers good ore

Libby Strike of importance is made at Lukens-Hazel mine

Broadview No 2 well encounters oil at 2800 feet

Butte Contracts amounting to $750,000 are let for the erection of the new Finlen hotel

Great Falls American refinery resumes work, operating at a 400-barrel rate

Stanford Judith Basin county poultry association holds a poultry show with exhibits from all parts of Montana as well as from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota and New Jersey.

Great Falls Another well is brought in in the Sunburst field

Lewistown: Lewistown Oil & Refining company is to double the capacity of the plant.

Appropriation of 63,953 43 made for the Belt Riceville road.

STATE TAX REDUCTION

Every Western state has a battle on for tax reduction. Governors are preparing their messages to make this the foremost issue to be presented to the legislatures. They are racking their brains to see how they can keep their campaign promises to trim the overhead in some way

The old song about the three departments of government—administrative, judiciary and legislative—has done service in the past; but the people who pay the taxes know that so far as they are concerned these three departments do team work when it comes to getting the money. No case can be cited where one department has ever laid a straw in the way of another department increasing taxes—only by a governor's veto.

In most of the Western states there is strong talk of junking so-called useless or superfluous boards and commissions if there are any such. It will be denied by all of them that they are fifth wheels on the wagon; all will contend the state could not get along without them. Just the same, Illinois, Idaho, Washington and other states have junked them and reduced taxes, dumped hundreds of useless officials and exist. Left to a legislature the evils of these ulcers sapping the revenues and lifeblood of the commonwealth, will not b abolished. They rule.

Where the multitudinous excresences have been scraped off the body politic it has been done by heroic action of some chief executive. Governer Callom in Illinois and Governer Hart in Washington, backed by strong business men, used the club on the legislature and got results.

There is no excuse for a state or a county or a city government not having at least as good a system of conducting affairs as a bank or corporation.—The Manufacturer.

And no bank or corporation would pay 80 per cent more than necessary for their printing bill covering a period of two years, or for any part of it, like the Beaverhead board of county commissioners.

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