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Montana Legislature Goes Loco Over "Reds"

Great Earth Tremors and Fire Cause Havoc In Far Antipodes

As We See It

by Tom O'Flaherty

The public spirited and big hearted business men of Chicago have not yet raised the five million dollar unemployment fund they have been working on for months. Having soaked their poorly paid employees until the latter got colds in the stomach the fund stopped at $4,000,000 and the publicity experts of the Chamber of Commerce are now applying first aid methods to the capitalist conscience. The employers got the credit for the swag that has been raised just as they did for the bonds sold to carry on the war for democracy some years ago. Eventually they also got the bonds which the proletariat had to sell since then. But it irks the plutes to think that Chicago, whose motto is "I will," simply will not go over the top.

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According to a statemetn made by Acting Police Commissioner Alcock there are 450.000 unemployed in Chicago. The worthy chief offers the statement as an alibi for the "crime wave" which the opponents of Mayor Thompson are playing up to embarras Big Bill'n candidacy as the Frank French machine played up "Nig" Collins to embarras the Farmer-Labor Party election campaign in Sheridan county. Big Bill is putting on a campaign in his usual colorful style and he seems to have all the official labor leaders in Chicago on his ban dwagon. It is a fairly good bet that Big Bill, Al Capone and the labor leaders will win the election as the voters have even less confidence in the Chamber of Commerce gangsters than they have in Bill's outfit.

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A Republican ward committeeman told me a few days ago that Al Capone was a mighty good fellow and deservedly popular. It would be too much to expect that Al could remember how many men have been popped off to cut down the overhead of ruinous competition in his business but at that he is a perfectly good Christian gentleman and scholar compared to the gangsters of the Chamber of Commerce. Those four flushers are really out to destroy organized labor, which, even, corrupt as it is in leadership, still affords some protection to the workers.

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The Chamber of Commerce organized a "secret committee of six" some time ago and the identity of the cabal was to remain forever a closed chapter to the public—or at least until crime was abolished in this city. But one after the other the six came out with special articles boasting of their valor and ingenuity, and fiction mongers turned a nice penny writing for the Satevpost on how "it could be done." The heroes of the yarns wer chamber of commerce plutes and hired stoolpigeons. Of course crime is still rampant here though there was more money lost in one faro game at Springfield than Al Capone takes in in an average hour's plunder.

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The faro swindle is one of the juiciest pieces of journalism that broke here since Lingle, the Tribune underworld reporter was mur-

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Squirrel Food

— by —

A. NUT

Ah there John Farmer! How are your mental and physical faculties correlating today? Have you been able to make ends meet yet? If things keep up there will be no ends, there will just be a point, a little round dot. That dot will be John Schnitzler scratching around like a cat on a tin roof raising wheat at 50 cents a bushel.

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Anyway the mail order houses are doing a lusty business in Sheridan county and northeastern Montana. Fifty cent wheat doesn't mean many nickels in your pocket, John Farmer, so no one can blame you for buying where you can get the most for your money, for at that, you don't get enuff by a long shot. You 'ave got about all you can do to feed yourself let alone feeding all of the prune traders that happen to blow into the county.

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Well, how ja like the weather? Never saw such weather in all my born days. Sun has shown every day in January and not one day of zero weather. For that matter, temperature was down to zero only twice in December. Monday was woodchuck day. I don't know whether he saw his shader or not but he sure didn't see it on the snow. Anyway if he chucked back into his hole the weather never seed him and just keep on actin' as it has since it started in way back before Chistmas. Right now my winder is open and a couple of birds are chirping away as if they'd bust. Saw old man Nichols yesterday and asked him how, and how he like the weather, and he said he wasn't complaining. Asked him if it were going to stay this-away right along and he sez he calkerlated it twould. Sez I, "Wont it start the sap and kill all the bushes and kibosh the sweet clover?" and he sez, "Nope, the nights will keep cold and the days bright and an early warm spring, the trees and grass will come thru all okey." I hope he's right. The Lordtempers the wind, they say, to the shorn lamb, and there are plenty of them, nowadays.

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Medicine Lake,
Day Before Yesterday.

Mr. Alonzo Nutt:

"Heavy" the purported associate of Banker Powers in the moonshine franchise at Medicine Lake is reported in a jam. The grape vine dispatches say that a couple of school customers went home tother day with a rich Scotch

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NEW ZEALAND CITIES DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE; FOUR HUNDRED ARE KILLED. THOUSANDS HURT

Entire City Is Flattened by Earth Tremor—Stories of the Tragedy in Seaport Town Come Out as Relief Work Is Commenced—Aid Being Rushed to Scene by Sea, Air and Land—British Warships Caring for Injured.

Auckland, N. Z., Feb. 3.—Earthquake and fire leveled the city of Napier, N. Z., today leaving a casualty list reported at 400 dead and 1,000 injured, and wrecked four nearby towns, causing an undetermined number of fatalities and injuries.

Napier was still ablaze and virtually helpless tonight, the quake having cut off its water supply. Its stunned populace stood by, unable to count its dead and without effective means of fighting the fire. Dynamiting was resorted to in an attempt to check the flames

The first shock came shortly before 11 a. m. shaking a large portion of the coastal region of Hawkes Bay province, of which Napier is the capital. Hastings, a town 15 miles from Napier, reported 21 dead and 100 injured.

The towns of Waipawa and Waipukurau also suffered. Fire from the Napier blaze caused the shutting off of oil in the tanks at Fort Ahuriri.

The British war ship Veronica, anchored at Napier was grounded but subsequently refloated The steamer Northumberland headed for sea when the water in the harbor began to recede.

British warships left Auckland for Napier under forced draft with 66 doctors and 15 nurses. Emergency hospitals, food depots and police protection were organized and temporary hospitals set up. The Veronica became a refuge for women and children.

The whole business area of Napier one-half mile square, was destroyed by earthquake and fire.

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Wellington, N. Z., Feb. 3.— The Hawkes Bay district on North Island which was devastated by last night's earthquake has been generally regarded as immune to seismic disturbances.

A quake in June, 1929, accounted for 17 deaths but between 1848 and 1928 only seven persons were killed in earthquakes in New Zealand.

Napier has a population of about 20,000. It is noted principally as an export city for mutton, dairy products and fruit to the British Isles.

The city is built on a high hill and is the rail head for a 200 mile railroad to Wellington.

The Napier hospital nurses home collapsed killing several patients and nurses

There were 21 dead in Hastings. Smaller towns in the vicinity suffered accordingly.

The quakes were reported continuing late tonight and hundreds arranged to sleep in the open. All communication with the outside world is severed except wireless which delivered the first reports of the disaster.

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Wellington, N. Z, Feb. 4.—Devastating shocks falling like blows of a sledge hammer upon the seaport of Napier, North Island, N. Z., have left the city a tangled mass of ruins through which fires blazed furiously late last night.

Bluff Hill, a cliff on the outskirts of Napier fell in upon itself, carrying with it the houses built along its slopes.

"I have just returned from a complete inspection of this town," the commander of the Veronica radioed. "Practically every stone building has been destroyed and in many cases they are blazing furiously.

"The earth shocks are still occurring and I have learned that many people were killed while they were sitting in their parked automobiles. The population is quiet. There is no disorder among them and they seemed to be stunned by the magnitude of this disaster."

"A heavy pall of dust arises from the ruins and mingled with the smoke from the burning buildings, gives a terrifying aspect.

"As soon as the earth tremors cease despearte efforts will be made to rescue those entombed in the ruins of the buildings."

POOR FISH IS SORE AT THE PAPERS OF NEW YORK

New York —FP— Cong. Hamilton Fish, Jr., bitterly assailed the New York Press for its failure to become aroused by the report of his committee on radical activities at a meeting of Republican women in New York. Especially did he attack the New York Post, a Republican paper, for calling his report "un-American and cowardly."

COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR FEB'ARY SESSION MONDAY

The board of county commissioners met in the regular February session at the commissioners' chambers Monday. Commissioners Anker, Hansen, Chairman French and Clerk Niels Madsen present. This was the second session for Hansen.

Frank French had returned from the commissioners convention held at Missoula and reported the doings of that meeting. He also stopped on his way home at Helena where he attended a meeting of the state highway commission, where he talked over the allocation of money for roadwork in Sheridan county the coming year. He made a verbal report to the board it is reported.

Niels Madsen had also returned from the Clerk and Recorder's convention held somewhere The law does not allow pay and mileage to clerks on this jaunt but Niels got around this by having himself sent to interview the state tax commission about the Montana Power Company's taxes. It is reported that he got everything fixed fine and dandy. It is not reported whether he reported anything or not.

The time of the board Monday was taken up with discussions and the above reports.

Tuesday the bankers of Sheridan county appeared before the board en masse and pleaded to have the interest on county funds deposited in the banks reduced from two per cent to one per cent per annum.

They argued and showed that the banks were in such a condition that they could not afford to pay more. That the county was calling all of its outstanding warrants, thus stopping interest and using the county money on deposit to pay them thus taking the money out of the banks. Also the county was now investing its sinking fund money in county warrants which took this business away from the banks. That they did not dare to loan out money now with the county and depositors drawing out steadily to meet current expenses, that they had to keep this cash available, and must invest some in United States bonds for which they had to pay a premium, and got only four per cent, etc., so could only afford to pay one per cent.

Anker moved to reduce. French put the motion and voted aye. Hansen voted no.

Wednesday was devoted entirely to routine business and auditing claims against the county.

The meeting adjourned about six o'clock Wednesday evening.

OLD TIME - NEW TIME DANCE AT ANTELOPE

There will be an old time and new time dance at the Sons of Norway Hall at Antelope tomorrow, Saturday night, February 7th. Music will be furnished by Skabo's orchestra. Ladies are free and the tickets are only four bits. Spectators, young and old, 25 cents. Don't forget the time and the place.

WHEAT PRODUCTION IN U.S. MAY BE AFFECTED BY WINTER DROUTH NO SNOW. VERY LITTLE MOISTURE

Streams are Very Low in Most States—Many Wells in Central U. S. are Dry—Less than Half Normal Precipitation in Minnesota—No Rains in Mississippi Valley.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The vast agricultural plains of the nation this winter are bare of snow — dry, cracked and hard, indicating to farm leaders that one of the nation's most disastrous winter drouths is in progress.

Ordinarily the great wheat prairies of the northwest are blanketed under a foot or so of snow at this time of the year, while further south in the agricultural regions of the Mississippi valley cold rains and sleet fall frequently.

This year sunny days have followed sunny days with such regularity ove ralmost all of the country that farming land generally is not suitable even for spring plowing, while the lack of moisture is almost certain to be detrimental to early crops. Absence of snow in the northwest has deprived winter wheat fields of their protective covering so that the germinating seeds have been subjcted to all the extremes of heat and cold the fickle weather man has provided this year.

Half Uusual Precipitation

In the grain regions surrounding the Twin Cities, for instance, the normal precipitation from October to February is about 24 inches. This year only 11.8 inches of rain and snow have fallen since October—about half the usual amount.

In Colorado, where the wheat and sugar beet farmers hail every big snow as a "million dollar

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GAS TAX REFUNDS IN MONTANA REACH A HUGE SUM IN 1929-30

Helena, Feb. 5.— Drawback fund claims for the past two years have been less than 25 per cent of total collections from the 5-cent gasoline tax, according to figures released by the state board of equalization.

In 1929 claims were paid representing 23.52 per cent of total tax collections and in 1930 claims totaled 24.44 per cent. Average of claims to the drawback fund for the two years was 23.99 per cent.

Gas tax collections in 1929 totaled $3,770,755.07, of which $866,811.42 was refunded, the board says.

During 1930 the gasoline tax amounted to $3,873,828.42 and refund claims totaled $946,942.40. The gasoline tax in 1929 was at the rate of three cents a gallon until April, when the 5-cent tax went into effect.

Westby Loses in Overtime Period In Game at Crosby

Tuesday, Feb. 3, the Westby high school basket ball boys went to Crosby where they played the quint from that palce. The Westby boys lead throughout the same. At the half they were leading 13 to 7 and at the third quarter 15 to 10. When the game ended the score was tied 17 all. A five minute overtime period was played from which Crosby emerged victorious 21 to 19. The contest was characterized by many fouls, 13 being called on both sides. Crosby made 7 points on fouls and Westby 5.

Gasoline Price In Denver Is Cut to Thirteen Cents

Denver, Feb 5.— Gasoline sold in Denver today for the lowest price it has reached here for a good many years. Leading independent dealers sold gasoline at 13 cents a gallon, which is 9-cent gasoline plus the state tax of 4 cents.

SEN. JOHN SCHNITZLER

Froid Banker, gone loco over "Reds," has introduced a measure in the senate to make it a felony to talk about banks; another for a minimum penalty of 30 years in the pen for robbing a bank from the outside. The Senator, however, does not increase the penalty for robbing them from the inside, or outlaw such mantraps as the Schnitzler Corporation.

YE OLDE TYME DANS HERE, SAT., FEB. 14th

There will be a real "Ye Olde Tyme Dans" at the Farmer-Labor Temple, St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14th, Ye Olde Tyme Dans master, Joie Kavon will be the floor manager.

It is said this will be the last old time dance of the season, so put on your old gray bonnet, and come out to the quadrille.

TAXPAYERS ASSN. TO MEET WED., FEB. 11th AT ANTELOPE, COME!

Antelope, Mont., 2-4-31.

To All Taxpayers of Sheridan County:

The executive committee of the Sheridan County Taxpayers Association will meet at Antelope, Feb. 11, to take up difference matters pertaining to taxes and we would like to have all present. One thing we would like to have you all help us out on, is some of the legislative measures, so we can give our representatives some solid backing from our county and any other matters which may come before the meeting will be taken care of.

All we want is your backing, so don't forget the meeting, Feb. 11 at 1:00 p. m. at Antelope.

O. B. HOVEN, Pres.

P. S.—Just a few words in regard to an editorial in which the taxpayers association got a slam under date of Jan. 29th: All we ask is let 60% of the taxpayers in Sheridan County join our association which will give us the backing we need. As it is we have only 10% and what is the other 90% doing? So far all they have done is knock and expect a small handfull to fight the other 90%. All we want now is for you to send in your dollar bill to our Secretary Treasurer, Edgar I. Syverud, Dagmar, Montana, and come out to our meetings and give the officers your backing.—O.B.H.

Plentywood Greyhounds Return from Adventure Battered But Still Going

The Plentywood Greyhounds, far famed basket ball team, returned from their venture out to meet and scalp the big quints of North Dakota, Sunday afternoon, with only two scalps in their belt, and scalpless themselves, tho a couple of warriors had their hair full of feathers won in valient games where they displayed extraordinary ability. The team left by automobile Friday, Jan. 23 and was gone ten days.

The Greyhounds played six games on the tour, winning two and losing four. It should be borne in mind that the Greyhounds played every game on a foreign floor in a hositle crowd, a new experience, and against the very best organizations of players that could be organized, and the best players always against them. These things taken into consideration, the boys came home covered with glory. They won at Velva and Devils Lake and lost at Minot Donnybrook, Cando and Granville.

The scores were close in all the games; at Minot, Jan. 23 it was 23 to 38 in favor of the "Durag;.... Velva, Monday, Jan. 26, 20 to 28 in favor of Plentywood; Donnybrook on Jan .27, 22 to 28 for Donnybrook; CaCndo, aJn. 28, 24 to 31 for Cando; Devils Lake, Jan. 30, 23 to 27 in favor of Plentywood; Granville, Jan. 31, 22 to 26 in favor of Granville.

All the games were won or lost in the last quarter. The crowds at the games doubled with every game.

The team under the management of Louis Moe, the genial barber, made friends where ever it appeared and was credited with being a group of game and worthy sports.

The tour was splendid publicity for Plentywood.

SANITY HEARING FOR GLASGOW WOMAN

Glasgo, Jan. 31.—District Judge John Hurly has advised both the defense and prosecution in the Arnot murder case to be prepared on Feb. 9 for a sanity hearing for Mrs. Anna Arnot.

The woman, accused of poisoning her husband, J. E. Arnot, former Glasgow banker, last summer, faces a first degree murder charge

County Attorney Roberts has filed a motion requesting that the question of Mrs. Arnot's sanity be submitted to a jury as provided by Montana law. His action was based on an affidavit which set forth that the woman's attending physician and one of her attorneys declared she is now insane.

The court reserved its ruling on the motion, called for a term of district court to start Feb. 3 and set the Arnot case for Feb. 9.

Westby Hi School Divides Double Header B.B. Game

Westby, Jan. 30.—The local high school basket ball teams met the Fortuna teams here on the home court tonight. The girls lost their first home game of the season 11 to 6. The boys, however, made up for this winning 25 to 2. Westby held them scoreless till the last minute of play when they dropped in their only field basket. Larson, Schultz and Rohweder did all the scoring for Westby.

LEGGE SAYS RUSSIA DECEIVES AMERICA

Chicago, Jan. 31.— Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, told the Traffic Club of Chicago today that Russia had deceived the United States about its wheat exports last year and was likely to do it again this year.

"Russia as a wheat producer is a menace," he said, "its spokesmen said they would export only 20 million bushels. They have already shipped out 80 million bushels and I believe they will sell a hundred million more.

They lied to us once and I believe they're doing it again. Their program for 1931 calls for a 19 per cent incerase in acreage, for the avowed purpose of controlling the grain market of the world."

FERVID ORATORY IS EXHAUSTED ON TEACHERS' OATH MEASURE

Sen. John Schnitzler Introduces Bill to Make it Felony to Talk About Banks—Says Communists are in Plot to Wreck Financial Institutions—Wants Outside Bank Robbers put in Pen for Thirty Years but Proposes Nothing for Inside Burglars—Com. Fish Wants Reds Repressed—Nonpartisan Judiciary Bill Appears Again.

APPROPRIATION BILLS EMERGING

State Capitol, Helena ,Montana,
February 5th, 1931.

Special to The Producers News—

Punishment for persons voicing or printing statements directly or indirectly derogatory to banks, and an increase in the penalty for robbery are among the aims of six measures the senate Banks and Banking committee, Sen. Schnitzler, of Roosevelt county, Froid banker, introduced in the senate last Tuesday.

Attacks on banks would be made punishable by a maximum fine of $5,000 or five years' imprisonment, or both. Proponents of the measures said all but nine states have similar laws.

Any person found guilty of robbery at the point of a gun would be subject to a minimum sentence of 30 years in prison, under one of the proposals. The others deal with methods of calculating profits of banks, security for deposits of state money, solvency of banks, and deposit of securities.

The banking committee did not bring in any bill to provide greater penalty for those who rob banks from the inside.

Senator Schnitzler said in regard to the bill to make it a felony to mention a bank in a derogatory manner:

"It is evident that the communists are in a plot to wreck all the

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RED FLAG SET UP BY FARMERS IN CANADA PROVINCE

Saskatoon, eb. 3.—Farmers at Steeldale, Sask., in a secessionist meeting, called by the Farmers Unity League, refused to sing "God Save the King" and substituted "The Internationale."

The red flag was prominently displayed in a sketch, "Labor vs. Capital," given at the meeting. Police were present as observers

N. D. LYNCHERS WILL ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

Williston, Jan. 31.—Belief that it will be impossible to identify members of the mob that lynched Charles Bannon, slayer of six, at Shafer early Thursday, was expressed today by Attorney General James Morris as he completed his investigation into the hanging.

Morris started back to Bismarck today to report to Governor George F. Shafer that he and the investigators had done everything in their power to identify members of the mob but without success.

Hard to Prove

He also declared that if any were identified it would be practically impossible to prove they were members of the lynching party.

Father of Raymond Men Passes In North Dakota

Elling Vold, father of Albert, Henry, Ray and Bernard Vold, all of the Raymond precinct, died of typhoid pneumonia Sunday morning, February 1, 1931, at his home at Oakes, North Dakota. He was 77 years old. Albert and Ray left on Monday evening's train on the Soo Line to attend the funeral. The other boys were unable to go.

PYRADIUM MEETING

The adjourned meeting of the Radium Remedies Company will be held in the Farmer-Labor Temple on Saturday, February 7th at 2 p. m.

LAWYERS WILL TEST VALIDITY OF STATE DEBENTURE LAW

Helena, Jan. 31.—Legal machinery designed to test the validity of the $6,000,000 highway debenture act started rolling today.

A petition for an injunction to prevent issuance of the gasoline tax anticipatory warrants was filed before the supreme court by Attorney Howard Toole of Missoula in a friendly action brought by George H. Diederichs, also of Missoula.

The court then ordered the Montana highway commission and the state treasurer to show cause why the restraining order should not be given. Their reply must be entered by Feb. 9.

Issuance of the debentures, the petition stated, would conflict with the constitution in nine points.

These included sections which prevent creation of a debt in excess of $100,000 without submitting the law authorizing the debt to the voters, creation of a debt by the legislature which may be repealed before the indebtedness is paid and attempts to bind subsequent legislatures not to alter or abolish taxes.

FARMERS UNION TERMINAL ASSOCIATION CO-OPERATES WITH AMERICAN WHEAT GROWERS

St. Paul, Feb. 5.— Co-operation among co-operatives has been brot about by the action of the general managers of the Farmers Union Terminal Association and the American Wheat Growers, associated, the Farmers Union announces in its weekly agricultural review.

Not Consolidation

"This does not mean that any steps toward a consolidation have been taken, C. W. Croes, Aberdeen, S. D., Manager of the American Wheat Growers, told the Farmers Union Terminal Association stockholders," the review says. "These associations will co-operate 100% in bringing the co-operative grain of the Northwest up to the Farmers National Grain Corporation, Federal Farm Board agency. efforts will not be duplicated at any one point.

Stockholders Meetings

"Stockholders' meetings of the Farmers Union business organizations of the northwest have just been completed. Outstanding developments have been:

"Decision of the Farmers Union Terminal Association to have all of the grain sales made thru the Farmers National Grain Corporation, thereby making the Farm Board grain setup more dominant in controlling grain with the expectation of greater pirce control.

Pay Patronage Dividend

"Farmers Union Terminal Association declared $100,000 dividend in 8 per cent preferred stock for year ended July 31, 1930 on volume of business of 19 million bushels compared with 16 million in 1929; eight million in 1928; two million in 1927 and 20 million since August 1, 1930.

Live Stock Commission Central Exchange

"Farmers Union Livestock Commision control changed from North Dakota Farmers Union board to states of North Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Montana on basis of volume of livestock business shipped by states to South St. Paul.

Thatcher Not On Payroll

"Telegram from Alexander Legge read, branding as false, charge by John Simpson, National Farmers Union president, that M. W. Thatcher was on the payroll of the Federal Farm Board.

Buys More Stock

"Farmers Union Terminal Association purchased $100,000 more stock in Farmers National Grain Corporation, making its holdings almost four times as great as the next largest grain co-operative; and re-elected officers."

UNDER THE DOME

By S. B. P.

DOINGS AT THE CAPITOL

Helena, Montana

"Full of sound and fury" signifying something, Montana solons are now well along in the present legislative session at Helena. Many bills have been introduced in both branches including, of course, the usual "pet" measures.

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At the beginning fat head John from Flathead, read a message. He told the legislators, in substance, that following his selection by the A. C. M. as the successor of Gov. Dixon, it took him only six years to learn that the cost of a Montana legislature was two, three and four times as much as the cost of corresponding departments in the states of N. Da., S. D., Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and other western states.

MOSTLY BULL

GREAT DISCOVERY

This statement from hizoner, was given the scare headlines by the copper press and was treated as the greatest discovery since the discovery of oil on state lands, in which the governor was interested.

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Following the gentle hint from Montana's titular chef, the solons, in matters of retrenchment, were not long in demonstrating that they were as moist as Hoover and as arid as Al Smith.

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DEBENTURE ANTICS

The state having long ago, exceeded its legal borrowing ability, the spenders have devised a scheme that requires Supreme Court premission, that the state may mortgage six million dollars worth of something it doesn't own, without creating an indebtedness, and, that future legislators may be precluded from questioning the right of a preceeding session to levy taxes and to make appropriations for a longer period than two years. The money lenders will not believe that this can be done unless the interpretation of the constitution by the Supremen Court should be different from their own. If a presumption of necessity knows no law, the state may proceed to mortgage and to spend, and her citizens thereby, may avoid the extremes of unemployment until after the constitutional period of two years. It may develop, however, that the proponents of such character of legislation are not serious and that they were inclined to waste those legislative hours that otherwise might have been devoted to public interests.

BEST GUESS

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NON PARTISAN JUDICIARY

Senator Shelver, M. P. from Livingston, by his "bill for an act," would have the people believe that he is desirous of removing the judges from the demo-g.o.p. merger influences. He proposes to add to the honesty and capabilities of judges by requiring them to run for office on a ticket without a headline and with no name plate To remove the ear marks of a political merger such a measure should be introduced by a democrat in a republican state, and by a republican in a democratic state.

M. P. FROM PARK

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Attorney Maury, an unafraid lawyer in Butte, has publicly declared that the Montana Supreme Court was improved to the extent of forty per cent through the election of Angstman and Ford, and the defeat of Stark and Myers. This improvement, high in percentage, and accomplished at one election, should emphasize the inadvisability of tinkering with lay tinkers in matters of law and justice. The passage of such a law would be as inefficacious and fallacious as would be a law prohibiting parking in Park County.

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BANK GUARANTEE ACT

The legislators are finally considering a plan of providing a bank guarantee for depositors. The plan involves a supposition that every bank, with open doors, shall be deemed to be a solvent concern, and that any expressed notion to the contrary shall send the emitter to the pen. It is true perhaps, that the strongest accuser in matters of bank insolvency, is the State of Montana itself. After examination of state banks by state officials, and after examination of national banks by federal officials, the treasurer of the state, the treasurer of each county, and the treasurer of each city, must require special security and indemnity against loss of any public money deposited in any bank.

BEHIND THE BARS

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EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

The patrionutic idea of requiring a "so help me God" allegiance from school teachers, has again creeped into the legislature. It may have been observed that the word "God" does not appear in the Constitution of the United States, but it is imporant that school teachers should be as observant of the 18th Amendment as are the members of the present law making body, hence the declaration on paper. If the legislature changes the constitution by adding after "free speech" the words "except as to banks" the school teachers will have to sign anew, unless the affidavit should be automatic. Legislation designed to intimidate should be treated as un-American.

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIANS

And early in the morning Jesus came again into the temple, and all the people came with him; and he sat down and taught them. And the scribes and pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst of themselves they said unto Jesus: "This woman was taken in adultery, in the very act."

"Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned; but what sayeth thou?"

This they said to Jesus to trick him that they might lay a charge against him (before the high priests for altering the laws of Moses or for speaking against the penalty of the law, thinking that Jesus would say, "No, no, she must not be stoned," he being merciful,) But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So they asked him, again and again. Finally he lifted himself up and answeredthem: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her."

And again hestooped down and wrote on the ground and they which heard what Jesus said, being convicted by their own conscience, they went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last; and Jesus was left alone with the woman who had been standing in the midst of the scribes and pharisees.

When Jesus had lifted himself and saw none but the woman, he said unto her: "Where are those, thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?"

She said: "No man hath," and Jesus said unto her: "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more."—John 8; 2nd to 12th paragraph.

CRIME COMMISSION LAWS

Two years ago, the 21st session of the legislature provided for the appointment of a crime commission to be appointed by the governor to study crime, during the interim between the 21st and 22nd sessions and recommend legislation to the 22nd assembly calculated to solve the crime problem. Other states had created crime commissions, Hoover has appointed hi sWickersham commission, so Montana had to have one too. It would make diverting copy for the newspapers, on dull days, and provide entertainment for a number of people whom the governor would like to pay for services rendered.

The writer opposed the measure in the senate to the best of his poor ability—but the measure passed by the skin of its teeth. The governor appointed the commission, it met here and there at divers times, and then reported—the damdest lot of tripe idle and futile minds could conjure—recommended about 47 laws, changes in criminal code and other ideas.

Some of these proposed measures would overturn the foundation of the common laws, the product of ten centuries of experience. They would alter the jury system; they would allow judges to talk to juries; they would allow prosecutors to comment on the failure ff a defendant to testify in his own behalf; in fact they would put the burden of proof on the accused instead of the state—make it as easy as possible to convict a person of crime whether there was any evidence or not, on the theory that the way to prevent crime is to send some one to the penitentiary whether guilty or not, which thing could be done cheaper by drawing lots.

The sad thing of all the folly is that the ignorant yokels, people who know not what they do, persuaded by the fanatical convictor are passing these laws which undo what blood has been spilled to accomplish in the years of the past. We are thankful that the house has killed a lot of them and when it comes to its senses it will execute a lot more. We hope the senate will behead all that gets by the house—every last one—which we trow will occur, for which we thank the lucky stars, if there be such things.

NUISANCE TAX

There has been introduced in the house of the Montana legislature a revenue bill placing a tax of four cents a package on cigarettes. It is now in the committee on revenues and taxation of which Andrew Ueland, the republican representative from this county is a member.

This bill is a duplicate of the bill introduced in and passed by the house and killed in the senate in the 21st session.

The proponents argue that it will produce a million dollars in new revenue, which is badly needed and tax those people who are not now on the tax roll, thereby placing some burden of the support of the state on the shoulders now bearing none of the load, if it be possible there are any such people.

There are several reasons why such a tax should not be passed. First: It is discriminatory by reason of the fact that it taxes cigarettes and no other tobacco, thereby smacking of the idea of penalization.

Second: It will not produce the revenue anticipated because it will be avoided by the buying of the fags outside of the state by mail.

Third: It will promote the mail order business and injure local dealers..

If there is to be a tobacco tax it should apply to all tobacco alike; if on the basis of 4 cents on a package of cigarettes, then 1 cent on a five cent cigar, two cents on a ten cent cigar and 5 cents on a 25-cent cigar; 2 cents on a box of snuff and 2 cets on a ten cent cut of "battle axe" plug.

Then a law should be passed by congress providing that commodities in inter-state commerce entering a state taxed for revenue purposes must pay the tax paid on said article within the state. This would insure the production of revenue, for mail ordered tobacco would pay the tax.

These conditions obtaining, a tobacco tax is as justifiable as any other tax—nuisance tax anyway.

But there is a still better reason why a tobacco tax should not be levied at this time in Montana and that reason is because there are great interests in this state, making huge profits off the people that are not paying their just share of the cost of the support of th estate that gives them by privilege the exclusive right to exploit the people—in one instance as in the case of the Montana Power Company, which makes 66 2-3 cents net profit out of every dollar it receives in gross revenue.

Then there are the railroads, the telegraph and telephone companies; the sugar companies; the gas companies, etcetera. No other source of revenue should be considered until these tax dodging interests are compelled to pay their just share of the cost of maintaining and operating this commonwealth, even if the state university should be forced to close down, and the state goes bankrupt in the meantime. For these interests are not going to submit to a fair and just taxation until necessity forces the people to compel them to. We doubt even if an income tax should be enacted until this is done.

Once a tobacco tax is passed, it will never be repealed because the tax dodging interests will not allow it to be repealed; it is easier to pass the law than to repeal it. A repeal law would have to pass the house and then the senate and then an interest serving governor, the control of any one of which would defeat the repeal.

For this very reason the people of Montana should never have passed the millage tax on property for the support of the Montana institutions of higher learning—they should have allowed the university to close its doors before they voted this tax upon themselves.

Had the taxpayers defeated this initiated measure, instead of levying more taxes upon themselves, the university interests would have been compelled to have passed an adequate hydro-electric gross earnings tax this very session. As it is, the bill has not yet been introduced this session, and it likely will not be.

Down with the nuisance taxes until the huge tax dodgers are taxed in proportion with farmers and workers; and down with any and all new revenue schemes until this has been done.

THROWING SMOKE SCREENS

By HANS RASMUSSEN

Ever since the State Examiner's Report was printed it has kept the county officials and the main street papers busy telling people what an old crook the state examiner is; how he doesn't know what he is talking about and referring to him as a druggist, for the purpose of giving people the impression that he is a drug addict.

One of the many things the examiner was calling people's attention to in his report was the unlawful cancellation of Peter Marron's taxes. This was explained to some extent in the last issue of this paper but it will do no harm going over that transaction once more.

All taxes are supposed to be paid in cash. If a county treasurer permits people to pay with checks he simply does that as an accommodation and in no way is he responsible for the check being good or bad. Some people have been told that a county treasurer must present a check to the bank on which it is drawn within so many hours. There is nothing to that. This is told to the people for the purpose of putting the blame on Dan Olson in the Peter Marron case.

When a county treasurer receives taxes in form of a check, he makes out a tax receipt for the amount and pins the receipt to the check, then the check and receipt are sent to the bank direct or indirect. If the check is good, the bank sends the cancelled check, with the receipt pinned to it, back to the man who issued the check. That man's taxes are paid and he has his receipt. If the check is no good, the bank sends the bum check, with the receipt still pinned to it, back to the county treasurer, an dthat man's taxes are not paid—he has no receipt to show.

Let us follow up what happened in the Peter Marron case: In 1923 Peter Marron gave to Dan Olson his check for some $740.00 as payment for his taxes. Olson made out a tax receipt for the amount, pinned the receipt to the check and sent it to the bank as usual, but the bank had closed is doors bfore the check got there so the check was no good—that's the way banks do business—the bank returned the check, with the receipt pinned to it, back to the county treasurer's office. There it laid for two years waiting for some kind of a settlement, but the settlement did not come. The check, and receipt, was turned over to the Clerk and Recorder's office and placed on file where it laid for another five years.

Then, seven years after the receipt was made out by Dan Olson, it was given to Peter Marron. Not because the taxes had been paid, but because the taxes had been cancelled by the commissioners. In order to fool you and clear themselves they are now telling you that Dan Olsn gave the receipt to Peter Marron. Dan never did. It was given to Peter Marron by Niels Madsen seven years after it was made out by Olson.

By unlawfully cancelling the taxes the taxpayers were not only beat out of the $740.00 but also the penalty and the seven years of interest, which amounts to more than the taxes.

The parties directly responsible for this transaction are the three county commissioners and indirectly the Clerk and Recorder and county treasurer. If either one of the five had raised a voice the rest of them would not have dared to go thru with it—but none did. It might be that Victor Anker and Kollman did not know what it was all about but I do know that Frank French, Ed Iverson and Nieis Madsen did. The thing had been hanging fire for the past seven years waiting to be slipped over when nobody was looking.

Too bad some of these supposed to be good, straight and honest people take so very little interest in how the taxpayers' money is handled as long as they themselves can be on the county payroll.

This is only one of the small items mentioned in the examiner's report. There are many others and bigger ones, which was the reason the report was suppressed until after election and never would have been printed had it not been for the Producers News.

TEACHERS' OATH BILL

The reds smile sardonically when the read of the antics of the patrionuts in the house and hear their fervid oratory and invective against the communists. "What fools these mortals be," opined Puck. An oath wont bother a communist any more than it does a member of the legislature who takes one—and then goes out and buys a quart of hootch. It will just make a few more liars and accomplish nothing. There is no law outlawing communism. In fact the constitution of state and nation protects any and all religious and political beliefs. And if there were one, what would it accomplish more than outlawing the setting or rising of the sun?

The ruling class has tried this sort of legislation vainly again and again in the past.

BANKS SOLID AS WHAT ROCK

By SCOTT NEARING of the Federated Press

After the recent disastrous failure of the Bank of United States, Thomas W. Lamont, one of the Morgan partners, said that the banks were as solid as a rock. Maybe. But there are rocks and rocks. Often, in the springtime, when the frost is coming out of the ground, you can stand in an open cut and see the rockslides disintegrate and slip, down, down, toward the foaming stream that will grind up these fragments of the eternal hills and carry them into the sea.

Is this the kind of rock that Lamont had in mind?

Does he feel the break-up that is going on during this springtime in the development of a world-wide workers society?

Are his solid rocks slipping, slipping toward the rushing current of the labor movement—to be ground up and deposited in the whirlpools and rapids of revolution?

Suppose we take a look at this solid rock of United States industrialism—the banking system.

Bank failures have been rather frequent in United States economic history. Between 1900 and 1913 the number of failures was.*

1900—58	failures	1907—132	failures
1901— 74	"	1908—180	"
1902— 63	"	1909— 80	"
1903—121	"	1910—119	"
1904— 99	"	1911—107	"
1905— 78	"	1912— 79	"
1906— 58	"		

During the decade before the Federal Reserve system was organized, the largest number of bank failures in any one year was 180 failures in 1908. The yearly average for the period was 96 failures. Between 1900 and the economic collapse of 1907, bank failures averaged 78 per year. Between 1907 and 1912 they averaged 116 per year.

The Federal Reserve System was organized in 1913 and 1914. Bank failures for the next eight years numbered:

1913—120	failures	1917— 42	failures
1914—212	"	1918— 20	"
1915—133	"	1919— 50	"
1916— 50	"	1920—119	"

This period wa sdominated by war prosperity. In the years preceding the war, failures continued at more than 100 a year. During the war years they were reduced by more than half. The highest number of failures in any one year was 212 for 1914 and the average for the period was 93 failures per year. Thus, between 1900 and 1920 bank failures averaged just under 100 a year.

This brings us to the last decade—the ten years beginning with 1921. Economists and business men describe these years as "prosperous." What does the record of bank failures show?

1921—404	failures	1926—609	failures
1922—277	"	1927—395	"
1923—578	"	1928—372	"
1924—613	"	1929—642	suspensions.

During the post war decade, with the Federal Reserve System well established and prosperity in full swing, the average of bank failures per year was 483, as compared with an average of 96 for the decade before the war and of 93 for the war decade.

There remain the figures for 1930. The record for this last year (and for 1929) is of "suspensions" not "failures." The total number of banks suspended during 1930 was 1,326, more than twice the number suspended in 1929. The total deposits of these suspended banks was $903,954,000; total deposits of banks suspended during 1929 amounted to $234,532,000. The suspended banks may re-open, and during the last year 138 banks were re-opened, some of which, of course, closed their doors in 1929.

If three-quarters of these suspended banks do not reopen (a normal proportion) the bank failures for 1930 will be the highest on record and will be over ten times the yearly average for the two decades preceding 1929.

The American banking system is as solid as any rock that is breaking up under the pressure of forces that are stronger than the rock. As the pressure increases, the rock breaks up more rapidly.

This process of disintegration is now quite obviously going on in the United States. The whole system of United States economy is undergoing the severest pressure that it has ever experienced and the number of bank failures gives some idea of its severity.

*These figures differ from Colston E. Warne's in issue of Labor News for Jan. 17, 1931, because these are from R. G. Dun's reports; Warne's were from Comptroller of Currency. From 1914 to 1929, inclusive, Dun reported 4,773 failures, the Comptroller, 5,381. For 1930, Dun reported 934 failures, Federal Reserve, 1,324 suspensions (as in Nearing's article.) W. A. Crane, of R. G. Dun & Co. says, "I can not account for the difference."

THE WASHINGTON SCENE

Washington.— How the fantastic performances of a Fish Committee incite still more weird exhibitions of voodoo is well illustrated by a vivid blue circular issued to senators and other public men in the capital, by a man who signs himself "Major Frank Pease, National Commander, American Defenders, Marblehead, Mass., Birthplace of the American Navy." Across th top of this circular is the slogan: "Loyalty to Industry is also Loyalty to Country." The American Defenders are sub-titled "The Blue Shirts," and their name is buttressed on either side with a tiny print of the American flag, with the motto "Don't Tread on Me," underneath.

War Department officials charged with holding the patriotic and militarist pulse of the country, say they cannot find Pease on any present or past list of army officers. He may possibly be one of the honorary majors of the National Guard who are appointed as decorations for a governor's inauguration, or he may have served in some foreign army. His circular bears in big type the announcement "For God and Country," but it says nothing about its author's military record. However, the War Department had some letters from Pease some ime ago, dated from Hollywood and representing him as being the head of an organization of technicians in the moving picture metropolis. At that time he was warning the department about the danger the government would be undermined by subversive films.

His present effort consists of 34 pledge questions, based chiefly on the most absurd statements by anti radical witnesses before the Fish Committee, and leading up to application for membership in the American Blue Shrits. One which caused mirthful comment in anti-prohibition circles is "Would you defend the officials of the United States with your life " But the next one is more to the point: "Are you unalterably opposed to any change in our form of government, whether by 'force or violence' or by any other means such as are being taught by communism and other brands of revolution " Then comes a suggestion that federal laws should be enacted to abridge the rights of free speech, free press and free assemblage, since "these are now being taught by communists and other revolutionary agitators."

Fear of the American working class and its economic discontent is shown in the question, "Do you believe that employers and employees have everything in common, and that, for the continuity of production and the best interests of the nation co-operation, loyalty and mutual trust must be practiced between them?" Any unemployed worker waiting in the wired stockade outside the Ford plant should agree that he and Henry Ford have everything in common, and that they should trust each other and be loyal. But Henry Ford might draw a firm blue line thru the words "in common."

Pease's patriotic catechism takes the applicant thru a series of pledges of immediate embargo on trade with Soviet Russia, using the "convict labor" and "at the point of the bayonet" idea of Soviet labor relations, and picturing Soviet purchases in this country as being a combination of communist propaganda and the getting of war materials for Soviet use. He would bar a revolutionary publications from the mails, exclude and deport all foreigners who "agitate against our institutions," and "thoroughly prohibit" communist thought within the United States.

What puts the cap on this emotional haystack is the 32nd question: "Do you believe that before peace and safety can come to the world, communism must be destroyed?"

Sen. Oddie of Nevada, who seeks a general embargo against Soviet imports, has written Pease that "All this work is very helpful in support of my bill." Pease prints an extract from Oddie's letter, to aid in the recruiting of members for his Blue Shirts. The fact that the findings of the Fish Committee majority, as well as the more moderate report of Rep. Nelson of Maine, minority member failed to support any charges against the Soviet trade representatives, or to prove that convict labor is involved in Soviet-American trade is ignored. Pease and Oddie are infinitely scornful of dry facts.

AS WE SEE IT

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dered. Mrs. Blackidge, who as collector of internal revenue for this district was responsible for the care of $250,000,000 annually of U. Sam's money, is charged with "taking" her good friend Litsinger, member of the Board of Review for fifty grand. The lady claims that Litsinger was in on the deal. They are both cogs in the political gang organization of Senator Deneen. So what promised to be a nice juicy scandal is no longer even mentioned in the 'funny" columns. The little departures from the conventional of the upper classes must be hushed. It may be possible that some day the American workers might come to the conclusion that their betters are no better than they should be.

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It is generally believed that President Hoover is responsible for the order to court martial General Smedley Butler of the marines for "insulting" Benito Mussolini... Butler declared in a speech.. that.. as long as such mad dogs as the Duce were at large, war was inevitable and therefore we should be prepared for carnage. .He added that he was told by a friend that Benito ran over an dkilled a child while traveling in an.. auto.. at.. seventy miles per hour. .It is doubtful if Mussolini, one of the best advertised propagators of his.. kind.. in Italy, if not in the world, should show so little.. consideration.. for child life, but why the.. American government shou'd.. make.. such.. a fuss about the matter needs explanation.

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The explanation may be that Mr. Hoover fears that if Butler's speech goes unchallenged and unless Benito is cleared of the.. charge.. the stocks of the Black Shirts may run into a bear market. ..While our plutocracy does not yet feel the need for the establishment o fthe fascist method of operating the capitalist system, the time may come when they will be forced to ditch their spurious democracy and resort to the Mussolini system. And you will notice that officials of the American government never hesitate to slander the leaders of the.. Soviet Union and they do so with impunity.

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The British troubles in India did not end with the peace conference. They turned Gandhi loose but failed to release the majority of the 50,000 Indian fighters who are rotting in jail. Their game is to split the national front and in all probability they will be successful—just as they were in Ireland. The only real revolutionists in India are those who stand for a soviet republic. TheGandhists simply want a bourgeois republic with a lot of fiddle faddle of getting back to the old spinning wheel, wearing loin cloths and perhaps going without hats. The Indian revolution is developing tho. The organization of a powerful communist party in India is the necessary prerequisite for a successful revolution.

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The conflict between the Hindoo and the Moslem is greatly exaggerated. Of course it is not all poppycock as the priests of both spiritual hocus pacus joints find it to their interests to keep the masses quarreling over whether a dog is more sacred than a cow or vice versa. The ignorant Hindoos would rather bite a baby's ear off than slaughter a cow and if you throw a dog at a Godly Moslem he will eat his shirt and probably slit your juglar vein. So the British get a lot of religious Moslems and Hindoos to engage in animal-throwing contests. But those people are no more foolish than were the Orangemen of Ulster and the Catholics of south of Ireland who brawled over the respective merits of the pope and William of Orange. After all, the cow is good to eat (sometimes) and a dog is good for something but Willam of Orange has long since fed the worms and His Holiness does not look like a palatable morsel.

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What do you make of this Watson? "Wheat easy. Corn easy. Stocks mixed." Yes, they got things pretty well mixed up alright. If the bankers can sell the wheat and corn at no matter what price they make easy money and what with Legge, and Hyde making faces at the Board of Trad and the "business section of the Farmers Union backing Legge and Hoover at all costs, the poor farmers are nothing if not "mixed." What are the middle class farmers going to do anyhow? Are they going to line up with the working class or with the capitalists? It is true that outside of the communist movement the workers of America have yet shown no inclination to move anywhere except to wherever the capitalis spell binders urge them to. But they will because they must. Intelligent farmers who are at the mercy of the exploiters had better start to think their problems over.

LEWISTOWN—Sabine Production Co. of Pittsburgh, who financed a test for gas on Armells structure near here, reports the discovery of 14,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

A FAMILY DOCTOR'S LAXATIVE IS BEST

Your health is too important! You cannot afford to experiment with your delicate bowels when coated tongue, bad breath, headache, gas, nausea, feverishness, lack of appetite, no energy, etc., warn of constipation. This applies not only to grown people, but more particularly to children. That's why a family doctor's laxative is always the safe choice.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is prepared today under strict laboratory supervision from fresh laxative herbs and other pure ingredients, and exactly according to Dr. Caldwell's original prescription.

Today, millions of families rely on Dr. Caldwell's judgment in the selection of their laxative. For Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, in bottles ready for use, sold in all drugstores, is now the largest selling laxative in the world!

SQUIRREL FOOD

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aroma on their respective breaths. Mamma and papa noticed and disapproved. They put the girls on the pan and when they confessed they got the moonshine at the place "Heavy" is said to be operating with Ed. Powers' gack, the irate daddies filed a complaint, and Teddy Winters and Otto Wadell raided—but the place was tipped, so the feds did not find anything —didn't expect to. Shortly after the raid "Heavy" and his partner had a confidential chat, and then the refreshment parlor resumed operations. Folk's say that after they get a few of the biddies broke in, a chicken ranch may open.

Yours for pure womanhood,
A. CORN.

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Here comes our old friend Adeline with another letter that ought to hold Nutt for a spell— it's a knockout:—

'Overtheresky, N .D.

"Mr. Alonzo Nutt—

"Well Nutt, I am coming back at you again.

"How can a man who has had the privilege that you have had, take the stand you do?

"And furthermore, if you will read of conditions as they really are in Russia, can you wish such conditions for your family to say nothing of your neighbor? We are getting a taste of what you want when one woman buys all the newspapers in one city and part in another to gain her own political ends. It's an outrage on our civilized nation. Read some of the real "conditions in Russia" and see if you have any manhood left in you:

ADELINE.

Poor Adeline is a little confused. She refers to Ruth McCormick, the daughter of Mark Hanna, who was the republican candidate for United States senator in Illinois last fall and defeated by J. Hamilton Lewis, the sartorial democrat. Adeline is wrought up because of Ruth's behavior. Yet Ruth and Adeline have exactly the same politics and ideas about Russia. They are terrible over there where everybody has a job, and where the people own their own government instead of a bunch of plutes as over, here where people starve in the midst of plenty. Adeline sent a clipping from the Fargo Forum reporting a debate between a Methodist sky pilot and a medic who had traveled in Russia. The sky-pilot was against Russ:a as usual. The doctor was for Russia. Another clipping was an excerpt from "The Pentecostal Evangel" containing an article titled, "Soviet Russia's Attack upon God," by Blanche Koon.

Adeline thot that would crack old Nutt—but old Nutt is is funny: he thinks that God can take care of himself alright without the help of Blanche or any other Koon. God is a pretty good old scout—if you leave him alone, he wont bother you, tho he must get awfully tired of all these fellows talking all the time, trying to tell him what to do and how to do it, as if he were always getting off on the wrong foot to the great distress of the sky-pilots. Me and God, we get alonge together fine. I just sezs, God do yer best, don't bother about me, I'll jest tag along and whatever ya sez goes. I never seed you, but them that know about you sezs as how you's there,and knows everything, which I don't, and that ya can do everything, if yer wants to—I ain't trying to run yer business er anything but it would be fine and dandy if you could do something for Adeline. She needs a lot of fixin'—means alright but just don't understand and those churches where the leading seducers and fornicators of the country sing in the choir such birds as Harry Polk and Burley Bowler should think you would burn them with brimstone— but probably you knows best."

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John Schnitzler, the Flying Dutchman" of Froid, senator from Roosevelt county, chairman of the committee on banks and banking, has introduced six banking bills—one to make it a felony to say anything about a bank. John says the communists are conspiring to bust all the banks in the country and that there are a couple of them at Froid. Wonder if John isn't afraid these communists are free lovers, too, conspiring to destroy family life. John is strong now for God and Constitutions, the home, our sacred institutions; John stands for the better things alright —Nellie the petite stenographer told me so a couple a times.

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Phunny isn't it, how much space Harry Polk's local chain store organ has to devote to the business of the farmers' paper and the private affairs of its help. Wonder they wouldn't pay their own bills, and quit worrying about other folks'. The poor old rag is in awful shape they say—always hollering to Harry and Burley for money to buy beans. Its about on its last legs now, unless Li'l Joe buys it. A yap or two more and that will be the end.

BANK CRASH NEWS IS CRIME IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles—FP— James Murphy, 20, was jailed for selling the Daily Worker on the streets of Los Angeles because it contained a story of bank failure sin New York. He is charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $1,000 or a year's imprisonment, or both, for "circulating false rumors regarding banks" which would be "derogatory to the financial condition or affect the solvency" of any such institutions.

The boy, first held on "suspicion of criminal syndicalism," will be given a hearing the latter part of the week when he will be represented by Leo Gallagher of the International Labor Defense and the American Civil Liberties Union. His bail was set at $1,500.

HELENA— Textbooks in geography, physiology and history for use in elementary schools of the state during next six years adopted by Montana text book commissiner; cost is $500,000.

CHURCH NOTES

LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Redstone)
C. G. Tjomsland, Pastor

At Redstone Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Feb. 15th.

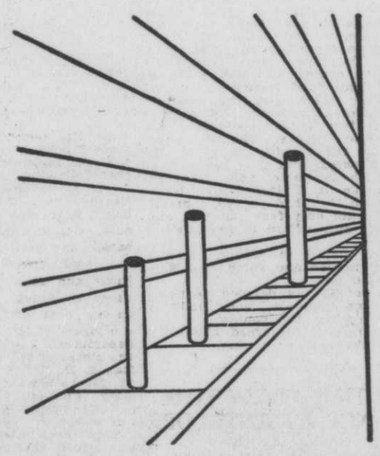
Bring your boys and girls for the 10 minuate instruction in the fundamentals.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
O. Melvin Simundson, Pastor

Services next Sunday at Plentywood at 11 a. m. Archer at 2:30 p. m. and Outlook at 8 p. m. The Plentywood League will meet next Sunday at 5 p. m. Everyone is invited to come. A good program is assured.

Services Feb. 15 at Plentywood at 11 a. m. Dooley at 2:30 and Antelope at 8 p. m.

The Antelope Aid will meet in the church parlors on Thursday, Feb. 12. Mrs. Iverson is the hostess. All are invited to this Aid meeting.



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Which of these cigarettes is the tallest — but maybe you're on to this one!

YOUR EYES MAY FOOL YOU
BUT
YOUR TASTE *tells the Truth!*

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Local Brevities

LOCAL MARKETS

Friday, February 6, 1931

Dark Northern	.50
Winter wheat	.47
Amber Durum	.45
Rye	.10
Oats	.15
Barley	.13
Flax	1.22
Dairy Butter	.20
Eggs	.12
Potatoes	1.00

A. T. Larson of Antelope spent Tuesday in the city with friends.

Banker Frank Koester of Outlook was a caller at the court house in regard to legal matters.

Grace Blake from the Welliver country was a caller at the county seat this week.

C. C. Hanson and son of Antelope were business callers in the city last Wednesday.

Alice O'Toole is assisting in the County Treasurer's office for a few days.

The county commissioners held their regular monthly meeting of three days this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Soren Rungborg at Reserve a fine 10½ pound girl this week.

Miss Kathryn Marron was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dooley at Dooley.

The Misses Ruth Johnson, Amanda Johnson and Ada Wort have rented the Studig cottage near the railroad "y" east of town. They have moved and are now thoroughly established for housekeeping.

Mrs. Ed. Koser was hostess at a clever 6:30 bridge dinner on Tuesday o this week. Four tables were in play and the game proved very interesting. Men's prize was captured by Carl Bull and Ladies prize by Mrs. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett and family were Sunday dinner guests at the C. R. Kienast home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Powers of Medicine Lake were callers at the Court House Tuesday.

A. C. Ladd, residing near Wanso took advantage of the lovely day, Wednesday, to do some shopping in Plentywood.

On January 30th a marriage license was issued to Myron Taylor of McElroy and Mable Hellem of Westby.

On February 2 a marriage license was issued to W. H. Juergens of Billings and Alice C. Herrem of Eau Claire, Wisc.

S. T. Olson, representing the Metal Products Co., of Billings, met with the "County Dads" Wednesday.

Martin Klakken drove over from Dooley Wednesday. He reports the Blue Trail in fairly good condition for this time of the year.

A heavy epidemic of mumps has made its appearance in the Antelope schools. On an average there are from 1 to 4 coming down with the malady each day.

Miss Viola Peterson is spending the week with Mrs. E. G. Ferguson while Mr. Ferguson is attending a meeting of county agents at Bozeman.

Mrs. Frances McNulty and little daughter are spending two weeks in Williston with Mrs. McNulty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Garneau.

Among the Plentywood visitors from Redstone on Monday were: H. H. Knutson, Harry Loucks, John Albers, Jack White, Peter Beveridge and Wm. Ertner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goodman had as their four o'clock Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Goodman, Marion and Jud Goodman and Miss Ida Bunhun.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Klakken of Raymond are the parents of a baby boy born to the Saturday at the local hospital. Everyone concerned is doing nicely.

Misses Gladys and Ethel Petersen were at the parental home Friday and Saturday at Dagmar. A brother, Woodrow, brot them to Plentywood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alexander, of Outlook, entertained the following Plentywood teachers on Sunday: George Elstad, A. M. Sandiln and the Misses Tronson, Brix and Sattern.

Mrs. S. Kitzenberg left for Chicago last Saturday to make purchases of a complete line of ladies ready-to-wear for the spring and early summer season. Mrs. Kitzenberg plans to equip her shop with a most up-to-date stock.

Editor Dolin was up from Medicine Lake Monday and called at the court house.

Tom Lidahl is helping at Pete's Shoe Hospital while Mr. Aklestad is recuperating from an attack of flu and a seige of lumbago.

P. J. Anderson, banker of Westby and George Lund, banker of Reserve, were callers on the professional trades in the city Tuesday.

A. R. Berg of Anteiope made a pleasant call at the Producers News office and subscribed for one year, the first of the week.

A. J. Markuson and Ed. Hannah, well known Raymond citizens were seen in Plentywood early in the present week.

Nels Sundstad of Antelope called at the Producers News office and renewed his subscription for another year.

Word was received by Mrs. W. D. Roy last Monday that her father, Mr. Marcey, is very ill. Mrs. Roy immediately left for Belgrade that evening to be at her father's bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, who have spent the fall and early winter in North Dakota returned early in the week to visit with Mr. Anderson's mother, who is proprietor of the Montana Inn.

Mrs. L. C. Peterson entertained her bridge club early in the week seating the players at two tables. Mrs. F. E. Guenther won high score and Mrs. H. D. Moore low. The hostess treated her guests to a lovely lunch.

Fuller Backer invited a number of his playmates to help celebrate his 11th birthday anniversary on Wednesday evening. A sumptuous dinner was served with the center piece being a lovely birthday cake with eleven candles.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Erckson served a bountiful dinner to a number of their friends. The guests were Rev. and Mrs. Simundson, Misses Amanda Johnson, Arna Nina, Ruth Johnson and Mr. Geo. Elstad.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Draszt, who live near the reservation, are the proud parents of twin babies born at the Sheridan Memorial hospital early this week. Needless to say that young "papa" Draszt is wearing a broad smile. Mother and babes are faring nicely.

Mrs. Hans Thompson who entertained the Lutheran Ladies Aid on Thursday had a very good attendance. One of the interesting features was a discussion by Mrs. Morck on the Cradle Roll and functioning as carried on by that departemnt of the Lutheran church in Alaska.

The dinner bridge club and their husbands were enjoyably entertained at a seven o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Koser on Sunday. Four tables were in play and the summing up of the tally cards disclosed Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Storkan as honorable winners of the prizes.

Elmer Gooder left for Waterloo, Iowa on Saturday in answer to a telegram informing him that his brother-in-law had been instantly killed in a crossing accident in that city. There were four i nthe car. The driver was also killed while two others were seriously injured. Mr. Gooder's sister was in the rear seat of the car with her husband.

Misses Ida and Gertrude Mattson of Britt, Iowa, arrived in the city Saturday to take up their duties at the local hospital. Miss Gertrude will officiate as superintendent and Miss Ida will be assistant. The young ladies come here well recommended. They were formerly employed at Rapid City, S. D. in a hospital.

The card party of last Thursday evening sponsored by the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges was a very successful affair. The card festival was held at the Masonic temple and 21 tables—13 of bridge and 8 of whist — accommodated the players. The bridge awards went to Mrs. L. E. Rue and F. J. Murray while the whist prizes were presented to Mrs. E. E. York and Jerry Powell. Mrs. C. C. Johnson as chairman was assisted by her committee in serving a delightful eleven o'clock lunch.

The ladies of the Altar Society are giving a card party in the church parlors, Thursday evening, Feb. 12, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. A sack of Plentywood flour and other valuable prizes will be given for high scores in Bridge and whist.

The Sons of Norway lodge held its regular meeting at the home of Ole Wold on Tuesday evening. This was the first officiating of the new officers for the year. An enjoyable social evening was had by all. The lodge promises to have some real live meetings from now on.

"SPLINTERS" FROM THE PLENTYWOOD SCHOOL

We hope that everyone has been noticing the Senior rings which the members of the class of 1931 have been wearing for over a month. They certainly are fine looking. The rings were purchased through the local jeweler, A. G. Amundsen.

The High School football boys are by this time able to wear their 1930 letters without throwing out their chests unduly. Take a look at hem. They are now to be standardized according to a plan drawn up by the Letterman' Club. Those receiving the coveted letter this past season are: Palubicki, third year; Grawe, third year; Leo Donaldson and Fred Michels, second year and the following received letters for the first time: Gronvold, Kolvstad, Stenhjem, A. Miceis, Guenther, Shinners and Moore.

Two new courses were started in the high school this semester. Advanced Algebra follows Solid Geometry and Commerce and Industry follows Physiography. The latter class is busy discussing extensive and intensive farming in their relation to the westward movement of the wheat industry.

The sewing class has completed a study of Child's garments and each member of the class has made a garment according to h's own plan.

The Home Economics Class I has been making a detailed study on Children for the past two weeks. Ten children from the first grade were entertained in the Home Economics room so that the class could observe their general characteristics.

"The Modern Home Makers Club" is the newest addition to our School Activity program. Twenty five of the girls taking home economics courses are members.

The Junior High School honor roll includes the following pupils for the past semester: Marguerite Peterson, Helen Stenhjem, Dick Peterson, Margaret Lang, Jack Kjelstrup, Mary Koike and Phyllis Nelson from the eighth grade. Those from the seventh grade are: Bernice Erickson, Arnold Smith, Cecelia Ibsen, Josephine Walkowski.

The eighth grade Camp Fire girls are making orange and black arm bands for the Derby Club. The new officers of the Derby Club are: Bill Bennett, Pres., Gerald Morck, Vice Pres., Mary Koike, Secy-Treas., and Marguerite Peterson, Reporter.

SIXTH GRADE

The sixth grade geography class has been making some excellent notebooks on sugar and cotton while studying the southern states. The notebooks are on display in our room now.

We are starting a rather elaborate note book in connection with our music work.

We had two visitors for a short time Monday afternoon. They were Mrs. Miller and Mrs. O'Toole.

Our grade presented Roger Christianson with a plant last week. It was a Cyclamen. Roger sent us a letter of thanks and also informed us that the plant had twenty blossoms. We all miss Roger and will be glad when he can again be with us.

FIFTH GRADE

There were only two of our grade on the semester honor roll. Stanley Peterson and Frank Gustafson were the only ones to gain that distinction. The rest of us will have to get busy.

There were thirty three of our grade neither absent nor tardy the last six weeks. Fourteen of the grade whose names follow were neither absent nor tardy for the first semester; Peter Gallagher, Marion Gronvold, Edward Guenther, Frank Gustafson, Edward Hueth, Ross Kjelstrup, Jimmie Koliman, Lyle Moore, Shevlin Pederson, Theodore Raess, Arvin Stenhjem, Richard Van Hee, Vera Davis and Muriel King.

The fifth grade has just received a set of the new geographies. We surely needed them. We like the new ones very much.

FOURTH GRADE

Those on the first semester honor roll are: Donald Peterson, Mac Antonson, Shirley Erickson, Earle Monroe, Marjorie Koser, Melvin Johnson, Evelyn Lidahl and Pearle Monroe.

We have made plans to start Geography booklets next week. They are to be on the crops of the United States and samples and illustrations are to be used in them.

Last week we wrote Safety Plays. This week we are dramatizing the best ones in Hygiene Class.

THIRD GRADE

Our semester honor roll includes: Grant Morck, Shirley Clay, Pearl Manke, Betty Raess, Carol Storkan, Lois Brockley, Helen Davis and Nona Moore.

Our health posters are finished and the twelve best ones are up. We are now making some very pretty Valentines.

SECOND GRADE

The Busy Bees and Willing Workers have new readers.

Margaret's and Alvin's mothers visited our room last week. We hope all of our mothers may find time to visit us.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for the first semester includes the names of 26 pupils, half of which are ranked as High Honor pupils and the other half as Low Honor pupils. The difference between the two groups is that the former requires the gaining four or more "A" grades and the latter must earn three grades of "A" and the other work not below "B."

The High Honor List includes: Freshmen—Alice Barner and August Ibsen. Sophomores—Mildred Erickson, Walter Gronvold, Mabel Kent and Avis Koike. Juniors—Charlotte Benett, Gwendolyn Christianson and Helen Madsen. Seniors— Beatrice Goltz, Frederick Grawe, Garnet Johnson and Howard Nelson.

The Low Honor list includes: Freshmen—Gudrun Gysler and Randolph Lewis. Sophomores—Arthur Marsh, Isabelle Porter and Ruth Robertson. Juniors—Muriel Donaldson, Alvin Gronvold, Mildred Hanisch, Lottie Koike, Florence Kollman, and Ruby Lodahl. Seniors— Alden Klovstad and Eivira Mensing.

HONOR ROLL—Third Six Weeks

Corresponding grades are required for attaining the third six-week's honor roll. A majority of the names are the same on both lists although some new names are seen.

The third six-weeks high honor list includes the following names—Freshmen: Alice Barner, Gudrun Gysler and August Ibsen. Sophomores: Mildred Erickson, Walter Gronvold Alice Hendrickson, Mabel Kent ,Avis Koike and Arthur Marsh. Juniors: Gwendolyn Christianson, Florence Kollman and Helen Madsen. Seniors: Beatrice Goltz, Mildred Goltz, Frederick Grawe, Garnet Johnson and Howard Nelson.

The low honor roll for the third six weeks includes—Freshmen: Olaf Hendrickson, Randolph Lewis and Marion Robertson; Sophomores: Beatrice Debing, Noral Hegland and Isabelle Porter; Juniors: Charlotte Bennett, Alvin Gronvold, Gertrude Kelly, Lottie Koike, Helen Larson and Ruby Lodahl; Seniors: Alden Klovstad and Beulah Nelson.

Whitlash—The Western Natural Gas, Mahoney No. 19, near this city, is producing gas to the amount of 10,000,000 cubic feet per day.

FROM AROUND SHERIDAN COUNTY

OUTLOOK

Mrs. Nellie Deck entertained several of her lady friends at her home Friday. The afternoon was spent in making paper flowers and pillows. At four o'clock Christina, daughter of Mrs. Deck served a most delicious lunch.

Thursday afternoon witnessed a very pleasant occasion at the home of Mrs. Carl Back, when four of her lady friends came in to spend the afternoon with her, the occasion being her birthday. All good things pertainin gto a birthday party were the order.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mills entertained the bridge club at six o'clock dinner Thursday night. After dinner the gathered friends spent the remainder of the evening playing cards. Mrs. Ray Morris received the guest prize and Mrs. Loyd Homme the consolation.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hatvick entertained a number of their friends. The diversion of the evening was dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kollman of Plentywood were dinner guests at the George Simonet home Thursday.

The Plentywood? school? faculty visited at the J. B. Alexander home Sunday. The guests were: Misses Tronson, Sateren and Brix and Mr. Elstad and Mr. Sandlin.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson royally entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kowski and daughter, Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koester, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lundeen and daughter Esther, Julian Kriebetkouski and Miss Ethel Selvig.

Monday evening Mrs. W. J. Nelson entertained the Whist widows at her home. The guests prize was taken by Mrs. Sam Thompson and the booby prize was given to Mrs. Loyd Homme.

The Country and Town Men's Whist Club played whist at the Outlook bank last Monday evening. The town men defeated the country gang.

The Lutheran Ladies Aid served supper at the Lutheran church last Saturday.

Ellis Hurst and Clinton Cosper drove to Plentywood Tuesday. While there Clinton called at the Producers News office.

Martin Homme and Grant Stoner were caller in Plentywood Tuesday.

Last Sunday afternoon the Amond Johnson family drove to Plentywood and were vaccinated by Dr. Fawcett. Mrs. Jack Keogh and Mrs. N. J. Nelson were vaccinated Monday.

Fred Mills returned Wednesday from Rochester, Minn., where he had been consulting physicians about his health. It is a pleasure to report the specialists found nothing seriously wrong with Mr. Mills.

Harry Prescott left Wednesday for Minot where he attended the meeting of the Red & White Grocery Company, of which he is a member. During his absence Mrs. Ike Selvig and Charlie Roderick assisted in the store. Carl Back and Mr. Carlson are remodeling the store in the red and white. Mr. Prescott returned from Minot Friday evening.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Sam Thompson had a very pleasant caller in the person of Miss Vivian Walker, who is a nurse in the Plentywood hospital.

Miss Vida Goodlaxon who is employed in the Westland Oil station at Minot returned to her home Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation. After her few days of freedom she will resume her duties at Minot.

Albert Craig from Hinsdale is visiting with his sister, mother and son, Miss Mary, Junior and Grandma Craig. Mr. Craig motored to Plentywood last Saturday. Junior, Miss Craig and Margaret Cosper accompanied him. While there Miss Craig went to see Dr. Fawcett about her hand, which, her friends regret to hear, is not healing as fast as it should.

Last Friday evening the Outlook Blue Jays motored to Whitetail at which place they played the Whitetail basket ball team. The game resulted in Whitetail being victorious.

The score was 15 to 2. Si Goodlaxon refereed the game.

Miss Jacobson from Minton, Sask., has been visiting friends in Outlook a few days the past week. She returned to her home Wednesday.

The A. O. U. W. lodge met last Tuesday night. They initiated Mrs. Larter. Mrs. Nellie Deck served the supper.

The Mid-Night Ramblers had a dance here last Saturday night. A large crowd attended and all report a good time.

The citizens of our little village were shocked Saturday morning to learn of the death of Andy Patterson during the night. Mr. Patterson had not been sick but a few hours. He was an old timer and his many friends will regret his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wollan entertained at their home north of Outlook last Friday night, whist being played. Mrs. Ladd, Jr. received the best prize for the ladies and Wm. Weiss best prize for the men. All present report that Mr. and Mrs. Wollan are royal entertainers.

Those who registered at the hotel the past week were: L. Gooder, Antelope; C. Bolster, Plentywood; J. E. McCarthy, Bismarck.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lund were the hosts at a birthday party given in honor of Miss Grace Drager. A sumptuous three-course supper was served at 7 o'clock. The guests were: Mrs. Andrew Ueland, Emma Tommerup, Mrs. Russel Kantner, Mr. and Mrs. Lund, Ole Johnson, F. J. Frost, Ernest DeSonia and Martin Homme.

SCHOOL NOTES

— by —

Nella Corkery and Kathryn Yung

HIGH SCHOOL

The Outlook debating team will meet the Opheim team here Friday, Feb. 6. This is your opportunity to hear some real cross questioning. So let's all go. Admission 25 cents.

Outlook Blue Jays played Whitetail Jan. 30 in a rather poor exhibition. Outlook started slow and Whitetail got five baskets the first half. After that they played an even game but the local boys could not seem to score. The result was 15 to 2 in favor of Whitetail.

Friday night, Jan. 30, the Sophomore were in charge of the assembly program. Everyone enjoyed very much the play presented.

The Freshmen are busy preparing their program to be given the 13th of February.

FIRST GRADE

We had no absences this week.

Everyone received 100 in spelling Thursday.

The design on our book covers looks very nice and nearly all are finished.

Dannie Becker visited our room this week.

We studied the Puritan Girl for Art and are sewing a page in our work books for all our Art studies when we have minatures.

We learned about reti king and princes from our weekly primers this week.

In language we wrote letters to one of our playmates who cannot come to school just now. The best letter was sent to her.

EIGHTH GRADE

The history classes are making graphs and charts illustrating territorial expansion, growth of population, value of manufactured products in connection with the study of industrial growth of the U. S.

The 8th grade civics classes are dramatizing the constitutional convention in connection with the study of the constitution.

Current Events copies were subscribed for again for the second semester.

The drawing class finished their color wheels last week.

Billings—Plans are underway for construction of an apartment building at 713 North 31st Street by Joseph Holfeld, at cost of $10,000.

DOOLEY

Otto Stadig of Plentywood was in Dooley Wednesday.

The Alkabo basket ball teams came to Dooley Wednesday evening where the girls high school team met the Dooley town team the the two boys' teams played. The women defeated the Alkabo team while the Alkabo boys defeated the Dooley quint.,

Marjorie Markuson of Plentywood and Willard French of Medicine Lake were guests at the M. W. Markuson home Tuesday evening.

George Ehrhard motored to Minot Thursday to attend a convention of the Red and White Stores. He returned to Dooley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Markuson of Medicine Lake visited at the home of their son here Thursday afternoon.

J. Schmidt of Minot was an overnight visitor in Dooley Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Hall of Plentywood made a professional call in Dooley Thursday.

L. J. Sorbey and Gen Myron and Mr. and Mrs. A. Schrupp motored to Radville, Sask., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Ruggles are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday, Jan. 30, 1931.

Helen Ehrhardt, assisted by Mrs. George Ehrhardt entertained at her home Friday evening in honor of Dorothy Rupert. Games and bridge at three tables formed the pastime of the evening. At bridge the high scores were won by Miss Kelly and Ambrose Schumaker while Franklin Loucks received low score. A delicious repast was served by Mrs. Ehrhardt at the close of the evening.

Several from here attended the dance at Outlook Saturday night.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Klakken at the Plentywood hospital on Sat., Jan. 31, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bolin and daughter were dinner guests at the H. N. Stemseth home Sunday night After dinner bridge was enjoyed until midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shrhardt and Mr. and Mrs. James Clausen attended the show in Plentywood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Strand and son of Antelope were guests at the Henry Hunter home one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dooley and Mr. and Mrs. P. Schumaker and Ambrose, Miss Kelly and Dorothy Rupert were dinner guests at the Markuson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brockley of Plentywood called at the Scott home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ueland of Outlook visited at the Dooley ranch on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nelson were Plentywood callers Monday.

Bob Brockley of Plentywood was in Dooley on business Monday.

Dorothy Rupert left for her home at Crosby Monday after compelting her duties at the local bank.

Melvin Bretzke and Miss Kopriva motored to Plentywood Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrhardt were hosts to sixteen guests at their home Tuesday evening. Bridge was played during the evening. The prize for high scores were won by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scott. A delicious lunch was served at midnight.

RESERVE

About 35 guests gathered at the Carpenter home east of town last Wednesday eveing when Mrs. Chrisensen entertained at bridge. High score for the men was won by Geo. Lund. Ladies' high score was won by Mrs. Geo. Andersen. After the card game Mrs. Christensen served a delicious lunch to the guests.

The Waukea Club held a meeting at the D. C. Murk home last Thursday afternoon. After the business meeting a whist game was played, high score going to Mrs. Hunt.

J. R. Jamieson and wife and baby were callers for a short time in town last Thursday. They were passing thru town and made only a few calls. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson were old timers here having farmed on the reservation some years ago.

Ole Aplin of the Occident Elevator Co., was a business caller in the town last Friday afternoon.

Stock buyers from Grenora seem to be doing a big livestock business in this district, having loaded a car of stock last Thursday and expect to ship a couple more cars from here this week.

Last Saturday evening the Murk, Hansen, Rasmussen, Casper, Cross and Kittelson families entertained the entire community to a progressive whist and dancing party. Twenty-six tables of whist were played. After the game dancing was enjoyed until midnight when one hundred sixty guests gathered at the tables for lunch. After lunch dancing was resumed and continued until a late hour. The music was furnished by the Christensen orchestra. During the evening a visiting orchestra entertained the assembly with some very fine dance music. Several guests from Hanks and Zahl attended the party, guests of Cliff Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Siemsen of Antelope were six o'clock dinner guests at the Gibbons home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eidsness returned on Sunday morning from a trip to Los Angeles.

Einar Leer returned Saturday after a couple months spent visiting in Wisconsin.

Miss Wheeler of Froid was a visitor at the C. M. Thornburg home over Sunday.

The commercial club held a very well attended meeting on Tuesday evening. About 40 members were present. Considerable business was disposed of and at the conclusion of the business session a lunch of hot coffee, sandwiches and cookies was served by a committee. The club has over 80 members at present. Edgar I. Syverud, secretary of the Taxpayers Association attended the meeting and presented his membership list, securing several new members. He announced the next meting in Antelope on Feb 11 and urged all to attend.

NORTH DOOLEY

CORRESPONDENT NO. TWO

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klaakken, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ekstedt visited with friends near Archer over Saturday and Sunday. They returned home on Sunday evening.

A baby was born at the Sheridan Memorial hospital on Saturday, January 31 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Klaakken. Mother and babe are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peterson returned home Monday from a few days' visit in North Dakota.

Miss Hazel Ruggles of some place in Montana and Ernest Klakken of Dooley were united in marriage on Saturday, Jan. 31. Miss Ruggles is at present teaching the Brightsman school.

Charley Chaplin has been circulating a petition for a range law. He says he can't raise cows and wheat in the same field.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Klakken charivaried them at the Brightsman school Monday evening. It is reported the merrymakers had great difficulty in locating the newlyweds as they do not seem to stay at home nights. However the evening was spent in dancing and having a good time.

DALEVIEW

A valuable German shepherd dog belonging to Miss Huddleston of Daleview disappeared on Monday, January 5. When last seen the dog was hunting rabbits just above the old coal mine not far from his mistress' home. Last November the dog was shot out of pure maliciousness and only by the timely assistance of the veterinary and his mistress was his life saved. The owner had refused several offers for the dog which was not yet quite two years old. He was exceedingly good-natured. The school children could maul and tussel with him without the dog showing the least bit of anger. If the children became too rough he would refuse to play or would nibble his offender. There could not have been the slightest excuse for him to have been dealt foully with as he bothered no one. He was always ready to protect any child or his mistress from danger. It is hard to realize that there can live on this earth anyone so small and mean as to begrudge even a dog his life.

The same night the dog vanished a shack belonging to an elderly, sick man, burned to the ground while the owner was away from home. It does not require much insight to see that there is a possible close connection between the two incidents. Dogs do not disappear nor houses burn down without help. Burning an old man's home would not deter those whose minds have become evil and distorted by the constant abuse of the rights and privileges of others physically weaker than themselves. They would not know the word "chivalry" if they met it on the road. Indeed they are a courageous outfit, of which any community would be proud—to be rid of.

QUITMEYER

Sophus Christensen spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dahlstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendrickson have been enjoying a visit from their niece, Miss Thea Guttard, who is a nurse at Minot.

Mrs. C. R. Brock and Miss Muriel King visited at the Hjalmer Madsen home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rongstad and family and Miss Winnifred Fogarty spent Wednesday evening at Joe Patterson's.

Tolmer Christensen and family spent Sunday at Chris Hieberg's.

Alex Patterson came up from Fairview for a few day's visit here.

Miss Anna Anderson and Vern Robinson were married recently. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Anderson and the bride groom lives at Grenora. The best wishes of a host of friends is extended to the happy couple. They will make their home in Grenora.

Miss Eva Hess was the week end guest of Murriel King.

A dance was given in the Schultz school Friday night.

Melvin Rongstad and Mertus Gleason went overland to Fairview with horses belonging to Sam Patterson and Claude Martin, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hieberg entertained friends with a whist party on Friday evening.

Auger, Irvin and Arnold Hendrickson accompanied by Miss Fogarty and Miss Thea Guttard visited Sunday evening at Herman Peterson's.

"Mumps" are being entertained this week in the home sof G. E. Dahlstrom and Oscar Foss.

Miss Ella Peterson returned Thursday to her work at Henrydahl Madsen's after a two weeks' absence.

Joplin —Chester and local Masons renovated their lodge hall here.

RACINE VALLEY

Mrs. Irving Francis is on the sick lise with the mumps.

Elsine Pedersen returned home to her husband Thursday. She had been taking care of her mother who was ill for a few days. Carl was keeping Wilfred company while Elsine was staying with her mother.

Nels Nelson and his mother were visiting at Powney's Tuesday.

The entertainment committee is working hard on a program for the next Farmers Union meeting which will be held at the home of Jens Miller Saturday, Feb. 14 in the afternoon.

Jorgen Jorgensen, one of the old timers ,is reported to be seriously ill .

Jorgensen brothers gave a party for all the young people in the community Friday evening. The evening was whiled away pleasantly with cards, games and jokes, when the party broke up in the early morning hours the hope was expressed that Jorgensen brothers would soon be the hosts at another such party and the brothers immediately announced that on the 13th of February they would give another.

On Saturday Viggo Johansen and Niels Sundsted attended the school board meeting in District 38 to see about getting a new school building on the Lew Wallace school site. The board thounht it would be better to move the Blue Valley school to the Lew Wallace site and passed a resolution to that effect which proposition will be voted on at the April school election.

Svend Sorensen returned home last week from Minot where he has been working on a dairy farm the last two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sundsted attended to business matters and shopped in Plentywood Monday.

COMERTOWN

Ernest Bruvold, Johnnie LaVerdure, Jemel and Arnold Hanson took in the party at Arneson's Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bergenbokken were at the James Angler place the latter part of the week.

Mildred and Hazel Bergenbokken visited with their brother Edwin and wife Tuesday afternoin.

Murray Hunsberry was busy last week hauling straw for Eldie Strand.

Dave, the well digger, and Cub Grunvel were Westby callers Saturday.

George Wilder and wife of Westby were at Frank Murray's place on Saturday evening.

Olaf Shea of Raymond was out to Comertown Wednesday evening.

Henry Hagen and family were Sunday visitors at LaVerdure's.

Those who were village callers Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Torgerson, Chancey Carson, August Gruchel, Joe and Howard McCall, Edwin Torpen, Gilbert Arencison, John LaVerdure, Eugent Hanson, Leo Brady, Frank Anderson and Geo. Rebo.

Pete LaVerdure and son Alex took feed into Dooley Saturday to have it ground.

Martin Marsh was to Comertown Friday. He went in after his sleigh that he bough on the Tom Brockley sale.

Want Ads

Ads in this column are charged for at the rate of two cents for each word. Minimum charge for any ad 25 cents. Remittance should accompany copy for the advertisement.

FOR SALE—Pure Bred Bronze Turkey Toms, 22 to 24 pounds $8 each. Buff Orpington cockerels $3 each. Mrs. Charles Norton, Medicine Mont. (44-3tp)

WANTED—Two working girls want work either on farm or in town. References if desired. Mabel Tostenson and Gerda Sorenson, Froid, Mont., c o Art Kviseth. (44-4t)

FOR SALE—My two dwelling houses in Plentywood. Will sacrifice and make easy terms. C. C. Thompson, Buckley, Wash. (45-2tc)

FOR SALE— Duroc Jersey hogs. Some bred gilts for April and May farrow at 7 cents per pound. A. A. Rie, Raymond. (45-2t)

FOR SALE—Turkey gobblers pure bred bronze, weight 22 to 24 lbs. Mrs. Geo. Overby, Plentywood, Route 1. (44-2t)

FOR SALE—Poll Hereford bull, age three years, coming four. H. G. Bernau, Antelope, Mont. (42-4p)

FOR SALE— Regal Dorcas White Wyandotte Cockerels, $1.50 each. Hans Agard, Rt. 1. Plentywood (45

FOR SALE—White Rock cockerels, from prize winning stock of heavy laying strain. $2.50 each. Mrs. Chas. Dehring, McCabe, Mont. (46)

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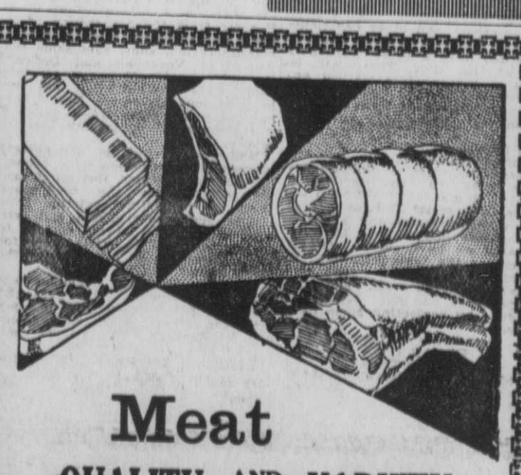

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PLENTYWOOD PRICES

M. W. Savage, Minneapolis mail order house clipped the story in the Producers News regarding the Dooley farmer who quit churning his cream and trading the butter with a Plentywood groceryman for groceries and shipped the cream to Kenmare creamery, the returns for which he sent to Savage for groceries, earning $3.50 on a $10, and reproduced the clipping which it sent to the farmers of the northwest along with a circular letter in regard to its grocery prices.

The local chain store house organ has thrown a fit over this and denies the truth of the statement.

The farmer mentioned is no other than Art Wankel of Dooley precinct, former county commissioner in this county.

Yesterday when in Plenthywood he said to a representative of the Producers News: "You may state that I sent Savage an order for $11.05 and paid $2.32 in freight, and saved just $4.30 on the order, figuring what I have been paying Ed. Peterson on each item for the past several years; that is better yet, and shows what the Producers News is doing towards helping the poor farmers of Sheridan county feed themselves this winter. Out in my district all the farmers are sending to Savage. We are clubbing our orders to save freight, and we intend to continue to do so as long as the Plentywood businessmen boycott our paper and hold up prices. Things being equal I am for patronizing the home merchant but not to the extent of being robbed myself or the taking the food out of my children's mouths to feed them and theirs, especially when they fight everything and anything that benefits me.

And the talk of the Plentywood merchants, who never were known to patronize home industry themselves when they can avoid it, is not convincing to me. When they sell Plentywood flour and Plentywood bread exclusively, and buy their printing in Plentywood and boost the Plentywood bottling works and all other home enterprises their arguments will have more logic with me. Until then I will keep the difference between what I pay in Plentywood and what I pay Savage in my own pocket instead of in the pockets of the Plentywood business men. Money in my pocket also helps build Sheridan county and helps me pay my taxes and the interest on the mortgage. And when it comes to paying taxes and making donations, these things are all paid for by us as overhead everytime we buy a dime's worth in Plentywood. The Savage story is every word the truth."

So that's that.

Now in reference to the Penney Company: A lady told the Producers News that at Christmas time she priced a certain bed spread there. It was $8.98. She bought the identical spread at the Peney store at Devils Lake for $4.98. The other day she called and priced the spread again—it is now $5.98 having dropped $3 even since Christmas, but is yet $1 more than at Devils Lake. She purchased the said spread at Christmas time. That's the way Mr. Roser does business at Plentywood, and that's why he got sore when the Producers News tolked about hijackers and withdrew his advertising—his conscience pricked him.

Harry Polk's paper says something about prison made products—is there a prison made product that Penney does not handle, or a scab commodity that that store does not handle? Or is there a union label article in his store—and that paper gives columns of free space to that store. Is there one argument in favor of Penney hat is not just as true of Savage, besides Savage sells 25 to 35 per cent cheaper than Penney.

The Producers News has turned down anti-chain store money, and is paid by Mr. Roser joining the boycotters.

How can Harry Polk and Burley Bowler be for Peney and the independent merchants at the same time? Please answer.

Another person said yesterday the Plentywood advertised leaders are from 10 to 50 per cent higher than Savage's regular prices; and when they advertise a price its always on something ordinary people don't use—not on staple commodities.

And the Producers News says this paper did not start the Plentywood price scrap. A few smart alex hijackers, designing to bust the farmers' paper did, but we'll end it when the local prune traders get down to decent prices, and call off their boycott, and patronize a home paper owned by the farmers instead of a chain store rag. Maybe they will think twice in the future before they listen again to Harry Polk's monkey on a string.

DWYER'S BLIND PIG RAIDED SATURDAY

Last Saturday nite, Jack Dwyer's blind pig was raided by Corp. Teddy Winters, the handsome border patrolman, assisted by officer Marvin. It occurred last Saturday about midnight. Nothing was found.

It was all arranged.

Officer Marvin, it seems, is an honest-to-goodness prohibitionist and an officer who insists on doing his duty. He and Teddy were in Plentywood and he noticed what was going on in Dwyer's joint. He went to Winters and insisted on a raid.

Winters, it seems, tipped Chief Collins. Collins strolled into the Dwyer establishment about 11:30, walked up to the bar, had a drink and talked for a few minutes in a low confidential voice, and strolled out. Dwyer washed up the glasses and pitcher, etc., and when the raiders appeared they found the doors open. They searched and found nothing. Marvin was flabbergasted. Dwyer smiled. A couple of hours later Dwyer was again retailing alcohol as happy as you please.

That is the way it works when one is a member of the whiskey ring. Dwyer was never caught yet—and he wont be until the special agents arrive from Washington to investigate the Plentywood situation—which maybe wont be so long.

GREEN FINDS UNEMPLOYMENT WORSE IN JAN'Y

Washington —FP— "Unemployment has increased since December and 5,700,000 wage earners in the United States were out of work in the first part of aJnuary according to our preliminary estimate," said William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, on January 27. "This compares with 5,500,000 in December (revised estimates.) These figures do not include farmer-labor or office workers."

Green's depressing news to the workers comes on the heels of the annouuncement by President Hoover's unemployment experts that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co's. estimate made in December was that 4,500,00 to 5,000,000 workers were unable to find jobs in the industries of the United States. It disposes of the latest assurances from G. O. P. politicians that industrial revival has already begun.

"The increased number out of employment," said Green, "is partly explained by the fact that many firms who were keeping their forces on part time, laid men off altogether. A number of unions report this fact, especially in the garment, metal and other manufacturing industries; and in building, many wage earners who had temporary or part time work in December had no work at all in the first part of January. In the country at large there was less part time employment and more were entirely without work; in December 20 per cent o fthe union membership had at least part time work, in the first half if January only 18 per cent. Much unemployment has also been due to year-end shutdowns which lasted over into January.

"This decrease in part time work and increase of unemployment sounds a warning to the American business world. Thousands of firms have been keeping their men at work at least part of the time if they could not give full employment. Now is no time to abandon this barrier against depression forces. Already there are 2,300,000 more out of work than there were at this time last year.

"Industrial recovery is starting, competent observers tell us, and the spring season just ahead is the best time for advance. We cannot afford to have i tchecked as it was last year by increasing unemployment and reduced buying power. Efforts to keep men on the payroll and to give relief should be redoubled now when the need is greatest and when workers' buying will count most in stimulating trade.

"Looking pack four years, our figures show that the increase in unemployment from December to January this year was larger than usual. Reports from the department of labor representing all wage earners in manufacturing, show this same tendency; in November and Decembr the number laid off was larger than usual. This does not mean that business is suddenly worse. But it does indicate a dangerous trend, which if it continues will retard business recovery.

"Widespread relief has undoubtedly prevented the situation from becoming far more serious. But relief cannot possibly meet the need, and there is much illness,eviction from homes, under nourishment and even starvation which never comes to public notice. This crisis calls for every citizen to do his part for the unemployed."

Green's weighted unemployment figures for January 1928 were 12.1 per cent; for January 1930, 12.5 per cent and for January 1931, 19.4 per cent.

LIBBY— Granite Creek bridge just south of the city has been repaired.

The Letter Box

Legislative Matters Are the Most Important Now

Dagmar, Mont, Feb. 4, 1931

Dear Editor:

Last week the Producers News saw fit to give us another rap on the chin.

What has become of The Sheridan County Taxpayers Association? Gone home—to sleep? Well.

Perhaps the officers of the Association need to be awakened, or removed, or something. The undersigned is willing to relinquish his office any time, so that a more militant person may have the chance. And by the way., you may have received by this time a notice of our meeting to be called at Antelope the afternoon of Feb. 11th. Here will be a chance for everyone to come and be heard. We have had this meeting in mind for some time but other circumstances have prevented from time to time. We hope representatives of the press will be in attendance also.

As to the "whitewashing" and other matters connected with that noted Examiner's report we have done as we thought best under the circumstances. If someone else wants to go ahead with it they are welcome, if they have the finances, and will assume the moral responsibility for the results.

For the information of everyone we will sa ythat we have been busy the past month or so, at that. This seems to us an important time to push legislative remedies that are needed for the taxpayers, and this is what we have been doing. Our representatives are anxious to hear from us back home. And it seems that our newspapers, our former representatives, and other experienced parties whose advice and services are needed have been so strangely silent at this time. There will be two more years before we get another chance. Laws made or not made now will either help or leave the taxpayer just where he is or worse.

Wee feel that legislative matter is the more important at this time and this has been stressed both at my meeting with the Plentywood Commercial Club and last night with the Reserve Commercial Club, at both of which a keen interest and a hearty response was manifested. In other ways also we have been actively working for the taxpayers, even in co-operation with other Taxpayers Associations in the state. However, we hope there has not been any harm done by neglecting some local matters.

Yours very truly,
EDGAR I. SYVERUD,
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SOVIET GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES 13,000 ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SPECIALISTS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM.

Moscow, Jan. 28.— The Soviet government will continue to look to the foreign specialist for the necessary technical skill in putting the five-year industrialization plan across.

Government officials estimated today that 13,000 additional foreign engineers, technicians and skilled workers would be needed in 1931 if the scheduled construction is to b carried out.

At present there are more than 4,000 foreign specialists employed under individual contracts by the Soviet union in addition to the 2,000 or more employees of 124 big foreign companies having technical aid contracts with the government.

Efforts to develop native talent by intensive training methods have met largely with failure. Technical schools generally cut their courses from three years to six months, with students working day and night in order to qualify in the various technical professions. But a majority of the students were found unable to stand the strain and large classes were reduced greatly before completion of the courses.

Of the 13,000 additional men required in 1931, 3,000 are engineers, 3,000 foremen and 7,000 skilled workers. Europe is expected to supply about 2,600 of the engineers and the same number of foremen and about 5,000 skilled workers. The remainder is expected to be obtained in America.

How many of these foreigners become converted to the theories of Marx and Lenin is not known, but few Americans embrace the doctrines. The Germans, however, who are in the majority among foreign employees, are said to be more or less sympathetic.

FIGHT FOR SOVIET TRADE IS STARTED

Washington—FP— Battle over the Kendall bill and other measures proposing to exclude soviet lumber, pulpwood, mineral products, and other commodities from the United States on the ground that these goods are handled by convict or forced labor, began Jan. 27 in hearings before the house committee on ways and means. Chairman Hawley led the discussion in favor of the Kendall bill, which appeared likely to be favorably reported by a small majority.

This measure puts on the importer the full burden of proof that no convict or forced labor was involved in production or handling of the goods. Forced labor is defined as including "work or service exacted from or performed by any person under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance, or for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily, or from which he is not permitted voluntarily to withdraw, or work or service, except military service, in mobilized or organized units and other work or service performed as an obligation to or required by a government or any political or economic party or by any subdivision thereof."

Reps. Ramseyer of Iowa and Estep of Pittsburgh challenged the advocates of this scheme to "come out honestly and demand an embargo against all goods from Soviet Russia, since that is exactly what this means. And admit that you are willing to lose the American sales of goods to Russia, which are five times the amount of our imports from Russia, in order to get this embargo."

Witnesses on the first day were Chester Gray of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Edward F. McGrady on behalf of Matthew Woll, Willis Compton of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, and Rep. Nelson of Maine, author of the minority report of the Fish committee Nelson declared that Soviet dumping of goods was not voluntary, but was forced on the Soviet government by the refusal of other nations to give it credit on its purchases of machinery with which it is carrying out its gigantic program of industrialization. He predicted that dumping of Russian goods on the world market would end when the necessity for thus raising money to pay for foreign machinery was past. Then, he said, Russia would consume her own goods. Several members of the committee expressed fear that, when American-made machinery is installed in Soviet factories, the product will be exported to compete with American products.

HOG AND CATTLE PRICES WEAKEN

St. Paul, Jan. 27.— The cattle market was a rather dull affair, with prices weakening somewhat while lights and butchers hogs ruled 10 to 15 cents lower, sows, however, holding steady. Lambs worked out steady with the recent advance while ewes although scarce were selling at new high levels.

Mixed yearlings sold at $8.65 with a few matured steers at $8.75 most of the shortfeds selling at $7 to $8. Beef cows bulked at $3.75 to $4.75, heifers at $5.25 to $6.75, low cutters and cutters $3 to $3.75 and bulls at $4 to $4.50. Good and choice vealers sold costly at $9.50 to $11.50.

Better 140 to 230 hogs sold at $7.35 to $7.65; 230 to 270 at $6.90 to $7.35 with heavierweights down to $6.75 or below. Sows bulked at $6 to $6.25.

Bulk of the choice fed western lambs sold at $8.75 with less desirable kinds including natives at $8.25 to $8.50, some down to $8. Good and choice fat ewes were salable at $3.50 to $4.50.

Feeders and Stockers

Demand for feeder and stocker steers was rather dull and most sales were being made at $5 to $6.25 with some fleshy feeders upward to $8. Stock pigs bulked at $8 or steady while strictly choice range feeding lambs, including a fat end, cashed upward to $8 recently, others down to $7.50 or below.

SHELBY— Northwest Stellarene Co. purchased Shelby Pipe Line and Refining Co.

POLITICAL REVOLT SWEEPS PRAIRIES

Oklahoma City—FP—Former non partisan leaguers are now organizing thruout the west the National Producers Alliance, a "political arm" for the members of farm co-operatives, although membership is open to all citizens subscribing to its five-point program.

Organizers, while aware of the bitterness among farmers were astonished at the reception they received everywhere. Meetings where 90% of the farmers ..sign ..up are common, and there have been cases where it was unanimous.

The program follows:

1. Fixed prices on staple products to secure cost of production plus a fair profit for American farmers.

2. A non - interest - bearing bond currency to finance public works, such as roads, irrigation, drainage, reforestation, deep waterways, flood control, ..to relieve .unemployment and avoid the expense of interest-bearing bonds.

3. Legislation which will destroy the "menace of corporation farming."

4. Conscription of wealth and war profits in case of war.

5. A referendum vote of the American people on a declaration of war, except in case of invasion.

A. E. Bowen, of Oklahoma City, former non-partisan, is president. Organization work is being carried on in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and North Dakota at present and will be immediately extended to other states.

Helena—The State Highway department is to let contracts amounting to $3,000,000 for construction on State highways.

RAYMOND

There was a dance and party for Samuel Wilson and Herb Blair at the Gibson school last Saturday nite. A good sized crowd was in attendance.

Ephram Fawcett of Outlook was in Raymond Monday on business.

Ed. Hannah and children and Mrs. Tooke and children were visiting at the Adolph Johnson home Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Gaines of Outlook has been teaching the uper grades because of the absence of Esther Johnson.

Vera Grove of Outlook was visiting Eleanor Holland over the weekend.

Alice Symes spent the week end at the Fred Bolke home.

Harold Smith of Plentywood has been visiting at the Harry Holland home and renewing old acquaintances at Raymond.

Meta Black came to town Saturday night and spent the night with Eleanor Holland. She returned to her Home Sunday.

Albert and Ray Vold went to Oakes, Sorth Dakota Monday evening to attend the funeral of their father.

Frank Raymond has been on the sick list for the last week.

Emil Severson has been building the foundation and basement for Olaf Norby's house.

Mrs. Wm. Herron and daughter spent Monday afternoon at the A. J. Markuson home.

Lyman Anderson is doing chores for Mrs. Ben Vold while Ben and Ray are away.

Ed. Hanah and Sam Walton brot out a load of timbers Tuesday.

Katherine Marron gave music lessons in town Friday. She couldn't get here on her regular day which is Thursday.

Mrs. Emil Severson is again on the sick list.

Clyde B. Loutzenhiser was at the County seat on business Tuesday.

Bert Herron hauled a load of coal for Mrs. Jordan Friday afternoon.

Harvey Nichols and Arthur Draszt were up to Harvey's farm north of Raymond on Wednesday for a load of hay.

A message was received from Bernard Vold on Monday telling of the death of his father, Elling Vold, at Oakes, North Dakota. The elder Vold had been seriously ill since the latter part of December with typhoid pneumonia. Albert and Ray left on Monday evening to attend the funeral.

Raymond Welfare Club

The welfare club of North Raymond met at the home of Mrs. Peter Fink on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

A very delicious one dish lunch was served and after a social time and business meeting the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Chas. Larter on Feb. 25 for dinner.

Miss Wort will meet with the club and demonstrate the washing of delicate fabrics.

—Club Reporter.

ANTELOPE

Mrs. James Stewart visited from Thursday to Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. VanHee in Plentywood.

Several cases of mumps and flu are in town and vicinity.

The school by Lindquists is closed as Miss Brinkman has the mumps.

The Joseph Christianson family visited Sunday at the Vernon Stevens home near Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rorvig of Reserve were Antelope visitors Friday.

The Albert Grimsrud and George Grayson families called on Ludvig Rorvig Sunday at the Albert Rorvig home at Reserve.

A big crowd gathered at J. Regan's for the dance Saturday night.

Having visited a few weeks with he rparents Mr. and Mrs. Christ Lee and other relatives, Mrs. John Lantern left for her home at Sand Point Idaho Saturday. Christ Lee is quite well again.

Paul Christianson and Morris Hovlund are doing some car repair work at Jonas Erickson's this week.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Myrtle Johnson and Bernice Christensen attended a birthday party in Dagmar on Mrs. James Johnson.

Lynn Parkhurst, Dan Mattrick and Art Christiansen left Monday for Brockton where they got work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glaze from Wellliver were week-end guests at the Fred Glaze home.

The Rev. Simundson preached to a large congregation in the Lutheran church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Sundstad were Antelope and Plentywood visitors on Tuesday .

Emil and Walt Hanson were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hess Sunday.

Herbert and Craig Saxon bot the Ford from Vernon Evans this week.

Remember P. T. A. Feb. 10th.

Elmo Hanson left Saturday for Dillon where he will take the naval examinations and then to Salt Lake and later to California. A big crowd of friends gathered at the station to bid him farewell.

Lien has his well machine at O. B. Hoven's to drill a well.

N. Y. SOLON LOOKS FOR EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SOON

Washington —FP— Sen. Wagner, of New York, in an address before the Churches' Conference on Permanent Prevention of Unemployment, in Washington Jan. 27, declared that "There is no doubt in my mind that sooner than most of us now anticipate we shall insure our workers against unemployment."

He had presented the moral argument against the chaos of unregulated competition in privately-managed industry, and had advocated long-time advance planning of public construction works to take up slack in employment, but had said that stabilization schemes were not enough. New inventions and foreign developments would continue to dislocate business. Hence there must be created a reserve to maintain the workers during these times of industrial dislocation.

"We shall learn to treat unemployment as a business risk," he said. "We shall realize that the idleness of men and women ready and willing to work is part of the general cost of running our high speed civilization; that it must not be an individual burden. Only when we shall have adopted this entire program of stabilization and insurance shall we be in a position to declare that we have substantially strengkthened the sense of security of all our people."

Helena—$23,000,000 are to be available for construction on State roads during the next four years.

FRANCE & ITALY MAY WAR FIRST

Boston, Jan. 27.— The Babson statistical organization, in its weekly barometer letter to clients, today set forth what it considered as the weak spots in the European situation that might lead to another world war. The situation, as seen by the Babson experts, indicated that if war did come, it would begin with France and Italy. No attempt was made to predict when the conflict might start.

The most important factors mentioned were:

Mussolini of Italy may consider it necessary to wage war with France to prolong his regime. This was supported by the historical fact that nations seldom change leaders when at war and that many leaders have waged war to hold their positions.

Italy's rapidly increasing population and her contention that, as far as colonies were concerned, she got a poor deal in the treaty of Versailles.

France is the second largest holder of gold i nthe world. She has been accumulating gold faster than her business situation appears to warrant. United States and France have 60 per cent of the world's gold.

France has one of the largest and most efficient standing armies in Europe.

Russia has a large standing army officered in a large way by German officers, that undoubtedly are itching for something to do. Russia might enter a conflict as an excuse to take over China. Such a move would bring Japan in.

War debts of the allied nations may be the cause of trouble. Some nations may default and declare war as a way out of th situation.

LEGISLATURE

(Continued from front page)

banks in America; there are communists in Montana, and they are very active, and are spreading propaganda about banks of this state. Something must be done to curb these vicious fellows."

It is believed that the big bankers of Montana are aroused over the open-letter of H. Loundes Maury to Senator Walsh published in the Producers News recently.

Concerning robbery with a dangerous weapon, the big surety companies have recommended capital punishment, as such robberies are done with murderous intent, but Montana bankers suggest a minimum sentence of 30 years in prison, as adequate punishment, particularly for first offenders.

Teachers Oaths

Friday last, the house was entertained with patriotic speeches which produced the first applaud of the session and flag waving was indulged in, when House Bill 67 by Brown of Gallatin, requiring Montana teachers to take an oath of fealty to the constitution and to encourage American institutions and principles. Hamilton of Musselshell opened the attack with an amendment providing that teachers renounce the right of free speech, and after arguing that the bill would destroy academic freedom, Hamilton withdrew his amendment.

Merriman moved that the bill be approved and said that while there were no communist teachers in Montana, there are many elsewhere ,and while he believed Montana teachers are in a very high class he desired to keep them that way, nence the oath.

Dellwo, democratic floor leader, at this point moved to strike the enacting clause, saying he had refrained from saying anything about the bill previously, because of his high regard for the author, and the people sponsoring it, but everybody makes mistakes, and he thought that the bill was a mistake. He said there would have been no revolutionary war had not preachments against King George's government been permitted and we would now be under rule of King George V. He added that the bill is not needed for communists could not succeed in America if allowed to do their worst. Minnick spoke against the bill and Williard, the Missoula osteopath, spoke for it. Fairgrieve, a labor faker of Carbon county asserted that two teachers in his county had taught communism, with the consent of the trustees who were communists. Merriman made a plea for the bill that won much applause,extolling our form of government.

A reference was made to the dismissal of Professor Levine from the University years ago, and Sam Stewart said he was on the board of education as governor of Montana when that wa sdone and had no apology to offer for his part in the dismissal, receiving applause, and added it is known the Russian Soviet communists are assailing the government because they know they will make no headway until it is struck down--he believed in preparedness, and regarded the bill as a step in the right direction.

The motion to strike the enacting clause was voted down and the bill approved by the committee.

House Presents Presents

The House members and employees presented two handsome wedding gifts to the recently married house employees, Alvin Jacobson, a citizen of Sheridan, and bride, also a house employee, by Representative Moss of Flathead county, with a fetching speech that was applauded. The groom thanked the house briefly in behalf of himself and wife.

Cut Chancellor's Wages

After the senate voted down the bill of Garber to abolish the office of chancellor, the house member Shannon from Sanders introduced a measure to reduce his salary from $10,000 to $7,500, the salary of the governor.

"Many members," Shannon said, "do not believe a man who has under his supervision only a small part of the government of Montana should be paid more than is the governor, who is responsible for the entire government of the state. At present the chancellor is the highest paid employee of the state."

Another Judge

Representative Metlen of Beaverhead county will father a bill to add another district judge in district No. 5.

Married Woman Bill Starts

True to his statement Monday when he gav enotice of the bill, Sen. Robert Pauline of Flathead county, yesterday introduced S. B. 29, prohibiting state, county, city or school district officers from employing married women, whose husbands are able-bodied or are financially able to support them. President Hazelbaker referred the measure to the committee on labor and capital, composed of McCleary Rowland, Kane, Wheeler, Cooper, Reedand Carter.

The Pauline measure has caused a great deal f comment ever since it was noticed and its progress will be watched with interest. It is expected that the bill will be turned in by the committee with posibly a majority report. The question of its constitutionality is likely to be fought out on the floor.

Automobile Accident Fund

The automobile idemnity bill, proposed by Representatives Goodwin, Benjamin and Ekegren, was introduced yesterday, and it would create a fund to indemnify people injured in automobile accidents by charging all users of motor vehicles an indemnity fee ranging from $7.50 a year for motorcycles, pleasure cars and trucks used in one's business to $150 for 12-passenger busses. Failure to pay this fee would be punished by a fine of from $10 to $100. The attorney general, state treasurer and secretary of state would compose the state automobile board and administer the law. The indemnities would run from $5,000 for the death of a person above 16 years of age down to $1,250 for the loss of an eye. There are about 150,000 cars in the state and if the fee averaged no more than $10 that would create a fund of $1,500,000.

Crime Commission Law

When crime commisison bill 43, which provides that when pleas of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity are interposed by a defendant, they must be tried separately, came before the committee, former Governor Stewart delivered an impassioned plea opposing the approval of that bill and the half dozen companion crime commission bills on general order, on the ground that the law relative to such procedure, as established and maintained during the past 30 years, was better as it was than the proposed changes.

History of the Law

He went into the history of the administration of criminal law in this state, and told many instances of trials involving the insanity plea here and in other states, and pointed out that the not guilty and insanity pleas had been tried together, wih the burden of proof on the state, as o the criminal guilt and the sanity of the defendant.

He said the bills in question established hard and fast statutory rules, while the supreme court judges of the state in the past had invoked principles of justice and adjudicated according to such principles. This had continued till 1925 when the legislature had passed the law requiring that the defendant must prove his sanity by a preponderance of evidence. This departure from the older view of the law, the speaker said, was a regrettable error.

However, in spite of the opposition to the bill and the companion measures, they were all recommended for passage. The other crime commission bills approved were 44, 24, 45, 42, 46, and 47 All had to do either with one kind of criminal procedure at trials or another, or repealed parts of the criminal statutes conflicting with the new rules. Efforts made by Adair to amend many of the bills also me twith defeat, the bills as they were and Chairman Rigg of the judiciary committee being supported almost solidly by the republican majority and some democrats .

Full Crew Bill Killed

A full crew bill, providing for an extra brakeman on trains of certain lengths and other conditions, introduced some time ago in the senate was killed one day this week.

Malt Tax Bill

The malt bill provides that all distributors and dealers in malt or malt extracts in the state must secure an annual license and pay $5 for it, and a tax of 10c per pound would be collected on every package or container of malt or malt extract. The goods must be stamped with stamps furnished by the state treasurer. The state board of examiners would have power to examine all goods and accounts of dealers. The bill is long and provides for revocation of licenses. A fine of $25 to $50 would be imposed on persons who fail to get the license and a fine of $25 to $100 for selling the goods without paying the stamp tax. All sheriffs and peace officers would be charged with enforcement of the law.

Cigarette Tax

A cigarette tax bill was introduced in the house last week providing for a tax of 4 cents on each package of cigarettes.

Proselyting Bill

Another discussion arose over substitute house bill 85 by Hodgkiss and Warring, which makes it a penal offence to induce men in a marketing association or pool to withdraw by making false statements to them about the finances, manangement or activity of the same, punishable by a fine of $100 to $500 and jail from 30 days to six months. Watson of Meagher spoke against the bill on the ground that it would make it unsafe to pass any comment on such associations, and because banks and other concerns are not protected in such fashion. Budas, McCormck and Ryder favored it on the ground that it would aid farmers to market crops at better prices. It was recommended.

Session Half Over

The twenty-second session of the Montana legislature is half over today being the thirty-second day; the session being limited by the constitution to 60 days. Of course the last day is often protracted for a hundred hours or more but the solons only receive pay for the 60 days at $10 a day.

A week from today, Feb. 13th, the fortieth day, will be the last day for the introduction of bills, without unanimous consent, except appropriation and revenue bills in the house which can be introduced if necessary until the last day of the session. Ten days later, Feb. 23, the fiftieth day will be the last day for transmission of bills from one chamber to the other, except appropriation, or revenue bills, which must originate in the house, which means that after the fiftieth day, the house will, outside of appropriation and revenue bills, have only senate bills before it, and the senate will have only house bills, except the consideration of amendments to either house or senate bills which must return to the house in which the bill originated for ratification, or if unable to agree, to conference committees. These rules terminates business and brings the session to a close.

Up to date somewhere in the neighborhood of 250 bills have been introduced in the house and about 70 in the senate. Very likely there will be four hundred bills introduced by the fortieth day in the house and 150 in the senate, which will be about the usual number introduced in a session.

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WHEAT

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storm" there has been little to rejoice about in the way of "white gold fro mthe clouds." With exception of the big blizzard early in the winter the Rocky mountain states have been basking for the most part in dry, balmy weather.

Streams are so low in many cases that the Colorado state fish and game commissioner announced that thousands of mountain trout are dying, particularly where the streams are frozen over.

Thruout the middle west, in Oklahoma, eastern Kansas, Missouri and Illinois the fields need moisture. Rain and snow have been at a minimum.

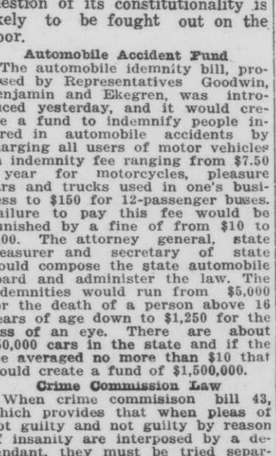
Most Serious

The American Farm Bureau federation told press representatives that the most serious drouth prevailed in Kentucky and parts of Tennessee.

There farmers are being provided with donations of seed, while citizens of smallers towns are beginning to worry about the water supply.

W. P. Day, government weather forecaster, said that if present abnormal conditions continue thru the rest of January, a record of 50 years standing for low precipitation and high temperatures will have been broken.

Temperatures in Chicago this month have averaged almost seven degrees above normal, a condition not equaled since 1880.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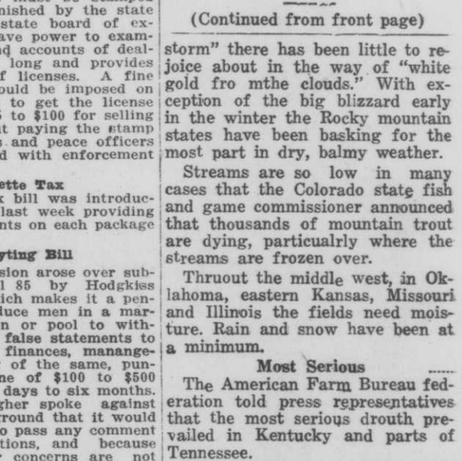
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