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As We See It
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Last week a headline in the Chicago Daily News read: "Chicago Banks 'Bursting' With Surplus Cash." And in smaller type: "Never so much money on hand; 29 leaders gave \$349,712,000." And a dinky head: "Ready for revival." Then in brackets and bold face: "Details of the bank statistics as of Dec. 31 are printed on page 25." I suppose if Carl Ball, John Schnitzer and the few other bankers in Sheridan county spread their statements at regular advertising rates in The Producers News, that Sen. Taylor would put a special writer on the job to convince the public that these banks were like rocks of Gibraltar. Perhaps he would not but must papers do.

However that's not the point. While the banks are bursting with money—and the big banks are, while the small ones are going "bust"—there are approximately 400,000 workers unemployed in Chicago and one can see signs in this wretched city that the banks are bursting with surplus cash and 2,000,000 men, women and children starving! Soup kitchens are scattered all over the city. Rarely do you see a picture of a hungry army of workless workers in the papers but you see lots of pictures of "Gold Coast parasites" "shot" in the act of testing a vat of soup with a little or peeling an onion. It's great fun for the debutantes of Evanston and Lake Forest.

Up to date the city has not done anything to speak of for the unemployed. A few judges on the lookout for publicity occasionally take up a collection for some hungry unfortunate brot into court by the police on a charge of vagrancy. But if the city has done nothing FOR the unemployed it has done plenty TO them. A marine worker I knew in New York several years ago happened into Chicago on his way to New Orleans. While sitting in a one-arm lunch one night after twelve reading the paper and drinking a cup of coffee he was accosted by a policeman who gruffly asked him what he was doing. The marine worker was no meek and humble wage slave so he suggested that the bull use his eyes and whatever reasoning power he possessed. The copper then came to the conclusion that his quarry was drinking coffee and reading the paper, which fortunately is not yet a criminal offense in Chicago. The copper left and so did the marine worker.

But while walking along Madison street to his flop house he ran into a squad of coppers who were out collecting anybody and everybody that did not look like a board of trade gambler. They gathered in the marine worker, threw him in the jug and kept him there for three nights while they looked up his record. Having nothing on him they turned him loose with a warning to leave town. This is the way they help unemployment in Chicago. The marine worker was in jail over Christmas and he informed me that the jailer did a rushing business during the holidays bringing spiritous cheer to the prisoners for 25 cents a shot. All a prisoner had to do was to rattle his tin cup on the bars of his cell and the jailer would come along with the bottle. "Let's see your two bits," he would coo and then the cackle juice.

CULBERTSON MAN IS HURT IN COAL MINE

Culbertson, Jan. 10.—Otto Spiegeler, hauling coal from the old Rose lignite mine east of town, was quite severely cut about the head and neck when he was caught in one of the rooms by the setting off of a heavy blast of powder. The shot had been placed in an adjoining room in the mine. He was waiting for two of the miners in company with two of the miners was waiting for the blast. Instead of shooting into the room where the charge was set it came thru the wall into the room where the men were sitting. All of them were hit by flying coal and clay but Spiegeler was the only one to be injured. A number of stitches were necessary to close the wounds in his scalp.

FORMER CHAMP ANSWERS BELL

San Antonio, Tex. Jan. 10.—"Big" Wayne Munn, 35, former heavy weight wrestling champion, died late yesterday in the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston from Bright's disease. The circus "thistle" gained fame in football at the University of Nebraska and later became recognized as world's heavyweight wrestling champion by defeating "Strangler" Lewis in 1925. It is recalled that he bunted Lewis around the ring with his head until the latter was so weak he could not stand and then he picked him up and hurled him out of the ring. However, the "Strangler" won back his much disputed title later in the same year.

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FARMERS UNION HEAD WARS FARM BOARD

PYADIUM MEETING

The annual stockholders meeting of the Pyadium Remedies Co. was held in the Farmer-Labor Temple last Monday and was well attended by interested stockholders. Practically all obstacles in the line of law suits and expert meeting with advertising have been cleared away and the future of the company looks brighter than ever before, as nothing has been found yet which can come anywhere near up to Pyadium as a cure for pyorrhea and other ailments. From what little advertising the company has been able to do so far, orders are coming in not only from all over the United States but from Europe and Asia as well. With Chas. Lundeen as the head of the concern every stockholder feels that it could be left in no better hands and the future success of the company is assured. Owing to the fact that some question came up before the stockholders meeting, which could not be decided upon before further information was obtained, the meeting adjourned until February 7 at 9 p. m. when a board of directors will be elected.

GREAT NORTHERN TO SLASH EXPENSES 50%

It is rumored among the railway employees that the officials of the Great Northern railway are out from St. Paul surveying the Montana division with the purpose in mind of cutting operating expenses in the state one half. To accomplish this they intend to abolish trains, lay off men, and cut pay drastically.

The railroad men are quite wrought up over the matter. However, there is no suggestion of cutting down the exorbitant freight rates in vogue in Montana by these officials.

This is the way big corporations contribute to the general prosperity.

Some of the workmen say if the wages are cut any more they will have to steal in order to feed the babies.

Farm Home of Richard Grayson Burned Sunday

The farm home of Richard Grayson about three miles southwest of Antelope was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin Sunday. The family lives in Antelope in the winter so the children may attend school and one of the older boys takes care of the place.

BASKET BALL GAME AND DANCE JAN. 17th

The Greyhounds, Independent basketball team is giving a big dance at the Farmer-Labor Temple last night, Jan. 17, for the benefit of the team. Before the game the Greyhounds play a game with the team from the reputations of both teams will be a real exhibition of America's most popular indoor sport.

Forstyth—Paving project has been completed.

TWO MORE PHILADELPHIA BANKS CLOSE DURING THE PAST WEEK

Banks Failing Daily In All Parts of the Nation—Newspapers Suppressing Facts Because it has Bad Effect on Depositors in Other Banks—Plot to Rob the Workers.

Special to The Producers News:

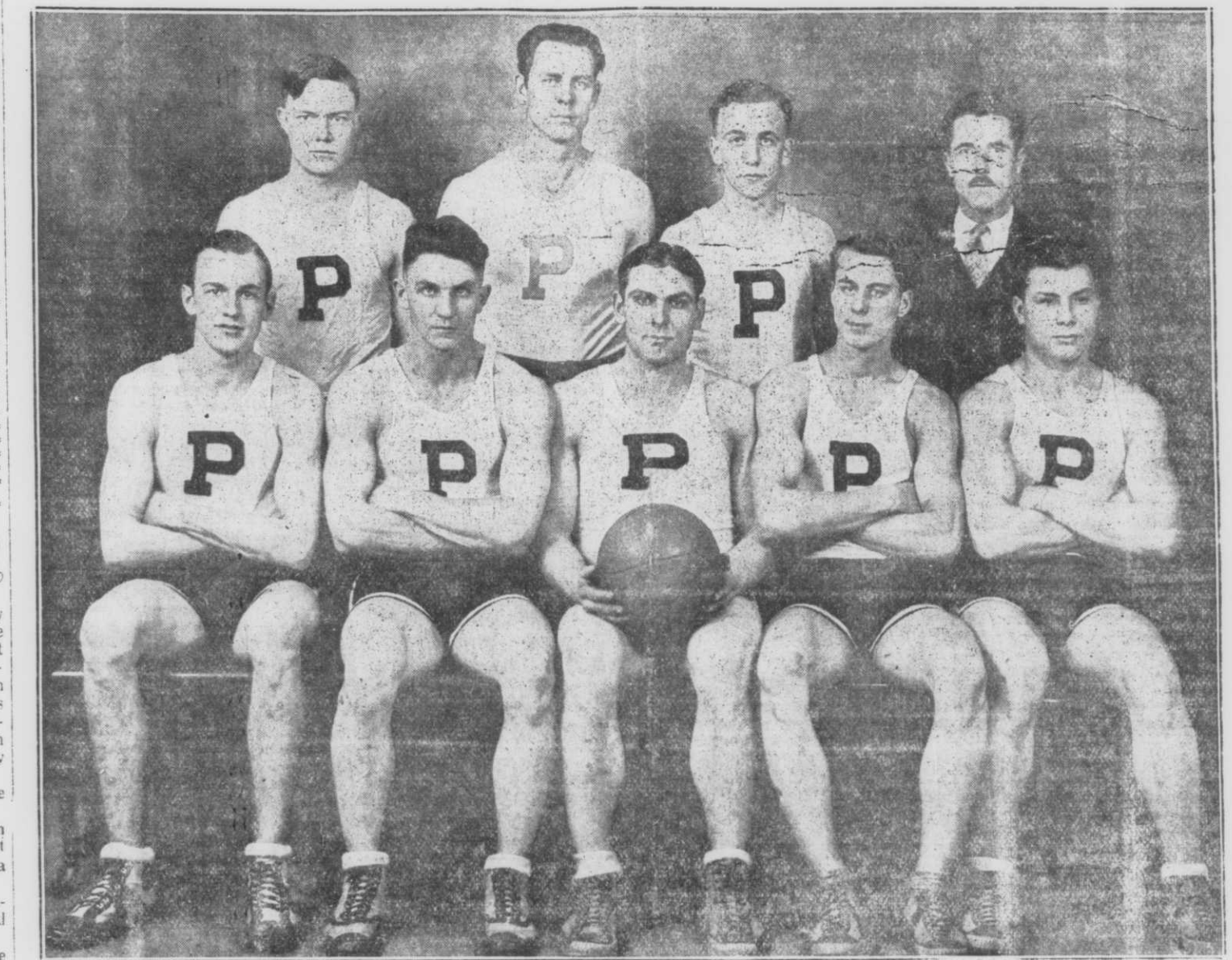
Philadelphia.—Two more banks closed near here in the last few days. The Haddon Heights Trust Co. of Haddon Heights, N. J., a suburb of Philadelphia, closed its doors on Saturday. The reason given for the closure is the "excessive" withdrawals of deposits caused by the situation in Philadelphia. Although the bank is "solvent" nevertheless none of the workers and poor farmers of South Jersey can get out any of their savings. Over \$2,100,000 is involved and solvent or not the bank remains tightly closed.

Another bank, the First Italian Exchange Bank located in the center of Philadelphia's Italian quarter, closed on Monday. This bank was so sound that the assets were \$200,000 more than the deposits. So said John J. McDewitt, Jr., attorney for the estate of C. C. Baldi, recently deceased.

Bank Must Be Liquidated McDewitt announced that the affairs of the bank must be liquidated according to the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. The deposits were over \$800,000 and the assets over one million dollars. Working Italians' Money in Bank Thousands of hard working poor Italians who had scrimped and saved for a rainy day cannot get back a cent of their earnings. Not only that, but they are warned by "L'Opinione," the local Italian paper, one of Baldi's properties, that a five year sentence in jail will be meted out to anyone "spreading wrong rumors." This Baldi was a sort of financial czar of the Italian section.

Reward for False Rumors The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (Continued on last page.)

Plentywood Greyhounds--Basket Ball Team



"THE GREYHOUNDS." Plentywood's Independent Basketball team which will leave within the next few days for a tour of North Dakota and Montana where a long schedule of games have been arranged. Standing from the readers left they are: standing—B. Klovstad, Ben Moe, Eugene Peterson, Dr. C. M. Hall Coach. Sitting—A. Jensen, O. Piske, C. Myers, Jack Gunderson and Ervino Marsh.

An Open Letter to Senator Walsh

WOLF POINT MAN RAN AWAY FROM FAMILY

Helena.—Carl Bingham, arrested here Tuesday by Sheriff A. C. Parsons at request of Wolf Point authorities on a charge of deserting his wife and three minor children, has been released on \$500 bond. Bingham has agreed to remit money regularly for the support of his family. If he discharges the obligation he will not be returned to Wolf Point for trial.

California gasoline tax collections totaled \$10,609,517 in the third quarter of 1930.

H. LOUNDES MAURY EXPOSES BRAZEN BRANCH BANK LOOTING

The Producers News, Plentywood, Montana, Gentlemen:

I herewith enclose you an open letter this day mailed to the Hon. Thomas J. Walsh, It would give me great pleasure for you to publish the same word for word over my signature.

Cordially yours, H. L. MAURY.

AN OPEN LETTER

Butte, Montana, January 6, 1931.

Hon. Thomas J. Walsh, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Within a fortnight after you entered the Democratic Primary last summer you wrote me that a committee was likely to be soon appointed by the Senate to investigate the organization of bank mergers. The latter was an answer to one from me seeking to learn your views as to the effects on the people of Montana of the presence here of First Bank Stock Corporation and the Northwest Bancorporation.

Since then nothing has appeared in our press about such a committee.

Persons here who bought stock at prices ranging from \$47.50 to \$64.00 the share in the First Bank Stock Corporation when it was launched have seen the market price fall steadily, for twenty months, to \$19.75 the share. Some of this decline they appreciate is due to business depression but they are also beginning to suspect that they were trusting victims of statements of promoters as exaggerated as to be conscious falsehoods and to believe that the fall in price of the stock is chiefly due to a "spread" between what the public paid for the stock over what actually went into the treasury of the company, equaling in many instances as much as ninety per cent of the price paid by the purchasing public.

The printed annual report of this concern, of date, February 18, 1930, (eight months after organization) coming through the mails of the United States to one of these stockholders, really on its face strengthens these suspicions into reasonable belief when supplemented with knowledge that the public actually paid for the stock, score of millions of dollars at prices of \$47.50 or more the share within a few weeks after it was launched.

Have patience, Senator, while the dry figures of this report are stated and conclusions therefrom which seem to be the only logical ones are drawn. The balance sheet asserts as of December 31 1929:

RESOURCES	
"Total Quick Assets"	\$ 7,907,952.82
"Furniture and Fixtures"	8,572.52
"Stocks"	114,949,863.92
"Accrued interest (Net)"	9,506.11
	\$122,875,895.77
LIABILITIES	
"Capital"	\$ 75,421,764.39
"Surplus and Undivided Profit"	46,698,616.49
"Dividend payable Jan. 1, 1930"	755,985.89
	\$122,875,895.77

The report explains clearly what the item "Capital" consists of i.e., that there were outstanding on December 31, 1929, 3,016,870.57 shares of \$25.00 the share. This equals \$75,421,764.39 so listed as "Capital."

Some who purchased at \$47.50 hoped that part of the lavish spread between \$25.00 the share now in the treasury and \$47.50 the share paid for what the public absorbed of

ACCUSES CHAIRMAN LEGGE WITH DELIBERATELY DEPRESSING THE WHEAT AND COTTON MARKET

Senator Thomas' Claim that Chairman "Alex." Legge Admitted "Dumping" Wheat on Market to Keep the Prices Down and Force Farmers to Decrease Acreage Starts Big Row.

REFUSED TO SELL RUSSIA COTTON

John Simpson of Oklahoma, national president of the Farmers Union is preaching a holy war against Alexander Legge, chairman of the Federal Farm Board; and Legge is replying in vitriolic language. The controversy involves at least one United States senator, and probably will come up officially in the senate soon. The story of events in their order is necessary to an understanding of the battle as it stands now.

In November, Sen. McNary of Oregon, chairman of the Agricultural committee of the senate, decided to get Mr. Legge, Secretary of Agriculture Hyatt, and the chiefs of the principal farm organizations together with the committee for a heart-to-heart talk on the situation.

The meeting was held in Washington the last of last month, just before Congress came together for the short session. It lasted two days. The whole course of the Farm Board was reviewed, and there was plenty of plain speaking by the senators present on some of the Farm Board tactics.

Behind Closed Doors The gathering was behind closed doors, no reporters were allowed, no summaries given out, no stenographer was present. Nothing might have been heard of the deliberations a few months but for a singular circumstance.

One of the men summoned to the conference was C. E. Huff, of Kansas, then president of the Farmers Union, which is one of the strongest of farm organizations.

Simpson Defends Huff But between the time the call was issued and the assembling in Washington, the Farmers Union got together and ousted Huff from the presidency, on account of his friendship for the Farm Board, replacing him with John Simpson of Oklahoma, who has been one of the Board's sharpest critics.

Simpson could not attend the Washington conference in person, so he wired Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma to represent him. Senator Thomas, an old friend of Simpson, accepted the "proxy" explaining to his senatorial colleagues that he was present in a dual capacity.

At the close of the conference, while matters were still fresh in his mind, Thomas wrote a report of the proceedings to Simpson.

Summarized Testimony The Senator made no pretense of giving anybody's exact words, but summarized things, especially the testimony of Mr. Legge.

Mr. Legge declared, according to Sen. Thomas, that the Farm Board could raise the price of wheat to a dollar a bushel and greatly increase the price of cotton.

Board Doesn't Want \$1 Wheat Pressed sharply as to why the Board did not do this, Mr. Legge explained that the board did not want dollar wheat at this time; that the board wanted wheat farmers to reduce their acreage and take a large part of their wheat off the market by feeding it to stock.

Finally, according to Thomas, Legge admitted that his Board had "dumped" wheat on the market when prices threatened to go above the figure regarded as reasonable by the board.

Used as Text for Attack Of cotton, he said that the text

tile industry was hard hit, and could not pay high prices for cotton; and that here again the board wanted acreage reduced.

Senator Thomas wrote these things to Simpson, on the theory that as Simpson had a right to be present himself, he was entitled to the information.

Simpson made the contents of Thomas' letter public the other day and used them as the text for a savage attack on the Farm Board in general and Legge in particular.

Legge came back with the report that anyone making the statements that Simpson made is "an unmitigated liar" and implied strongly that this went for Senator Thomas as well as for Simpson himself.

At the same time, Legge claimed that the Farm Board is maintaining the domestic price of wheat 30 cents a bushel above the world price. The market quotations support this claim, at least in part. On the day before Christmas wheat at Minneapolis was actually 20 to 21 cents an bushel, while at 28 cents a bushel higher than in Winnipeg.

Legge Changed Testimony For many months, Winnipeg quotations were from 10 to 15 cents above American quotations. Simpson does not question this fact. He, and those who agree with him, complain because the Board did not do more. And they are particularly infuriated by the charge that the board actually depressed prices.

Senator Thomas does not seem at all disturbed by Legge's remarks, and says he thinks the senators present at the meeting will agree with him—Thomas.

Man Makes \$75,000 It was brought out in senate debates last week that after testifying before another committee that does have a stenographer, Legge changed his testimony in an effort to cover up the fact that one (Continued on last page.)

Westby High School Defeats the Crosby Maroons

Westby, Jan. 12.—Last Saturday the local high school boys (tangled with the Crosby team here. The game was fast and clean although the Crosby team was handicapped by the small floor. The Westby aggregation had played a hard game with Alkabo the night before. The lineup was as follows:

WESTBY-18
H. Larson, rf. 8 0 2
Schultz, lf. 0 0 2
W. Rohweder, c. 10 0 2
A. Simonsen, rg. 0 0 0
W. Johnson, lg. 0 0 0
Substitutes: O. Heistad, f and W. Overgard, g.

CROSBY-10
Poling, rf. 2 1 0
Shapland, lf. 2 1 0
Jensen, c. 2 0 0
Lee, rg. 0 0 0
Jacobson, lg. 0 0 0
Substitutes: Sundt, g and Clark, f.

Substitution: Westby—Holseth for Larson; Larson for Heistad, Crosby—Sundt for Lee. Sundt scored a free throw; Clark for Jacobson. Referee: Hubblitz of Alkabo.

Walsh Opens Fight on Power Trust in the Administration

Washington.—F. F. Moving formally that the confirmation of George Otis Smith, Draper and Garard as members of the new Federal Power Commission be reconsidered, Senator Walsh of Montana began Jan. 6 the long expected fight against the power trust in the administration.

Deceased was born at Sand Lake Iowa, came with her parents to Ambrose where they took a home-stand and where she grew to womanhood and married Leo Brady. Later they moved to Comertown where she has resided until her demise.

Leo Brady homesteaded many years ago between Comertown and Dooley and the family is very highly regarded among the neighbors.

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FRENCH FALLS DOWN

When the votes were counted and it was found that Carl Hansen the Farmer-Labor candidate for county commissioner had been elected to succeed Ed. Iverson, the renegade, the French-Dolin-Powers Medicine Lake Machine were quite down in the mouth. They knew their control of the county had been cracked—how badly they did not know. Much depended on Victor Anker. The machine was not too sure of him.

The Medicine Lake Machine knew that it could not operate as it had done—it knew it could never depend on Anker to go the whole route with it, as Iverson had done. However, it deluded itself with one hope: that Carl Hansen could be handled. Dolin built great hope on this. Somebody had assured him that Carl could be won over to the machine. However, Joe has not bought any pigs in a poke. Just before election, we are informed from a reliable source, he made a deal with Harry Folk and Burly Bowler to buy the Herald, the deal to be completed after election. The machine was sure of Iverson's election but decided to wait for the count. If Iverson had been successful Dolin would take over the Herald office, discontinued his plant at Medicine Lake, and printed the Wave, for a time at least at Plentywood, and mailed it at Medicine Lake, where Joe would have maintained his residence. If in time, anything had happened to The Producers News the machine planned also to buy it and the plant of the Peoples Publishing Company and then buy the Redstone Review and consolidate all of the papers, sell the excess printing machinery and publish one paper from the Peoples Publishing Company's plant, that plant being one of the best in the eastern part of Montana. In fact the machine had a man approach the board of directors of the Peoples Publishing Company with a proposition, the idea behind which was to get control of the Producers News as soon as possible.

Also the machine planned on having Jack Kudrna of Ed Powers First State Bank of Medicine Lake appointed deputy treasurer with the idea of diverting the major portion of the county sinking fund monies to the Powers bank. Whether this has fallen thru or not, is not yet settled. It is rumored that the present deputy treasurer is badly worried about his job. However, the insistence on the part of the taxpayers that the sinking fund monies be invested in county and school district and other legal warrants may change all of this, for if this is done the banks won't be getting the juicy graft which they have enjoyed for the past two years. Then, there not being so much money to deposit at one half of one per cent, Kudrna may hold his job at Medicine Lake.

On the first Monday in January, the fifth, when the board organized Dolin and Powers and their henchmen were all in Plentywood to see what the first meeting would produce. French was re-elected chairman of the board. This much was a victory for the machine. But when Kollman could not get his budget raised, and the bankers were unable to get the interest rate reduced from 2 per cent on county monies deposited in the bank which rate had been raised by the old board at the regular December meeting from 1½ to 2%, back to 1½ things did not look so good.

The total results of the first meeting of the new board was not satisfactory to the Dolin-Powers-French machine. Dolin and French had a long conference Monday and Tuesday nights. Dolin also had a conference with Niels Madsen over at Madsen's house. They had a long talk out on the porch. They all came back Wednesday and Wednesday night they had another conference. Hansen's refusal to go to the commissioners' convention was upsetting—upset their plans for that occasion. And Hansen's insistence that culverts and supplies be bought on bids and his support in this by Victor Anker was disconcerting—for it indicated that when the printing contract comes up in June, that bids would be asked for and the contract let to the best bid.

The traps set for Carl Hansen had not been sprung for he did not nibble. The machine is at its wits end to "hook him" in some way and they are ingenious in such activities. Every pressure is being applied from every imaginable source to line him up and involve him in some way so the gang can hide behind him in their work to feather their own nests. But Hansen is getting next to the ropes and he is too wily for them.

So, the slick Mr. French and his machine are "licking their hurts" and wondering what the state examiner is going to do about the deplorable conditions in Sheridan county.

So, as far as Hansen is concerned French fell down.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS

When Sam Teagarden, the senator-elect from Fergus county, died, it left that county without a senator.

When Representative-elect Simpson of Custer county died it left that county shy a representative.

The law does not allow the governor or anyone else to appoint a senator or a representative, but requires that in case of a vacancy the governor must issue a writ of election, and a special election must be held pronto to fill the vacancy.

As soon as the legislature convened, and his Excellency was officially notified of these vacancies, he issued the writs as the law requires.

The writs were sent to the Boards of County Commissioners, ordering the elections. But times are hard and commissioners who have all sorts of money to pay their fares to phoney commissioners' conventions, did not have the money for the special elections that are required by law. The taxpayers associations of these counties went on record against these elections because of cost, and because it seems that the law provides that the registration books must be closed 45 days before any election, so that before the election could be held, the session of the legislature would be about over, making the election an empty gesture thus

rendering useless the cost of the special elections. So the county commissioners in their regal authority decided in these counties not to call the elections commanded by the governor to do so. County Commissioners are powerful men—the law or the constitution is as nothing to them; it is a thing they can set aside at their pleasure. No wonder a commissioner swells up as he usually does. A governor might get impeached, but a county commissioner, he is above all law.

Now, we have not looked up the law, but it is our guess, that the law in regard to the closing of the registration books pertains only to the general elections or primary elections as provided by law, and not to special elections to fill a vacancy in the legislature provided for in the constitution. This conclusion is logical and sensible—the legislature can make no law contravening the mandates of the constitution; that is primary. So it would seem that in case of a writ of election to fill a vacancy the commissioners only need to set a day as soon as possible, advertise the same, post notices and proceed to count the votes, without regard to registration books—allowing all to vote whose names were properly registered before the poll lists were sent out. The law provides for nominating conventions in emergencies of this sort.

In fact Sections 533, 534, 535, 536, of the revised code provide for special elections, as does several other sections providing for nomination for special elections. In fact it is obvious that the claims that the registration books in case of special elections to fill vacancies in the legislature must be closed 45 days is pure bunk.

And it is a safe bet if the big interests wanted these vacancies filled the elections would be called. The cost of holding such special elections can be reduced to the vanishing point; the ballots are short, the voting and counting would be rapid and the judges could act both as judges and clerks, so the expense excuse is pretty lame.

Tom Stout has been appointed as a sort of an honorary senator, with privileges of the floor from Fergus county. He can talk but not vote, but they say Tom is a good talker. He cannot draw any pay in this position.

Over in Custer county they have just forgotten about the representative—Custer has so many that the loss of one is not noticed.

Frank French does not think much of newspapers nor of the restriction of the law. When a paper is mentioned Frank raises his brow with contempt and sneers, and when a law stands between him and his ideas, he sets the law aside with the utmost assurance. Frank is a "baby" with a badly swelled head and an ego out of all alignment with facts. Frank is one of those "smart alec" just headed for trouble. We have met bigger men than Frank French who were suffering from the same ailment, that had bad luck. Frank may get away with his stuff—and he may not.

5,000 MILES OF PROSPEROUS AMERICA

By SCOTT NEARING, Federated Press

During the past two months, I have traveled from the Atlantic seaboard thru the northeastern corner of the United States, as far west as Illinois and Wisconsin; as far south as the Ohio river. I have visited many cities and towns and talked with a great number of people—farmers, industrial workers, housewives, teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, economists, business people. It is not easy to summarize this experience in a few words but it is surely worth trying.

Economic conditions are bad in some places and worse in others. In no single farming, manufacturing or trading center that I visited were conditions even fairly good. On every hand there were reports of economic hardship. Unemployment is widespread. Wage cutting is general. The workers are being weeded out. The older workers; the slower ones; the workers with known radical leanings are being dismissed right and left. Young, quick, energetic workers are taking their places at very much lower wages. Workers are dismissed and then offered a chance to come back to work at the new and lower wage scale. Union men, in the building trades, for instance, are working, in many cases, for less than half of the union scale. It is a case of take it or leave it. The employers find themselves in a situation where they can do as they please, and they are generally pleased to take care of their own profits and let the workers go hang.

The cost of living has come down somewhat. Rents are lower and retail prices have been reduced but not in proportion to the decrease in wholesale prices. And to the man or woman who is jobless, this decrease is meaningless. Numerous bank failures have stripped hundreds of thousands of their life savings; the decline in realty values has wiped out the equity that other hundreds of thousands of families had built up in homes or in farms. Taxes are unpaid. Mortgage interest is unmet. Bankrupt sales and evictions are to be met with on all sides. Installment purchased furniture and automobiles are being dumped back on the sellers. Mortgage companies are loaded to the breaking point with properties that they can neither sell nor rent.

Salaried men and women doctors, lawyers, small business people and workers have had their incomes heavily cut. Even those whose incomes have remained unchanged are buying little because they fear what the future may bring.

Farmers are getting the lowest prices for their crops that they have received in 20 or 30 years. Crop values for the entire United States are 27% lower in 1930 than they were in 1929. Trading centers that depend on farmer purchases are in a bad way.

Even the rich are buying cautiously. After the catastrophic stock market collapse, the drop in real estate value and the widespread bank failures, they are holding on to their money, fearful lest it slip through their fingers in new liquidations and failures.

People of all classes are worried and bewildered by the developments of the past 15 months. Almost everyone believes that prosperity will soon be restored. "Things can't go on like this," they insist. "Business must get better."

There is a widespread interest in economic questions, especially in the Soviet 5-year plan. Many suggest that some such step is urgently needed in the United States. "Why can't the leaders of American business foresee these disasters?" one woman asked, "and take the steps necessary to prevent them?"

Workingclass organizations have secured only slight increases in membership during 1930. Some of the unions have actually lost members. The reality of the depression is not yet understood. The working masses believe that the hard times will be only temporary. Meanwhile the unemployed are on charity soup and radio programs.

PLENTYWOOD PRICES

Prices in Plentywood, that, the falling, remain too high. Some of the stores are reported to have marked down prices since the mail order catalogs came out, but this is merely heresy, as none of these stores have yet committed themselves by advertising prices in black and white in the local news paper. Some firms try to inveigle a customer into their "parlors" by using the stentorian voice of the radio operator at the Wolf Point station: radio conversations are not printed, is one reason and another and principle reason, it furnishes the alleged business men a chance to spend money out of town. If there is any one thing that brings sunshine into other-wise gloomy days for the Plentywood merchant it is the opportunity to spend his money out of town. Any day he can refuse patronage, he can refuse to be asked to make a living here, he counts as a "red letter" day in his uneventful career.

Plentywood has a bakery. It is a good bakery. 100 per cent support would make it a better bakery. But Plentywood merchants prefer to sell bread and cake imported from the Williston and Minot, because they just can't stand it to patronize any business in Plentywood. Plentywood has a mill that makes as good flour as can be had anywhere—makes it out of the fine Sheridan county high protein No. 1 hard wheat rich in protein and mineral salts—but our merchants refuse to handle it, and instead pack an inferior grade of flour milled some other place paying freight on the wheat out and the flour in, rather than sell Plentywood flour because they think they can make a nickel more by this policy, and of course to build a mill in our own midst would build Plentywood a thing they do not want to do. Plentywood has print shops. These print shops pay taxes, they employ help, these cut prices in Plentywood, because houses in Plentywood, attend the shows in Plentywood, buy their groceries in Plentywood, patronize the Plentywood Drug Stores, confectioneries, pool halls, and bootleggers; send their children to school in Plentywood, and are part of the town. However, half of the printing is sent out of town. The official paper of the county is at Medicine Lake because Plentywood businessmen vote at every opportunity for Medicine Lake. The paper that has the printing contract is "The Letter Box" the most of it and subtleties the work to Great Falls printers, not having the facilities to do the work. Merchants have their advertising dodgers printed other places their letterheads, their envelopes, and send them out of town. They can get better in St. Paul or can save a thin dime. Even the public schools of Plentywood pursue the policy of never buying anything in Plentywood, it can buy from an agent. In the spring a school group of yearlings and hundred dollars worth of cards and invitations are required—these are always bought from an agent at higher prices than the local shops can furnish them for.

Of course, the fact that the papers furnish the schools five or six hundred dollars in free publicity each year is set up which it pays out cold cash, and buys paper to print it on, never disturbs the school teachers at all. It will be the same this year as usual. We will dig up to help pay their wages and they will send out every dime possible. Of course this is because of ignorance—no one ever expects either sense or appreciation in a school "man."

Besides the above, Plentywood has a creamery and ice cream factory and a bottling works, which only gets a small part of the home trade. Most of the meat consumed in Plentywood is shipped in. However, at the Commercial Club meetings everybody says we should trade at home. All merchants think that the farmers and workers should buy in Plentywood (even the merchant who never does such a thing if he can avoid it), and pay higher prices than he can buy the same things for at any other place.

When Plentywood gets prices down to the level prevailing other places, when people can come to Plentywood to trade without paying a bonus for the privilege, when merchants go half way to get the business, when they quit hating the hand that feeds them then the farmers of Sheridan county will again flock to Plentywood as they used to, instead of going to Grenora and Williston and sending big orders to catalog houses as they are now doing.

There was a time when Plentywood hotels were full when there were crowds on the street every night and the garages were chock-a-block on Sunday, but that was when the Farmer-Laborites were in power and people were getting a square deal. But Plentywood business men voted against all this for the benefit of Medicine Lake. If Frank French would put up the proposition to move the court house to Medicine Lake, Harry Polk's paper, our postmaster and the Plentywood business men would vote for it solidly if the Producers News opposed it. Even in the spending of the county money \$3 is spent at Medicine Lake to where \$1 is spent in Plentywood. All the roads out of Medicine Lake are graded and dragged but not so out of Plentywood. The snow is plowed at Medicine Lake but not at Plentywood. Even the bulk of the county money is going to Medicine Lake now, and Plentywood obeys the idea.

The farmers have learned they can buy anything they may think of cheaper in their village stores than at Plentywood, so they don't come here any more. Postage is even greater at Plentywood than at any other place. Gas and oil cost more here than at any other place in the United States and at

is the first time I have been able to follow your discussions of local matters without feeling a profound doubt. Though my own extreme poverty prevents me at present from helping you with even so small a sum as three dollars, I do hope that you will win this fight, for your late issues have certainly done great good.

Though your present stand is more to your credit, your former attitude was undoubtedly safer for you. You are becoming too plain-spoken for your own good, Truth crushed to earth will rise again, but the man who championed it the first time does not always rise with it. I have learned that it is necessary to be a little hypocritical if one is to survive among hypocrites. One cannot get on with two-faced people unless one is a little two-faced. If a man comes to you and tells you that black is white, it is prudent to agree with him. If a second man tells you that on the contrary, white is black and black is nothing, by all means agree with him, as well. Then when a third man assures you that there is no black and no white, but only an indeterminate grey, it is best not only to agree with him but to prove it to him. That is the way to success and popularity (and O unsurpassed irony!) the respect of the majority. Honesty, temperance, and clean living are pretty toys to play with, but it is dangerous to take them seriously. To be successful, do not be a good man; be a yes-man.

I am not a babbling youngster, playing at being a cynic, but a sober, mature person. I write this as a man who has already grown grey hairs—who at twenty-nine is an old man in terms of bitter experience—who, because he has been so extremely unwise as honestly to express his honest thoughts, is penniless, ragged, and uncertain where the next shakerful of salt is to come from.

While you are in this crusading mood, it might be well to say a word for that common drudge, the farm laborer. I know that it is customary to consider everything that farmers do as sacred and not subject to criticism, but this should be mentioned, nonetheless. During the five years I have lived in this neighborhood, several well-to-do farmers hereabouts have never or seldom hired a man who lived here, but someone from some other state. Year after year my nearest neighbors have hired men from Minnesota or Wisconsin or Nebraska, who, when work is over, invariably go back and spend their money in their own states. During 1930, while I was endeavoring to keep my family alive on a total income of less than seventy-five dollars for the whole year, and being taxed for the privilege, nearly every one of these people hired men who left the state as soon as harvest was over. Most of these transients were single men; but one, who has had steady employment here every summer for three years DESERTED HIS WIFE AND BABY somewhere near Shovel Lake, Minnesota, before he came out here.

Could the utter unfairness of it be more strongly stated? And yet, if I, by my own painful efforts in a sphere which they neither understand nor approve, should happen to win a small check from the publisher of some magazine down in Robbinsdale or Iowa City or Detroit, these people know exactly where and how I ought to spend it.

Very truly yours,
JOHN A. STAHLBERG.

The Letter Box

Stahlberg Getting Things Boiled Down

Outlook, Mont., January 3, 1931.

Editor, Producers News: A year ago, when I criticized your espousal of the cause of Main Street, you gave me the raspberry. Main Street, however, did not appreciate what you were doing for it, and stacked its cards against you. I regard that as fortunate, for it has led you to adopt a policy with which most of your readers can really sympathize. You have always had my sympathy on the larger issues, but this

THE WASHINGTON SCENE

By LAWRENCE TODD, Federated Press

Washington—FP—"Statistics of Income for 1928."

That is the name of the dangerous document compiled and issued by the Treasury Department as a New Years greeting to the American unemployed and half-employed, which should cause the Fish Committee a lot more anxiety than any testimony it has heard in its long months of junketing around the country.

Tells Bitter Facts. For this volume discloses that the wealth of the nation was rapidly flowing from the hands of the many into the hands of the few, in the days when Herbert Hoover was completing his job of business regimentation in the Commerce Department, and when Calvin Coolidge was solemnly croaking his "All's well!" from the White House. It is a handbook of proof that "normal prosperity" was undermining the economic safety of the great majority of Americans, and making inevitable the unbalance which ripened into the Hoover collapse.

Rich Richer, Poor Poorer. Take for instance the table showing that, among 4,070,851 individuals who made income tax returns for 1928, there were 511 who admitted to having incomes of \$1,000,000 or over. The total incomes of these 511 persons, capitalized at 5%, indicate that they possessed wealth to a total of over \$22,000,000,000.

Or, comparing the figures for 1928 with those for 1927, think over the fact that 40,000 persons took \$1,600,000,000 of the increased national income in 1928, leaving \$1,000,000,000 of the total \$2,600,000,000 increase to the remaining 4,030,000 persons who made income tax returns.

Again, 1 percent of the persons making income tax returns had 25 percent of the national income in 1928; in 1927 their share had been only 20 percent of the total. The 99 percent of payers of income tax had to get along in 1928 with 75 percent instead of the 80 percent they enjoyed in the previous year.

Report Very Dangerous

Issuance of such facts by the government is dangerous to American private-profit-competitive-capitalist society. It is dangerous to the existing system—it is no longer seriously called "order"—because it makes the unemployed and the impoverished think about possible changes in ownership of Wealth-making property. For it is perfectly clear that it was the very rich who grew richer, in 1928, and that they grew richer because they owned property which shared in producing more wealth. There is abundant wealth-producing property in the United States. What puts a person in the powerful class is ownership. And since everyone cannot be in the privileged group, hungry people are likely to decide that the best solution will be a general distribution of ownership in the industries. That means public ownership of industries.

Plutocrats Shiver in Boots. Merle Thorpe, editor of the official magazine of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, is

terribly worried over this dangerous idea—public ownership of industries. He is afraid it will become popular among the millions of unemployed, and the other millions now enjoying wage cuts or part-time jobs. He is talking over the radio in scornful ridicule of public ownership of even so profitable industry as the power industry. Back of him are the fears of scores of thousands of the men who take more than \$100,000 a year out of the national income. It is scarcely true to say that the men who get \$1,000,000 a year are disturbed. They cannot imagine any social change in this country, in their lifetime, that can overcome the power of their money. But the second-class plutocrats are scared.

Plut Gathers At Miami. One of the ironic humors of this season of nationwide misery among the workers is the fact that the spokesmen of the millionaire class will be on hand at Miami, the middle of January, when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor convenes in that resort, to see that no dangerous thoughts based on these income figures get into the council's proceedings. Labor will be advised to beware of "sharing up" its empty belly with the 511 who have only twenty-two billion dollars.

PLENTYWOOD—Ing. Brenden took over Electric Shop here recently.

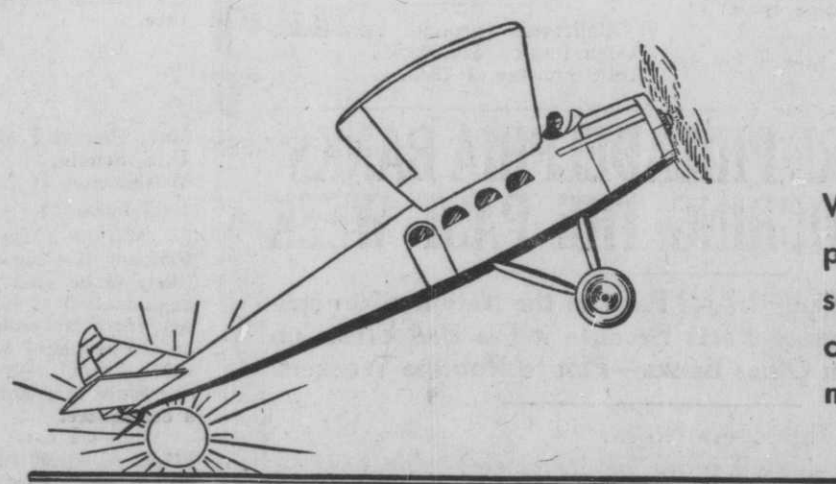


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LOCAL MARKETS

Thursday, January 15, 1931	
Dard Northern	53
Winter Wheat	48
Amur Durum	46
Rye	46
Oats	18
Barley	18
Flax	127
Butter	18
Eggs	18
Potatoes, per bushel	1.00

Mrs. A. C. Erickson was a Wednesday caller on Mrs. S. Klovstad.

John McElroy was a business caller at Archer early in the week.

Miss Julia Palubicki is spending a few days visiting at the Dr. Gustafson home this week.

TWO USED PIANOS for sale, cheap if taken at once. Box 753, Williston, N. Dak. (41-35) Frank French and Brit Chandler drove up from Medicine Lake last Tuesday on oil matters.

Miss Idell Manning of Culbertson spent the week end visiting with friends in Plentywood.

FOR SALE—Full Hereford bull, age three years, coming four. E. E. Bernau, Antelope, Mont. (42-49)

Mose Mariconi renewed his subscription to the Producers News for another year.

Mrs. Lars Bradstad of Redstone was a house guest at the Carl Bull home Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Ernest Peterson of Opheim who was operated on for ruptured appendix is favorably improving at the local hospital.

Adolph Hovdey motored in from his farm northwest of Raymond last Tuesday looking after business matters.

Pete Whitish and son-in-law, Nels Thompson of the Welliver country were court house callers on Wednesday.

W. H. Briggs arrived from Fargo to be present at the big oil meeting held this week. Everything looks promising for drilling in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindbloom of northeast of Raymond were Saturday visitors in the city. Mrs. Lindbloom had considerable dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. James Larter and Miss Helen Crohn teacher of the Larter school were Saturday shoppers in Plentywood. They also called on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant of Outlook accompanied by Charles Buzzard were in attendance at the oil meeting which was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson was hostess at a sumptuous three o'clock Sunday dinner given at her home. Nine guests were present and the remainder of the afternoon was spent socially.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson entertained the members of the Lutheran Aid at her residence on Thursday. Many points of interest were brot up in the regular routine of the meeting.

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new modern truck which will be able to cover the ground at a high rate of speed and is guaranteed to haul anything. The boys have a new "waggon" at the Farmer's garage and are now looking for a suitable name for the vehicle. (Call the old girl "Aphrodite" from "hermaphrodite" since it is just a plain "Pierce-Sawch.")

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Pierce are the parents of a baby boy born to them on Wednesday, Jan. 14. All concerned are doing nicely.

Roger Christianson Has Leg Broken While at Play

Roger Christianson, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Christianson, had the misfortune to break his right leg just above the knee Wednesday noon. The accident occurred on the school grounds shortly after his class had been dismissed for the noon hour. The young lad was playing on the merry-go-round while waiting for his sister Gwendolyn whose class had not yet been dismissed. They might walk home together. Only one small playmate was present when the accident occurred but it is not known just how it happened only that the boy's leg became jammed in the contrivance and was broken. Roger was not noticed before his sister found him lying on the ground crying. She called Prof. McMillan and one of the teachers as well as her father from Ingvaldsen store. The little fellow was rushed to the hospital where the fracture, which was a slanting one with ragged edges, was reduced and he is now getting along as well as can be expected.

OUTLOOK MAN FALLS BEFORE DAN CUPID

Tuesday morning, Dec. 30, at 10 o'clock, the wedding of Johnny Beck and Miss Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kohler, who are also farmers of the Outlook section, took place in the Catholic church with Father Leah officiating. The bride was dressed in a tan dress with a white lace train. The bridegroom wore a dark blue suit. Mr. Beck's brother acted as best man and Miss Margaret's brother as groom. After the happy couple were made man and wife a wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Becker.

The married couple will make their home with the groom's parents. The many friends of the newlyweds wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

O. Melvin Simundson, Pastor Services January 18 at Plentywood at 11 a. m. Dooley at 2:30 p. m. and Antelope at 8 p. m. The Outlook and Antelope churches will be communion services. Communicants will kindly report 15 minutes before the regular service for the confessional. Services Jan. 25 will be held at Plentywood at 11 a. m. and at Outlook at 2:30 p. m. Both churches will be communion services. Plentywood communicants will meet at 10:45 for the confessional and the Outlook communicants will meet at 2:15. Confirmants meet every Saturday.

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COALRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chapman and family were invited guests at a sumptuous dinner Sunday at the Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thorsen home in Dagmar. Other guest present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Mauritsen and children of Reserve, Ivan Isen and Lewis Crohn from Antelope. The evening was spent at cards.

Mrs. Marinus Jensen was having dental work done in Grenora Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Lobdell and daughter Arleen visited on Monday with Virgie Guehrer while Mr. Lobdell made a trip to Grenora.

Anton Brestenson gave a dance on Saturday night at his farm home northeast of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Atoe were county seat shoppers Wednesday and enjoyed dinner with the J. V. Atoe family.

Joe Lee Hill of Antelope was a week end guest of his relatives, Mrs. Wm. McCauley, returning home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Harshbarger and Menno Harshbarger folks were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. B. Enderbush.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spokke extended an invitation to the William Lobdell family on Sunday for dinner at the home of Mr. Spokke. The afternoon was spent socially.

Harry Grier and wife drove to Hanksville, Utah, to visit with their daughter, Mrs. Marvin Weer and family.

Pratt and Russell Harshbarger, who have occupied the Deh Chapman home in town for several years, were on Tuesday on their way to Medicine Lake on Sunday where the latter is attending high school.

William and Gerald Thustoch accompanied by Mrs. Thustoch and Monday as guests at the Carl Tark home.

The following friends met Saturday evening at the A. O. Ators where dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chapman and family, Joe Lee Hill, Miss Annel and Roy Laitue of near Westby.

Howard Atoe from Antelope, Frank Russell, H. Enderbush, Pearl Matheson, Howard Chapman and George Myers. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ladd.

Paul Stephen was seen in Plentywood accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. E. Huth and Mrs. John Murphy.

Howard Atoe of near Antelope is spending the week end in Hanksville, Utah, where he is attending high school.

Walter Reed, the McCommon man, was making calls in this vicinity Tuesday evening at the Math Ottenbrot home.

WOLF CREEK

Niet Robinson returned Monday evening after spending the holidays in the city.

After spending a week's vacation with relatives in Redstone, Olive Lomest returned home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cromwell, Mrs. McCauley and Neal Packer returned home Monday from Minot where Neal had gone for treatment for his leg.

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tended the show and dance in Outlook Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch and daughter of McElroy attended the dance and play given by the A.O.U. W. lodge Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welch are old time residents of Outlook and have a large number of friends. Welch is now the manager of the McElroy elevator.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hurst entertained a number of their friends on Saturday evening. The time was spent in playing cards. At midnight a very delicious lunch was served. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodson, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Coper, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Ladd, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meharry, well known farmers of the North Outlook district, entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening.

Miss Craig, a teacher in the Outlook schools, went to Plentywood Friday where she had an x-ray taken of her hand. About seven weeks ago a large piece of coal dropped on her hand injuring the fine finger on the right hand. She is now at the Outlook hospital at the writing.

Mrs. John Ladd, Sr., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Goodson at dinner Sunday.

Saturday night a large number of Outlook friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hurst. The invaders brought their own lunch and music. Dancing and cards were the diversion of the evening.

Oscar Boja and Clair Johnson, son of A. Johnson, returned to Minot Saturday where they will again attend school. The boys had returned home for the Christmas vacation.

Johnny Wadsworth and Carl Garlick played for a dance at Daleview Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anker returned Sunday from South Dakota where they had been visiting relatives.

Raymond Homme took Fern Trower, his sister, to her home in Scobey Tuesday. Mrs. Trower has been visiting her father, brothers and friends for the past few days.

Word has been received that Helen Stoner, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Stoner was married Wednesday to a young man from Archie Schumate. They will make their home there where the bridegroom is employed in a garage.

An dMrs. Johnny Ladd, Jr., entertained a number of friends last Wednesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Ladd, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ole Garlick, Mr. and Mrs. E. Huth and Mrs. John Gunderson. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Viess, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hjelm and Sigal Hop pins from the reservation. Mrs. Earl Coper took first prize for best men and Maurice Eger received the first prize for the men.

OUTLOOK SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Georgia Buzzard and Inez

Seventh Grade Notes The seventh grade has completed some very attractive pieces of work since the holidays. Those deserving of special mention are, pedestals made by Arthur Kleppen and Arthur Selvig and letter files made by Harold and Howard Homme and Willard Hurst.

In the sewing class in grades 6-A and 7 the girls are doing a problem in Danish sewing.

Eighth Grade Notes The attendance in the eighth grade room for the last month has been 80 per cent perfect.

The drawing class is working on a color chart project.

Those who have had perfect attendance for the entire four months of school are: Melvin Deek, George Kohler, Elvin Reed, Leonard Wirtz, Lucille Boe, Mary Horfarth, Bunice Olson and Art Stratton.

Mayne Johnson, Viola Goodlax, Lucille Boe, Frances Lundgren, and Melvin Deek, furnished the Christmas tree and decorations for our Christmas program. They also spent some time in decorating the room. The program committee arranged a very appropriate program.

The members of the committee were: Maye Johnson, Frances Deek and Margaret Fitzgerald. Mrs. Mary

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Ulrich and family, Mr. and Mrs. McCallister and Olive Lossing, spent Saturday evening at the Wm. Cromwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. March and son Alvin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wirtz and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. French and family were visitors at the MacInnes home Sunday evening.

OUTLOOK

Harry Nelson of Alkabo spent the week end in Outlook with Sam Thompson. Mr. Nelson worked in Mr. Thompson's place while the latter was on his vacation last summer.

Two new members, Mrs. Russell Bolin and Bernadette Kelly were initiated. Also a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. G. Lebeck and Dorothy and Mrs. Pete Schumaker.

George Leibach, Frank Loucks and Lee Nelson went to Outlook on Friday to attend to school matters.

Muriel Wankel, who is staying at the Antelope home and attending high school here was taken seriously ill with pneumonia Friday. At the present writing she is at the Plentywood hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Munson entertained several friends at a dinner party Sunday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schumaker and son, Mrs. O. M. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stenesth and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Canadian customs officer was in Dooley on business on Monday.

Several from here attended the basket ball game at Plentywood on Tuesday evening.

Mat Eaton and Ambrose Schumaker drove to Comertown Tuesday evening where they will attend the funeral of Mrs. Leo Brady.

Frank Fishbeck of Plentywood

Johnson presented the class with popcorn balls. Bags of candy and nuts were distributed after the program.

High School Notes The Outlook Blue Jays will make their debut on the main nine playing field at Outlook on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th. The final score was 8 to 5.

The Outlook Blue Jays were defeated by the main nine playing field at Outlook on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, 16 and 17.

The girls' and boys' glee club will present their operetta entitled, "The Belle of Barcelona," Feb. 27th. Intensive practice will begin Feb. 1.

The New International Encyclopedia, which were sent away before the holidays to be rebound and repaired returned last week. They are again prepared to withstand the constant use they receive.

Regular classes were resumed on Monday, Jan. 5th. Most of the teachers spent their vacations at their respective homes.

Clifford Hamilton, who has been enrolled as a senior has dropped his work in the Outlook High School.

RACINE VALLEY

The Dagmar local of the Farmers Union held their annual meeting at the home of Jens Miller. Martin Larsen was elected president and Mrs. Carl Johnson, secretary-treasurer. The meeting date was changed to the second Saturday in the month and will be the first of the year.

Niels Sundstedt has been assisting Anton Sundstedt in overhauling his car the past few days.

Carl Hansen and Nels Sundstedt are collecting subscriptions for the Producers News these days. Carl taking the territory east of Antelope and around Coalridge and Nels the territory around Antelope and Racine Valley.

Harold Nielsen is not attending school at present, he having become a victim of the mumps.

Erick Sundstedt is again attending school, having recovered from the mumps.

The Brotherhood Whist Club started out with a bang last Saturday evening. They will play again Saturday, Jan. 24 in the evening.

Julius Knudsen's smallest boy is quite ill. They don't seem to know just what ails the little fellow.

Helga Sundstedt had some dental work done in Plentywood Monday.

Miss Marie Jensen after a month's absence returned to her school work at Wilson School on Jan. 5.

Miss Frances C. O'Brien returned from Christmas vacation spent at her home at Renville, Minn. and resumed her school work at Lincoln.

Miss Elizabeth Nelson is taking a month's rest from her duties at Dagmar store.

Mrs. G. E. Dahlstrom entertained the Lutheran Aid at her home on Wednesday.

Miss Dolores Petersen and Winifred Fogarty were Tuesday evening visitors of C. E. Brock's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Anderson visited at Joe Patterson's Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hieberg were shopping in Medicine Lake Friday.

Miss Muriel King visited Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fredrickson.

Myron Hieberg has been quite ill for the past week.

Eldon and Aris Henke and Howard Siegaard are the latest victims of the mumps epidemic that has had its round at Franklin school this winter.

Miss Winifred Fogarty was a week end visitor at the Ole Wikum home.

Miss Muriel King spent Sunday night with Miss Eva M. Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lipscombe visited on Sunday at C. E. Brock's.

A progressive whist party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Dyke on Friday evening which was well attended.

RESERVE

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. R. Paulson entertained a few friends last Tuesday evening.

A number of the men from town drove out to the Nels J. Anderson home east of town last Wednesday evening in response to an invitation to celebrate Nels' birthday. Friends had gathered from all directions and the large farm home was packed. A sumptuous dinner was served about seven o'clock and the balance of the evening was spent at cards. All who attended report a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Madsen entertained a few friends at dinner last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lund entertained a few ladies at bridge last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lund of Bowbells were week-end visitors at the Geo. Lund home.

Last Saturday evening the Anderson, Larsen, Gibbons, Lyngas and Strand families entertained the entire community at a progressive whist party and dance in the school house. Twenty tables of whist were played. Ladies high shoe was made by Mrs. Wilson of Medicine Lake and the men's high score was made by Viggo Strandskov. Consolations went to Mrs. Lund and Mr. Esten.

Dancing commenced about 11 o'clock with the Christensen orchestra on the job. At midnight a hundred and forty-five guests sat down to lunch and dancing was resumed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyngas entertained some relatives from Dakota last Sunday.

Saturday afternoon Frank Atoe had a wreck on the highway east of town. He collided with a car running down the cross road. Frank was thrown thru the wind shield and sustained some rather severe cuts from broken glass. The car was badly wrecked.

The P. T. A. gave a very good program at their meeting last Monday night. Four ladies from town drove out to the Angvik home on Tuesday afternoon for a game of whist.

FOR PROTECTION

Thomaston, Maine.—Mrs. Chas. A. Lindberg has bought herself an island in Penobscott Bay, evidently for picnics. At least that's why summer folk own other islets near hers, which is known as Garden Island.

Malta—Construction work on roads and highways in and around city, nearly completed.

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Give you either a choice Rib or Loin End cut. How many pounds?

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RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION BY STATE SOLONS

At the annual election meeting of the East Coalridge Local No. 870, Dagmar, Montana, Farmers Union, on Jan. 11th, the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, The farmers and taxpayers of Montana are burdened with an ever increasing load of taxes and

That some relief is urgently needed for the present situation as well as for the future, and

That it has been suggested for those interested in these matters, to make some definite expression of their sentiments in resolutions to our representatives in the legislature, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we hereby ask and urge prompt legislative action for

1. A State Income Tax that will in part relieve the direct property taxpayer somewhat and at the same time bring in additional support from a great many who have the capacity to pay, yet now escape their just share in supporting our various governmental functions and institutions. A plan sponsored by The Farm Bureau Federation is suggested.

2. Revaluation of farm lands for assessment purposes in view of the greatly depressed values of both the land and its products. Also a change in the zone system of such land valuation on a basis of rating per mile distance from marketing place, and a more liberal interpretation of the term "marketing place."

3. Simplifying of town, school, and county government such as a manager or commission plan, in order to eliminate wastefulness, reduce taxes and secure greater efficiency.

4. A measure restricting to the freeholders the privilege of voting

on bonding and other direct taxing matters whether state, county, town or school.

5. Prohibiting the employment in state or county work of married women who otherwise have support in order to provide positions for heads of families, and otherwise aid in the unemployment problem.

6. The raising and better regulation of the standards of oils and gasoline and some adjustment of prices consistent with Montana being an oil producing state. A simplifying of the method of handling the gas tax refunds, such as using some distinctive color in the gas sold for agricultural purposes which would be tax free.

7. Reduction of the mileage rate allowed state and county officials and employees, from the present 10c to a scale of 9 and 8 similar to North Dakota.

8. The repeal of the 5% penalty on delinquent taxes but retaining the present 1% per month interest which in itself is a fair penalty. The allowance of partial payments on delinquent taxes as a convenience for the taxpayer as well as a steadier income of the tax money to the treasurer. The privilege of farmer and resident taxpayers to work out at least part of their taxes on road work or maintenance work, wherever possible.

9. The investment of a reasonable amount each year of the sinking fund money in delinquent tax certificates.

10. The release of all farm stored grain from assessment for taxes, or a lowering of classification to 7% as recommended in Governor Erickson's message.

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to our Senator and Representatives of Sheridan county, and a copy to the press.

Elgar I. Syverud,
Marinus Ibsen,
Oscar Melby,
Resolutions committee.

TAXPAYERS

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lature and you no doubt would like to hear the wishes and sentiments of your constituents.

As you know, our organization, The Sheridan County Taxpayers Association, is interested in reducing the heavy tax burden we are under and getting more value and efficiency for our tax dollars. We are in a position where many remedies are being suggested to us, some local and some that require legislative action. For the latter may we at this time be permitted to offer our interpretations of a

OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR WALSH

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the 3,016,870.57 shares might be found in the item under resources "stocks" \$114,949,863.92. This hope is soon dispelled by the following language in the report, "Note: The item 'Stocks' represents the valuation at the time of purchase of our equities in the affiliated corporations. On arriving at the purchase price all factors tending to establish the going-concern value of these corporations were considered and final acquisition was accomplished upon a very conservative basis."

Exactly how "conservative" the basis of purchase was, is probably elsewhere revealed in the report. A long itemized list of the "invested capital" in each bank acquired by the concern totals exactly \$50,448,518.60. This seems from their own statement to be the sum paid for what they represent to their stockholders over the signature of R. J. Lee, Vice-President and General Manager to be worth \$114,949,863.92. Nowhere in this report can be found the entrance into the corporate treasury of any of the "spread" of \$22.50 OR MORE the share on such part of the \$3,016,870.57 shares as the public bought, on the bubbling burst of enthusiasm puffed by such statements of promoters when this enterprise entered the business life of the Northwest. It may be that the public absorbed at prices ranging from \$47.50 to \$64.00 the share the bulk of the issue. The shares allotted for sale in Butte were quickly over-subscribed. It is really possible that the spread totaled fifty million dollars.

In state "Blue Sky Laws" a usual limit of spread of this kind is twenty per cent of what the public pays for the stock; eighty per cent go into the treasury of the company. The spread here was evidently in proportion of 25.00 for the corporate treasury, \$22.50 for promoters and it may have ranged in instances up to \$39.00 for promoters to \$25.00 in the treasury.

(One is amazed at the modest forbearance of the promoters of the other merger in our midst. A reading of their report would indicate that the "Spread" on organization of the Northwest Bancorporation was only twenty per cent of many millions of dollars.)

I have made no research into whether the Congress can legislate on these matters under the Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution. Certainly the states concerned—Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan—are severely not yet, by any organized political movement able to regulate such concerns. While there is a rising tide of resentment among the people of Montana which may in a few years gain sufficient strength to cope with these men so working in harmony a reading of the list of board of directors of First Bank Stock Corporation will convince any novice in the political life of this state, that the matter is one for Federal Control, that this board of directors is stronger than this State at present.

Among is list of 68 directors are found:

RALPH BUDD, President Great Northern Railway Company.

CHARLES DONNELLY, President, Northern Pacific Railway Company;

C. T. JAFFRAY, President, Minneapolis, St. Paul and S. Ste. Marie Railway Company;

H. A. SCANDRETT, President, Chicago, Milwaukee, Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company;

FREDERICK R. WILLIAMSON, President, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company;

FRED W. SARGENT, President, Chicago and North Western Railway Company;

FRANKLIN M. CROSBY, Vice-President, General Mills, Inc. L. W. HILL, of the Great Northern.

CORNELIUS F. KELLEY, President, Anaconda Copper Mining Co.;

A. C. LORING, President, Pillsbury Flour Mills Company;

GEORGE W. ROBINSON, President, Tri-State Telephone and Telegraph Company, probably owned by the American T. & T. Company;

F. E. WEYERHAEUSER, Lumber, Owner.

I enclose you the printed circular and ask that it be returned to me when you have had it copied if you desire a copy.

Cordially and respectfully yours,

H. L. MAURY.

few of the wishes of the taxpayers.

Among the foremost and most important of the legislative measures desired seems here and in other parts of the state to be one for a state income tax. It is felt that such a law would in part relieve the direct property taxpayers somewhat and at the same time bring in support from those who now escape their just share and duty of supporting our governmental activities and our various institutions. A plan sponsored by the Farm Bureau Federation of this state seems to have some considerable merit and would be worthy of your earnest consideration.

Revaluation of farm lands is a pressing need now especially so in view of the depressed values of both the land and its products. Other counties have undertaken to reduce farm valuation 20 to 30% but it is said that legislative action is necessary to make such reduction effective. A change in the system of zone values is also to be desired—a suggestion in the editorial of The Plentywood Herald of Sept. 11 seems fair and feasible, namely: Drop the value of land a small sum for each mile distance from marketing place instead of the present crude arbitrary setting of values at seven and fifteen miles distances. Also the meaning of "marketing place" could be more reasonably interpreted, lands lying close to town geographically may be a very long way off by road.

Some measure will likely come up for simplifying the various town school and county governments, such as a manager or commission plan in order to cut out waste and bring greater efficiency. Some such measure it seems would be of great benefit to all taxpayers. Your support of such a measure would be appreciated.

A measure designed to raise and regulate the standards of oils and gasoline, and to lower the prices consistent with our being a petroleum producing state. In line with these regulations might be suggested a simpler way of handling the gas refunds, such as by using some distinctive color in the gas used for agricultural purposes. This would eliminate considerable administrative expense as well as annoyance.

In view of the widespread unemployment it would seem that a measure providing that married women who otherwise have support be prohibited from employment in state and county offices. This would open up positions for those more needy.

A reduction of the rate of mileage allowed state and county officials and employees from the present 10 cents per mile to a scale of 9 and 8 as adopted in North Dakota. With improved roads, lower first costs and upkeep of automobiles a reduction here seems consistent and practicable.

Altho a sentiment has been expressed to have the delinquent tax penalty repealed this does not seem to be a very wise thing to do in view of the necessity of collecting in the taxes as early and in volume as possible in order to carry on the various governmental functions. However, some reductions might be made, especially in the interest.

The privilege of voting on di-

rect property taxing matters should be restricted to freeholders. It is unjust to allow those who do not pay direct property tax to vote this burden on those who do. The measures 33 and 34 at the recent election seem to have been a case of this.

You as farmers and heavy taxpayers will no doubt appreciate the value of these suggested measures as a relief for some of our taxation problems and the we cannot expect to get them all, yet a few, at least may come.

Our association will be glad at all times to co-operate with you if we can be of any service. Your suggestions to us will be welcomed.

Thanking you for your earnest consideration of the suggestions as outlined, and wishing you success and a pleasant session, we are

Yours very respectfully,
SHERIDAN COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION,
Edgar I. Syverud, Sec'y-Treas.

At two o'clock p. m., Jan. 5, 1931, the board of county commissioners met in regular session, French, Clerk and Hansen, Secretary.

French Elected Chairman—

A motion was made by Anker that French be elected chairman for the term, Hansen made a motion that Anker be elected chairman but as Anker refused to serve as chairman, Hansen withdrew his nomination and French was elected chairman of the board for the ensuing term.

Re: Taxes—

Recorder of Sheridan County, Montana.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Montana, that the county clerk give written notice to the said T. C. Kelly and D. W. Kelly, her husband, to vacate said premises on or before the 7th day of February, 1931.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1931.

On motion the following discharges and appointments were approved:

Discharge of C. F. Christensen as Deputy Assessor by Aspelund.

Appointment of Cora Debing as stenographer in Superintendent's office.

Appointment of C. F. Christensen as deputy assessor.

Appointment of B. S. Pierce as clerk in Assessor's office.

Appointment of J. F. Murray as Under Sheriff.

Appointment of Robert Smith as Deputy Sheriff.

Appointment of Frank Dionne as Jailor.

Appointment of Elmer Hultgren as Deputy Sheriff without salary.

Appointment of Clifton McKenzie as Deputy Sheriff without salary.

Appointment of Anna D. Hovet as Deputy Clerk and Recorder.

Appointment of Helga Hansch as stenographer, clerk and recorder's office.

Appointment of Gertrude Petersen as Clerk in Recorder's office.

Appointment of A. F. Freisleben as member of County Examining Board.

Appointment of A. Kadlee as member of County Examining Board.

County Attorney Granted

Leave of Absence—

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Grant Bakewell, the County Attorney of Sheridan County, Montana, is contemplating leaving the State of Montana for Minneapolis, Minnesota, and desires permission to leave the County of County Commissioners;

BE IT RESOLVED, By the board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Montana, that Grant Bakewell, County Attorney, be given permission to be absent from the State of Montana, for a period of six (6) days from and after the date of this resolution.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1931.

Public Administrator and Justice of the Peace Appointed—

On motion, Attorney Arthur C. Erickson was appointed as Public Administrator for the term beginning Jan. 5, 1931.

S. Hall, of Westby, was appointed as Justice of the Peace for the Judicial District for the term beginning January 5, 1931.

At 10 o'clock p. m., the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 6th. At 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 6th, the board resumed pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the following claims were allowed and the members of the board and the clerk present.

GENERAL FUND

Miller's Pharmacy, fumigations 23.75

Dr. G. E. Campbell, insanity 9.50

Ethel E. Singleton, expenses 5.00

care of inmate 15.83

E. E. Beland, fees 5.00

R. L. Scarf Dealer, repairs for typewriter 5.97

Ethel E. Singleton, sal. for pt. of January 25.00

Niels Madsen, mileage for tax deed sales 18.00

Bancroft Whitney Co., law library 15.00

Niels Madsen, petty cash 297.32

Mt. S. Tel. and Tel. Co., telephone service 11.50

Curtiss 1000, Inc., supplies 15.95

Arthur C. Erickson, appraising land—use of tract index 5.00

Tribune Ptg. and Supply Co. 60.40

Ole Aspelund, salary for part of January 25.00

Hansen Co., two bushel baskets 3.50

J. M. Stoen, coal for county building 117.62

Linda E. Hall, salary for part of January 22.90

Niels Madsen, taxes for Dak. land 145.85

E. S. Koser, salary and exp. 95.13

Wm. Lynch, plumbing Plentywood 31.83

City of Plentywood, water for court house 12.60

D. Mork, coal on bond 25.00

Burroughs Add. Mach. Co., maintenance service mach. 102.85

Sons of Norway Hall Assn. 10.00

Plentywood Herald, posters & reward 10.28

Printing 832.51

E. C. Ferguson, traveling exp. 97.07

James G. Wagner, rent of Co. H. office 35.00

Atty. office 5.25

Chris Jensen, reg. electors 1.25

V. E. Anker, per diem & mileage 38.00

Dieter Bookbinding Co., books rebound— 67.80

A. C. McClurg and Co., books— 38.85

SINKK FUND

Albert J. Kollman, investing warrants 2,823.79

Albert J. Kollman, investing warrants 356.16

Albert J. Kollman, investing warrants 356.42

At 12 o'clock noon the board recessed until 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the board resumed pursuant to recess taken, all members of the board and the clerk present.

Duplicate Assessment Cancelled—

On motion the duplicate assessment and the 1929 delinquent tax book on page 18 on line 35 covering \$3 1/2 11-54 was ordered cancelled.

On motion the following securities were approved as security for county funds on deposit with the following banks:

Citizen State Bank, Dooley county warrants 546.02

Security State Bank, Outlook, county warrants 1,815.65

commercial bond 5,000.00

First Nat. Bank, Lake, county warrants 2,896.70

Farmers & Merch. State Bk. Plentywood, Montana, county bond 21,000.00

U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness 10,000.00

First Nat. Bank, Reserve Commercial Bank 6,000.00

Securities Approved—

At five o'clock p. m. the board adjourned until 10 a. m., Jan. 7th.

At 10 a. m., Jan. 7th, the board resumed pursuant to adjournment, all members of the board and the clerk present.

Oil Leases Signed—

At this time the board signed oil and gas leases to E. J. Lambert of Tulsa, Okla., covering the lands owned by the county in Townships 34-35-36 and 37 in Range 51-52-53 and 55.

The following letter received from the Superintendent of Public Instruction was ordered spread on the minutes:

Miss Ethel Singleton, Plentywood, Montana, 21st My dear Superintendent:

In compliance with Section 973, Montana School Laws, 1929, this notification is hereby given that you may present to the board of county commissioners verifying the fact that the Four Annual Statistical and Financial Reports for the School Year 1929-1930 have been accepted by the office of the state superintendent of public instruction.

Yours very truly,
ELIZABETH IRELAND,
Superintendent of Public Instruction

A letter and report from County Superintendent of apportionment of High School Tax of Percy Moe to Public High School was approved by the board.

At 12 noon the board recessed until 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the board resumed pursuant to recess taken, all members of the board and the clerk present.

Reports Approved—

On motion the monthly reports for the month of December 1930 of the Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Recorder and the Clerk's trial balance for the month of November, 1930, were approved.

Resolution Re: Increase of Budget—

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of August 1930, the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Montana, met pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 148 of Laws of the 21st Legislative Assembly, to consider estimates of expenditures and to fix the final budget for the current fiscal year, and at such meeting fixed the budget for "Other Expenses," being the sum of \$350,000.00.

County Treasurer of Sheridan County, Montana, at the sum of three hundred fifty and no-100 (\$350.00) dollars.

AND WHEREAS, in considering and fixing said budget, the said board of county commissioners neglected to include the expense of a surety bond for the county treasurer of Sheridan County, Montana, and the expense of paying for a surety bond for the County Treasurer was not anticipated at the time of fixing said budget;

AND WHEREAS, At the time of making said appropriation and the levy thereunder, it could not reasonably have been foreseen that such expense would be incurred, and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and that it will in all probability require approximately \$100,000.00 to compensate said budget for "Other Expense" during the present fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a notice be published by the Clerk, as required by Section 4 of Chapter 148 of the 1929 Session Laws of Montana, that the board of county commissioners shall be published in the official paper of Sheridan County, Montana, and which notice shall state the facts constituting this emergency, as aforesaid, and the amount of money required to meet such emergency, and notify the people that a public hearing will be held at the Commissioners' rooms, in the County Court House in the City of Plentywood, in Sheridan County, Montana, on the 2nd day of February 1931, at which time and place any taxpayer may appear and be heard for or against the expenditure of money for such alleged emergency.

AND ALSO RESOLVED, That all proceedings had in said matter be done and performed in strict compliance with said Chapter 148 of the 1929 Session Laws of the State of Montana.

Deputy Coroner Appointed—

On motion, G. E. Fulkerson was appointed Deputy County Coroner.

Re: Montana Power Company Claim—

The claim for a refund of taxes paid under protest from the Montana-Dakota Electric Company was discussed and the board decided that the County Clerk be instructed to meet with the attorney for the Power Company before the state board of equalization at Helena so as to have the controversy decided by the state board.

Minutes Read and Approved—

On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Motion made by Anker and seconded by French that Hansen and French attend the convention of county commissioners at Missoula, Jan. 21-23, 1931, and that French also meet with the State Highway Commission in regard to having road work done in this county by the state the coming year. The motion carried.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the board adjourned.

FRANK FRENCH,
Chairman of board.

Niels Madsen, Clerk.

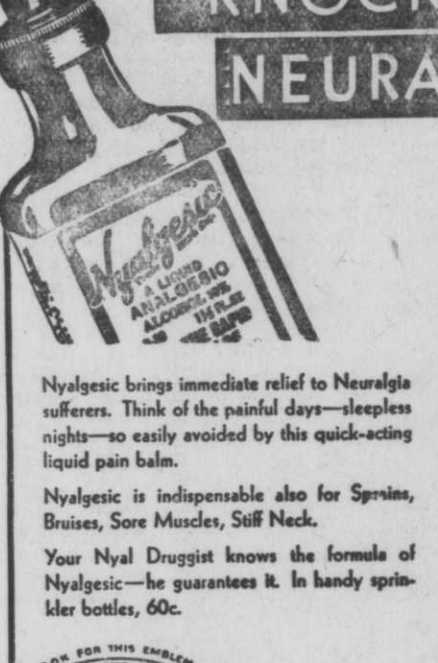
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MILLER'S PHARMACY

SCOBEY YOUTH

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came Wednesday after a fierce struggle.

The Arnesons used to live in the Outlook country before they went to Daniels county. Mr. Arneson mined coal there and farmed. In fact Leonard was either born there or came there as a baby. It will be remembered that he was one of several children who were badly burned years ago in a powder explosion. He attended school at Outlook for a number of years.

The remains were prepared for burial here immediately and lay in the slumber room of the local mortuary pending the arrival of a brother from Nebraska and other relatives when definite arrangements for the funeral will be made. The funeral and interment will probably occur at Scooby.

The young man left a \$1,000 life insurance policy which he took out a few months ago, which was very fortunate for his distracted parents who have been to great expense in their efforts to save their boy.