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## WEIGHTS WIN EASILY

### Didn't Get a "Look In" All Game With The As Friday Evening

As won—five Innings were twenty-five to seven was the took place last Friday evening was by all odds the "best" of in Polson.

He had been talked of for so a good sized crowd the band was out to see the fun it was.

He started with the leans in and Silver at the bat for the hits. The first ball that presented silver swung on it sailing over the center head. He managed to get before the ball was run

followed and he also long one Silver getting to all followed by sending a to McMichael who would as it was it went clear to

and Silver and Black both ague duplicated Wall's hit McMichael failed to sit

enough and Wall came ague landed on second. soon next hit the ball for a

Fleming at short who ab at it, but while his in- as good his judgment of

ball was poor and he ched it." Hague came Johnson reached second.

knocked an easy one to first, and he fielded the fully and beat the runner thus scoring the first out, two men up got out and in ment Johnson scored so the

to the field with five runs edit.

the twirling for the fate he had really got warmed who was the first man up

ns had pounded out a home "skinneys" almost went agston failed to connect

s curves and the umpire out. McMichael had a and waited, and received a

he made a sensational ond and came home on ong drive over Johnson in

ed. Lowary scored and the chances for the leans, and Harbe both struck out.

and ining was where the eat up for the gentlemen of id. The fats almost ran

to death.

ere many sensational plays des, although Hague's slide

hen the ball was nowhere in the best stunt, Denmore

od playing by picking up the standing on his head, Wells

distinguished himself by to let the ball get so close to get not touch him. And the

in thirteen scores. The heir half failed to get a man

third the fats were too tired only got three, while the

he two.

fourth inning Carl Wright Dawson accepted the battery and didn't give the fleshy

ok-in. The fats not to be also changed pitchers L. H. going on the rubber and re- the compliment.

fifth each side made two runs mutual consent called the

## HOME TALENT PLAY MAKES GREAT HIT

As advertised "The Whirl O' th' Town" was presented by local talent at the Bijou Saturday evening. There was an appreciative audience and they thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment given by the amateurs.

D. F. Barloga carried the part of the newly elected senator from a country district, well, Charles Alward was an ideal lover, P. Spaberg as private secretary to Senator Squilla acted like a professional, Wm. Barber as political lobbyist, and B. M. Couture as Arizona Pete were well chosen characters. A. Livergood, the farm boy and L. Shulkin as the tramp entertained the audience with their pranks. Erva Trow as the village belle and Mrs. McCann as Agnes Watson were pleasing characters.

Mrs. Alward's representation of a coy maiden lady was perfect. Miss Gertrude Hart as Pretty Soon was popular with the audience.

In fact everyone played their parts well. Of course some did better than others. All could not be stars. But taken all in all it was a good show.

Although they would have been better prepared had they not been compelled to rush it through on account of the theatre being engaged for this week, the time they had expected to present it, and Mr. Williams showed his ability as manager and trainer in having everybody and everything in as good shape as he did in so short a time. By request the show was repeated Sunday evening.

Another booster for Polson.

Among the late arrivals in Polson was Mr. J. J. Reimer and wife of Harvey, North Dakota, they being on their wedding tour from the coast. Mr. Reimer is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Harvey and while here took occasion to examine the condition of the Flathead County State Bank, in which he and some of his associates in Harvey are somewhat interested. After a careful and thorough examination into every detail of the Flathead County State business under the local management, Mr. Reimer states he finds everything in perfect order balancing to a cent, and with Cashier M. A. Myhre in charge, the institution stands among the sound institutions of the land, capable of rendering great assistance with its paid up capital of \$25,000 in the development and improvement of the country.

Mr. Reimer and bride go from here to the National Park for a brief visit and expect to reach their home at Harvey about the middle of August. While here they had nothing but good words for Polson and the Mission Valley, and in turn their many new friends wish them a long and happy life.

LIKES THE HOMESTEADERS

Mrs. R. S. Davis and son drove into Polson today on business. They are located five miles west of Ronan. Mrs. Davis seemed well pleased with the outlook; although the water proposition is a hard one. Hauling water for all purposes is a task, but they hope for something better before long. Mr. Davis is still at Langford, North Dakota, looking after his hardware business. But he expects to return to the reservation in the fall. Mrs. Davis speaks in the highest terms of her neighbors and she thinks there are no better people than the settlers of the reservation.

THE WEATHER

The temperatures as taken by the U. S. Observer Frank Browne at the Polson station.

	Max	Min.	Set.
Thursday	90	56	90
Friday	90	57	85
Saturday	94	67	91
Sunday	91	62	64
Monday	80	45	78
Tuesday	84	40	82
Wednesday	90	52	89

CATHOLIC DANCE POSTPONED TILL AUGUST 5th

The ladies of the Catholic church have postponed their dance and social that they advertised for Friday evening, one week. And instead of holding it in the public square it will be given at the Bijou Theatre. Remember the date, Friday, August 5th.

Three Ball Games Next Week

The base ball team promises to give us three good games next week. The Big Fork boys are coming down to play a three days series beginning with Sunday.

## BRIDGE APPROACH QUESTION UP

### Council Gives C Street Boosters Permission to Cross Park

### B Street Promoters Will Also Ask For Right To Put In Approach

The City Council held a special meeting Tuesday evening to consider a petition for the granting of a permit to build an approach from the foot of C street across the city park to connect with the bridge. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the street and alley committee, with instructions that they look over the ground and report to the Council the next evening.

At the meeting Wednesday evening a large delegation of the interested property owners was present and considerable talk was indulged in.

The street and alley committee recommended that the petitioners be required to furnish a bond to protect the city from any damage suit that might be brought on account of the building of the approach, and also that plans and specifications be submitted to the Council for their approval.

It was then moved that the permit be granted under these conditions, and a vote taken. The vote resulted in a tie, Chambers, Wright and Kiser voting no, Dawson, Gabb and McDonald, yes, Mayor Mansur casting the deciding vote in favor of granting the permit. The petitioners were notified to have their plans and bonds in readiness to present to the Council at their meeting Friday evening.

It is understood that at the next meeting an application will be made to build an approach from the foot of B street to the bridge. This application will undoubtedly be granted so the probabilities are that there will be two approaches.

### Bell Your Drinking Water

Dr. T. D. Tuttle, secretary of the state board of health has issued a warning against the use of water for drinking purposes unless it has been boiled. He says:

"It is a well known fact that all water supplies in the state are much lower this year than usual. So far as I have been able to learn the streams are lower today than it is customary to find them in the middle or last of August. Under ordinary conditions polluting matter entering a stream in small quantities would be comparatively harmless on account of the great dilution, but the same quantities of polluting matter entering the streams this year becomes a very dangerous factor on account of the high degree of concentration resulting from the low state of the water supply. We therefore urge the people of Montana, (and by Montana we mean every part of this great state), to boil every particle of water used for drinking purposes, and we predict that unless this precaution is taken there will be severe outbreaks of typhoid fever throughout the state.

### WHITEFISH NEEDS A CEMETERY.

Although there are not many "dead ones" in Whitefish, and as a health resort it is unprecedented, yet there are enough accidental deaths to make a burial ground a great convenience. The funeral expenses incurred under existing conditions would wipe out the savings of a lifetime, to say nothing of the unpleasant features existent on such an occasion when a trip by rail on an indirect route, causing long and tedious waits at transfer points; or if the funeral party has to be driven across the country over bad and dusty roads, or perhaps the inclemency of the weather would make the trip next to impossible during the winter months. All these unpleasant features coupled with the sadness, sorrow and grief attendant upon the death of a friend or relative, makes us feel that we cannot afford to die. A burial place in Whitefish would eliminate many of these hardships. Let us assist the council in securing a cemetery site for a final resting place.—Whitefish Pilot.

### Establish Branch Store

Dawsons have established a branch store of their undertaking department at Ronan and placed S. A. Rice in charge of it.

## BOY DROWNS NEAR FISK RECLAMATION CAMP

Austin Epperson a young man employed at the Fisk Reclamation Camp was drowned in one of the pools near the camp last Tuesday evening. Epperson and a young man named Beckwith had arrived at the camp that day from Missoula. In the evening, being dusty and tired from their trip they decided to take a swim. The pond was not a large one and they started to swim across it. When in about the center Epperson said that he was about all in. Beckwith attempted to assist him but becoming exhausted himself had to release his hold and Epperson sank immediately. As soon as he reached the shore Beckwith gave the alarm and in about twenty minutes the body was recovered. A physician from Ronan was called and every known method was tried to resuscitate him, but to no avail. The body was taken to Missoula for interment.

## FORTY BUSHEL PER ACRE GOOD FOR DRY YEAR

Mrs. M Crow went out to the farm home of F. Wilson, four miles south east of Polson on Monday to take some harvesting views. She took three, one showing the twenty-six horses and the machine cutting the grain, another shows the opposite side of the machine where they are sacking the wheat and a third gives the front view of the outfit, with the teams hauling the loaded grain. They are great pictures showing a great country. The wheat in this field averages thirty-five bushels to the acre. A part of it yielding forty bushels.

## ELECT CHIEF OF POLICE

The city council at its meeting last Friday evening elected J. E. Hern chief of police. Mr. Hern is an old timer in Polson having arrived here July 14, of last year. He showed his faith in the town at the lot sale last fall by bidding in the first lot put up. He came here from Vancouver, Washington and says he is here to stay. Mr. Hern will undoubtedly make a good official, and the council is to be congratulated on securing him.

## WAS JUSTIFIED IN KILLING DOG

A law suit in Justice Bailey's court Saturday afternoon furnished entertainment for a number of spectators. The suit grew out of the killing of a dog belonging to L. H. Johnson by F. R. Miles. It developed at the trial that the dog was chasing Miles' cattle, so the jury decided that the cattle were more entitled to protection than the dog, and acquitted Miles.

## DANCE AT THE NARROWS WELL ATTENDED.

The City of Polson and Dolphin took a big crowd to the narrows last evening. The band went along and discoursed sweet music going and coming and furnished music for dancing at the island. A large number, who did not dance went along for the outing on the water and to breathe the fresh air of the island.

## ODD FELLOWS WILL PICNIC

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will have a big picnic at Wild Horse Island one week from Sunday. The Odd Fellows from Big Fork will meet the crowd from Polson there and a good time is expected. The Polson Band will go along, and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the picnic. Full particulars will be published next week.

## Show Drew Small Crowds

The Ruth Craven Company played to small houses three nights this week they left Polson on the early morning boat today. There was no adverse criticism of the company, but it seems that there has just been too much "do-in." And they failed to advertise their coming in the Courier, which was a very grave mistake.

## FOREST FIRES STILL BURNING

### Many New Fires Reported Rain The Only Hope.

The forest fires are still raging all over the Northwest. Although in some places the situation is not as serious as it was last week. In Washington they have hundreds of men fighting the flames.

In Montana they are still calling for men to stay the conflagration. At Libby the situation is so serious that the Governor has ordered the company of state militia, that was about to leave for the encampment at American Lake to remain to aid fire fighters.

West of Iron Mountain along the Milwaukee right of way is raging the worst fire of the season in this part of Montana. A large force of men, using every effort possible have been unable to stay its progress.

Frenchtown has called upon the forestry headquarters at Missoula for help. Yesterday a large number of men were fighting fire on the slopes of the Bitter Root mountains just west of Fort Missoula.

Locally no fires can be seen from Polson now, but the atmosphere, which had cleared for a few days, is again smoke laden and the sun goes down through the haze like a great ball of fire.

## DAMAGE SUIT MAY FOLLOW FERRY BOAT ACCIDENT

Attorney Lingenfelter, of Kalspell, was in Libby last Tuesday looking up the county records as to the contract for the construction of the Libby ferry boat, which foundered in the Kootenai some weeks ago, causing the death of three by drowning and two by being crushed by the cable. It is rumored that Mr. Lingenfelter is acting as attorney for the heirs of four who lost their life on that fatal occasion. Whether the ferry was built according to specifications or not remains to be seen or whether that would cut any figure in the case, is very doubtful.

It is stated that the old ferry had notices posted on the boats that the county would not be liable for any damages occurring through accident, but that no such notices had yet been posted on the new craft. It is also stated that the craft had not yet been ordered into commission, and that Commissioner Pratt had forbidden its use. It is hardly possible that a case will lie against Lincoln county under conditions as they existed at that time, as the commissioners by building a new boat showed conclusively that they were endeavoring to give the public the best obtainable service. Had the accident happened under the commission of some old worthless tub of a boat, doubtless an action would lie, but hardly under present conditions.—Eureka Journal.

## IMPROVE DIXON ROAD

J. P. Soderstrom, one of Uncle Sam's clever young forest ranger, is spending the day in the city. Last week he was engaged, with a force of helpers, in improving a section of the Polson-Dixon road so that people can get to Warden Hodges ranch, in the National Bison range, on the banks of Mission creek. The grade has been reduced and the road put in first-class condition. This will be the main entrance to the park.

## Flathead Berries Fine.

"The proof of the pudding is the eating." And that is why we know that Flathead fruit can't be beaten. The Courier family has tasted the the lusciousness of the fruit grown in the lake country. They were from the ranch of W. Cramer and were so large and perfect that they made one thing the drouth was all a dream."

## TELEPHONE LINE GETTING CLOSER

Work of putting up the cross bars for the telephone wires across the bridge is now in progress. The line men are now within a couple of miles of the west end of the bridge and it is thought that the wires will be in to town by Saturday night or by the first of the week sure.

## BRIDGE TO BE COMPLETED NEXT WEEK

Mr. Sweet who has charge of the building of the bridge says that the work will be finished in about a week. A number of the west side ranchers are now at work on the west side approach and with two approaches contemplated on this side the bridge will soon be ready for traffic.

## RACES AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Preparations are under way to place the race track at the Fair in first-class condition. The fastest harness horses in the Northwest are entitled to a good track. It is probable that the 2:10 pace will be pulled off the first day. A tremendous effort will be made to get out a large exhibit of farm products. Owing to the dry season, the Flathead Valley is one of the few sections of the Northwest that has any grain. This is the year of our opportunity to show the other people what we have. The people of Big Fork, Polson, Rollins, Whitefish, Libby and Eureka have expressed a desire to bring community exhibits, and other communities expect to enter.

## LIST OF SECOND 3000 NUMBER HOLDERS RECEIVED AT LAND OFFICES

The land office at Missoula and Kalspell have received from Washington the list of those who are to be given opportunity to make entry in the second Flathead filing. Number 3,000 will be called in Kalspell at 9 o'clock the morning of September 1 and in Missoula September 8. After these dates the calling will be continued in each office, first at the rate of 100 names a day and later 200 a day, until the list is completed. This will be on September 22 at Kalspell and on September 29 at Missoula.

November first the land that has not been filed upon will be thrown open to entry.

## MONTANA WILL BE GREAT DAIRY STATE, SAYS EXPERT

That Montana is to be the greatest dairy state in the United States within the next few years, is the opinion expressed by Joel J. Winkler, a dairy expert connected with the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., says the Great Falls Tribune.

Ma. Winkler has been appointed dairy expert for the state of Montana, and recently made a tour of the state in the performance of his duties. He is to make a trip to Montana each year for the purpose of inspecting its dairies and dairy products and reporting on the same. In his recent trip he expressed himself as well pleased with the prospects of the dairy industry in the state and predicts a splendid future for the industry and during a conversation on the subject had the following to say:

"I have been with the department of agriculture for a long time" I have been inspector of dairy products in different states, but I have never had experience with as good products as those furnished by the farmers in this state.

The cream is without an equal in the United States. I attribute this to the very favorable seasons and other climatic conditions of Montana. The water is cold and the forage is most excellent and the dry climate prevents the various forms of disease so common in some of the eastern states.

In my trip I only saw one cause that tends to keep down the dairy industry and that is inefficient help in the creameries and dairy supply houses. The people will have to get educated to hiring only those butter-makers who are competent to get best results from the machinery. I also noticed that the fresh warm made butter was as a rule superior to some of the other products in the market and invariably the butter roll that is turned out on the farm is from one to three ounces underweight. More care should be taken both by the manufacturer and merchants to see that such a thing is prevented as it is a deliberate steal from the consumers.

With natural conditions favorable for the best curing of hay, with the excellent water supply, transportation facilities as they are found in the Bitter Root, Gallatin and Yellowstone valleys, I look for Montana to be perhaps the greatest dairy state in the United States in the course of the next few years."