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Russian Delegates at Farmer-Labor Temple Tuesday July 7th

The delegates from the northwest and Pacific coast, five in number, who went to Russia in April with the national delegation sent over by the organization known as the Friends of Soviet Russia, to attend the great May Day celebration at Moscow and to visit and inspect the gigantic co-operative farm and the huge factories which are being erected by the workers and farmer's government of Russia in the Five Year Industrialization Plan, are now on their way home after extensive travel in Russia. They landed in New York a few days ago, and are westward bound in an automobile. On Tuesday, July 7th they will arrive in Plentywood, and will hold a mass meeting under the auspices of the United Farmers League. Mother Bloor will accompany them and will also speak.

These men, one of whom is a Montana farmer from Hysham, fresh from the worker Socialist republic, will tell you first hand what they saw in Russia: the big farms, the big factories, the people at work—where there is no unemployment, and no exploiters.

Every farmer in Sheridan county should attend this meeting.

In the evening these delegates will speak the Valley school southeast of Froid. Every person in eastern Roosevelt county should come to hear these men.

BIG F. U. MEETING AT BRUSH LAKE SUNDAY, JULY 5

Members of the Farmers Union of Sheridan county, and all farmers of the county, should go to Brush Lake Sunday to hear Secretary T. E. Howard of the Colorado Farmers Union.

There is an impending split in the Farmers Union between those who are supporting the Farm Board in its agricultural betrayal policy and those who are fighting the Farm Board and demanding a real farm relief policy.

The farm board is being supported by the St. Paul so-called co-operative exchange, who are borrowing huge sums of money from the Farm Board and drawing salaries of from \$6,000 to \$12,000 per year besides huge expense accounts, and it is being fought by the regular officers of the Farmers Union who are not being on the farm board payroll, are fighting for the farmers. This branch of the union is being led by Pres. John Simpson of the National Farmers Union. The St. Paul outfit is supporting Hoover and the Farm Board and the Farmers Union Herald, owned and controlled by the St. Paul crowd, which paper goes to all members of the Union in the northwest, is for the Farm Board. Sec. T. E. Howard is speaking against the Farm Board.

Howard is a powerful speaker. Every farmer should hear him Sunday afternoon at Brush Lake.

F. U. OIL MEETING AT WOLF POINT

Wolf Point, June 27.—A state convention of the officers and station managers connected with the oil department of the Farmers Union was held at Wolf Point on Wednesday at the Coliseum. About 125 people were present, including a few visitors.

Head officials attending included T. J. Kelly, state president of the Farmers Union; C. O. Spangler, head of the oil department; W. S. Good, director; L. C. Hart, district manager; Ralph Ingerson, general manager at St. Paul; T. R. Gilmour, representing the Arco Refining Co., makers of Arco and Globe gasoline and R. D. Thomas, representing the Northland Oil Co., distributors of Penn-Union oil. O. B. Horsford and Julius Gess, county union presidents were among the speakers.

The program of talks and round table discussions covered many of the important phases of making, shipping and selling gas, oil and grease in competition with other companies. Reports showed the oil department, which is a young enterprise with the union to be growing at a highly satisfactory rate. The products handled, especially Penn-Union Oil, are popular with the trade and satisfactory in quality and price.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson and children are on a vacation trip to various points in the western part of the state.

News Daily Press Didn't Print

Bannon Found Guilty at Crosby---Given Life Term

Father of Lynched Boy Now Safe In Dakota Penitentiary

Says, "I Am Not Guilty" When Judge Lowe Pronounced Sentence—Taken at Once to Bismarck Prison—Reputations Son's Confession—His Conviction Complicates the Justification of the Lynching of Charles Bannon.

Crosby, June 29.—James F. Bannon was convicted here on the second ballot, Sunday morning at 3 o'clock, June 28th for complicity in the killing of the Haven family in February 1930, at their farm Shafer, McKenzie County, North Dakota. The first ballot was 10 for conviction to 2 for acquittal, the second unanimous for conviction.

Sentenced immediately. When the jury reached its agreement Judge John H. Lowe was summoned from bed in a Crosby hotel to receive it. In the little town of Crosby scores of people had remained up anticipating a verdict.

They hurried to the court room when it was announced.

Standing erect and betraying no emotion Bannon heard the verdict. Asked by Judge Lowe whether he had anything to say he replied in a clear voice:

"I am not guilty."

Sentenced to Life. The court then pronounced the life sentence. Bannon was taken from the court room to a waiting automobile and inside of ten minutes was on his way to prison at Bismarck in custody of Sheriff Thompson of McKenzie county and Deputy Sheriff Charles Jacobson. He was silent on the trip and slept a part of the way, addressing only such remarks to the sheriffs as were necessary.

A few minutes before he was summoned to hear the verdict he had been sitting awake in his cell humming softly to himself.

Prison Monday. Bannon was dressed in the state prison at Bismarck Monday. He entered the prison door protesting his innocence and indicating that he will exhaust every effort to have his case re-opened.

Bannon is 55 years of age. By the law of averages covering prison life he has an expectancy of life covering not to exceed ten years.

Jury saw Picture. The jury convicting Bannon returned its verdict at 3 a. m. Sunday morning after two ballots. The first ballot was 10 to 2 for conviction. The second was unanimous.

Before the Bannon trial began, it was learned following the trial, every member of the jury had witnessed a motion picture presentation of the picture, "The Criminal Code."

The picture told a story detailing the horrors of prison life and setting up a strong case against the conviction on circumstantial evidence of persons accused of capital crimes.

Attorneys attending the trial and witnessing the picture marked the fact that every member of the jury saw it. They declared it was the strongest argument that could possibly be made under similar circumstances for the defense.

Case went to the jury about 8 o'clock Saturday night following hours of dramatic pleading by attorneys for the state and defense.

The closing plea for the state was by Thomas Craven, of Williams, special assistant attorney general. State's Attorney Taylor of McKenzie county summarized the state's evidence and asked for conviction in a brilliant address in which he carefully marshalled and analyzed the state's case. State's Attorney McIlraith of Divide county (Continued on last page.)

BOLSTER TIES 'CAN' TO DEPUTY CHRIST

County Assessor Bolster last Tuesday, June 30th, discharged as deputy assessor for the past several years, and who understood he was to have a job during the tenure of Assessor Bolster, especially during the present term. Christensen is reported to have been discharged with only a few hours notice.

As Christensen is understood to be a very efficient and capable of office hand, his dismissal came as a surprise to his many friends. It was understood at first that Christensen's dismissal was an economy move as there is very little work in the assessor's office at this time of the year, and that Assessor Bolster would get along with only his clerk until after the first of the year. But Wednesday morning Carter Phelps of Homestead appeared on the scene and was appointed as deputy to take Christensen's place.

It is reported that R. G. Tyler and Mr. Phelps' father-in-law, Mr. Olness, together with Com. French waited upon Assessor Bolster and insisted that Christensen be discharged and Carter Phelps appointed in his place, which Bolster did.

This is another instance of the power of the Medicine Lake crowd at the court house. Mrs. Phelps is postmistress at Homestead.

BUTTE CITY IN SAME BOAT WITH CHICAGO BOTH ARE "BROKE"

Butte, June 26.—Butte, like Chicago, is "broke" and the problem of finances is one of the most important facing the new administration.

As long as the banks continue to refuse to cash city warrants, Mayor Archie McTaggart has a none-too-contented city household; in fact it's a bad time for a new mayor when police and firemen cannot cash their salary warrants.

Meanwhile, the city council, anxious to right the situation which was foreshadowed more than a year ago when the legal debt limit of indebtedness was approached, as written a new tax bill.

The new tax ordinance, if declared constitutional, would license "persons, firms, associations and corporations" engaging in various occupations, the license fees ranging from \$2 to \$250 a year.

The bill, covering half a dozen closely typewritten pages and listing more than 200 occupations as subject to tax, has been referred to a judiciary committee which will study the proposal.

The present situation of decreasing property values and increasing debts has confronted Butte for some time. The city-county consolidation program defeated at a special election recently, would have prevented the critical state of city finances now being felt.

The consolidation bill would have increased the revenue from large corporations operating within the city limits by \$225,000 a year—a sum sufficient to decrease Butte's indebtedness.

W. C. Adams Is Appointed Roosevelt Commissioner

On Monday morning of last week Judge Paul appointed W. C. Adams of the Enterprise community near Froid to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Harbo, resigned. The appointment came as no surprise as it was expected that Mr. Adams would be named due to the fact that he was a great favorite of many of the taxpayers in the eastern end of the county and at meetings held in Froid and in the Enterprise community.

Mr. Adams is a pioneer farmer of the Enterprise community in that he was one of the first to fill the place with honor to himself and satisfaction to the taxpayers of the district and county.

Many Sheridan County Families Are Now Actually In Want

By EDGAR I. SYVERUD

Hon. Robert Larson's letter of appeal in last week's Producer News in behalf of the drought stricken farm families of southeastern Sheridan County is not overdrawn.

Irrespective of what our policies and social views are on other matters we can justly agree with him in his presentation of the present serious drought condition. The drought is a fact—the seriousness of it is apparent, and the future is very dark looking. It seems almost like some hideous, heart-breaking nightmare to a great many of us, not only in Mr. Larson's immediate neighborhood but includes practically the whole eastern part of the county and many spots in other parts of the county.

For the past several months we have watched and hoped for the crop saving rains only to experience from day to day the apparently never ceasing dust-storms, first from one direction and then from another. What crops that did get a start were cut away by the merciless sweep of the drifting sands, pastures were parched and eaten bare as plowed fields. There is very little hope for further grazing, let alone the possibility for hay for winter feeding. In fact many are herding their milch-cows on the remnants of their field crops as a means of getting by until something should turn up. The price of cattle is too low to bring returns enough in many cases even to pay the freight. And to ship to other localities for feeding would not work out very well except in the case of feeder cattle for market. But the families that have to depend wholly on their milch cows for a living must stay here and their cows must be kept here, so it seems that the feed must be provided in some way. The situation is alarming not alone for the present but for what's in store for the next fifteen months. There are many cases right now of real distress. Outside help is urgently needed.

As a starter, our board of commissioners on Saturday last complied with a request for \$400 with which to purchase Millet seed for those not in a position to buy otherwise. This was in order to help make a last effort to raise some hay for a few milch cows that are the sole dependence of many families. On Monday County Agent Ferguson and Niels Madson, deeming this amount not near enough to supply all those in need, appealed to the board for an increase which was given, a total of 20,000 pounds of millet to be purchased for distribution. Tuesday morning the whole office force got busy getting out notices so that those in need might receive quick attention.

In the rush of the emergency commendable work has been done in setting up the machinery of relief, but this will be just a starter compared to what may have to be done later.

The Red Cross is expected to have a representative here in a week or so and it would seem that it would be well for us to have some sort of organization set up as soon as possible thru which he could work and the relief could function more systematically.

A county director of relief, one who is acquainted with the country the people and the many local conditions should be selected.

While the scattered rains of the past week or so have been beneficial yet they will not insure a crop of either hay or grain under the existing condition and at this late date. Pastures and the blown crops are beginning to get green, a lot of this is Russian thistle that will be too thick for any good, but the season is too far advanced for much hope. Between the hot winds and the grasshopper the light showers will have a poor show of doing much good.

JURY GIVES W. PARENT BIG JUDGMENT AGAINST MACHINE COMPANY

District Court Adjourned Saturday Night After Longest Session in Many Years—Calendar Practically Cleared—Many Old Cases Finally Disposed of.

The jury in the case of the Minneapolis-Moline Company against Wilfred Parent of Medicine Lake which had lasted all the week, starting Monday, brought in a verdict at 9:30 Saturday night and was dismissed. The rest of the jury panel had been dismissed on Wednesday of last week after the case against Robert Robke, Jr., for delinquency, had been set over the term. The term was the longest probably in the history of the county. It was the first general term of court, however, for nearly two years so the calendar was large, and many cases took much longer to try than was anticipated. Many of the cases on the calendar were docketed nearly fifteen years ago, which were all disposed of this term either by settlement, dismissal, or by default. Probably at no time in the past has there been so little pending matters in the district court of Sheridan county as now, and another term will probably clear the docket.

The long term exhausted the district court funds and compelled the board of county commissioners to amend the budget, which they did last Saturday by adding two thousand dollars, the budget being overdrawn by that amount. The entire cost of the term, including jurymen per diem, mileage and witnesses' wages and other costs will amount to about \$3,500 according to Clerk of Court Carl Peterson.

The last two terms of court prior to this were special terms in which criminal cases only were tried, viz: in March 1929 when S. R. Collins was convicted and in June when Wanda Hass was acquitted in the sensational Hass murder trial. These cases cost nearly as much as this long one.

Helena.—Reprints received at the capital last week showed 2,750 men were employed on highway construction in Montana.

2 CATALOG HOUSES MAY MERGE SOON

John Sinclair writes in his syndicated column, "Everybody's Business" of the contemplated merger of Sears, Roebuck Co. and Montgomery Ward and Co. the two most important mail order houses in the country. This merger so long discussed is believed to be nearer today than ever. It is understood that the merger has the tentative approval of the federal trade commission. There are several other large mail order houses in competition with the two companies mentioned and it is believed that such a merger could not rightfully be called a monopoly.

The implement company's defense was that he had signed one of the written orders which have (Continued on last page.)

300 Starving Workers Help Self to Bread & Beef

Sheriff Gave \$10 for Salt, Sugar and Coffee for Barbecue—Too Many to Arrest—Three Hungry Men Fishing Jailed, Not So Many—Butte City Broke—Want to License Little Fellow But Big Fellow is too Many So City Can't Pay Help—There is Power in Numbers that Annals Statute Laws Says Butte Attorney.

RIDENOURS RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ridenour and daughters, Ellen and Alice, arrived in Plentywood Wednesday afternoon from Los Angeles, California, where they have sojourned since last November. They traveled to and from California by car, spending ten days on the return trip, coming north thru California to Oregon, and across that state and Washington to Seattle and east thru Idaho, and the Glacier National Park, visiting at divers points of interest along the way. Mr. Ridenour said they took their time and enjoyed themselves as they figured it would be long before they could make the trip again, and that they had come home prepared to dig a bare living out of the soil of northeastern Montana for some time to come. He reports that times are terrible on the coast, and that while there has been more rain to the west the drought is general over the western part of the United States, and that in California and Western Oregon and Washington and Montana there are no crops except on the irrigated land, and that water in many places is short for that.

The Ridenours say that in spite of everything they enjoyed their sojourn on the southwest Pacific coast. After the harvest they will return to their farm southwest of Plentywood where they will again take charge of the farming of their lands.

Com'ander Bread. Eddy's large bread truck appeared outside the commissary loaded with bread for the contractors. This bread, hungry job seekers simply commandeered, pillaged, took or stole according to the point of view of the man describing it. Bread is good as far as it goes but it also takes beef to have a barbecue. There were cow punchers and butchers in the crowd and cattle in the hills. A hungry preacher in the crowd opined: "The Savior said 'man shall not live by bread alone.'" The jobless then rounded up a succulent steer and butchered it. By that time the sheriff of Lewis & Clark county arrived in answer to an urgent telephone call.

3RD LARGEST BANK IN TOLEDO CLOSES

All Banks Now Ask for Sixty Days' Notice Before Money May Be Withdrawn.

Toledo, Ohio.—The third largest bank in this city has closed its doors and three other banks have announced that 60 days' written notice would be required for withdrawals of savings deposits. The Security Home Trust Co., with resources alleged to exceed \$6 million dollars, failed to open the doors of its main office and 11 branches, tying up about \$200,000 in deposits.

Heavy withdrawals from other banks followed, and as a result, the Commerce-Guardian Trust and Savings Bank, the Ohio Savings and Trust Co. announced that no one could get any money from them unless 60 days' written notice were given.

The Security Home Trust Co. issued a statement saying that it had closed its doors to conserve the assets and protect stockholders, creditors and depositors. Withdrawals amounting to \$7,000,000 in the last few months was said to have been the chief cause for the closing order.

The city of Toledo had about \$1,500,000 in general revenue and tax funds on deposit in the bank when it closed; the Board of Education had over a million dollars and Lucas county \$200,000 on deposit. All these are secured by bonds. Other depositors, mostly workers and small business men, are protected by nothing.

Arrest Hungry Fishermen. The sheriff learned of three of the crowd at Wolf Creek seizing the stream. He had power to deal with these offenders. It is said he arrested them.

Similarity of Idea. A thoughtful person can see a similarity of causal connection between the Wolf Creek incident and the License Tax proposed by the Committee of the Butte City Council. (Continued on page Four)

Alabama Now Permits Testimony Given by Atheists

Montgomery, Ala.—Reversing its earlier ruling that atheists cannot give testimony in Alabama courts, the court of appeals of Alabama has decided that the testimony of atheists may be legally taken. The original, and adverse, ruling was based on the theory that without belief in a supreme being there could be no valid oath. This theory was ascribed to the common law, which presumed that the witness, or maker of a declaration at death, should hold a supreme being as a reward of truth and avenger of falsehood.

Section 3 of the Alabama constitution guarantees all citizens a right to religious tests for public office or for citizenship rights.

A new awning has been installed at the Kitzberg store the past week.

McELROY CHILD HAS EYE BADLY INJURED

A serious accident occurred Wednesday evening, June 24, at the Curran home near McElroy. The three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Curran was playing with the spring of a screen door when in some manner the spring gouted into the child's eye tearing the eyeball across the pupil and damaging it otherwise. As soon as possible after the accident J. G. Noon took the child and his parents to Plentywood. There the doctor cleaned and tended the wound but advised that the patient be taken to Minot. Mr. Noon and party started immediately for Minot arriving there five o'clock Thursday morning. The injured eye was given further care. Mrs. Curran remained with the child in Minot. The latest report received is that the child is doing as well as can be expected and can return home soon. It is not known whether there will be any permanent injury to the eye or not.

Hear Returning Soviet Delegates at Farmer-Labor Temple, Plentywood, Tuesday afternoon, July 7th

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Friday, July 3, 1931

A VOICE FROM THE TOMB

"President Hoover's trip to the middle west was a daily jump from tomb to tomb," says the Daily Worker. "It is symbolic that, while in the Soviet Union nearly each day sees the working class dedicating new factories to socialism in a country without unemployment and with the 7-hour day, in the United States, with unemployment and wage cuts affecting millions, the president of the nation flutters about the country dedicating and re-dedicating tombs."

"Hoover's speech at the tomb of President Harding could not avoid what the republican party has for 8 years tried to avoid, and what the democratic party as an accomplice in capitalist robbery could only speak of in hints. We refer to the criminal record of the Ohio Gang which in government loot, cold blooded murder and sexual debauchery eclipsed even the annals of the French monarchy and the incestuous papacy."

"No one needs to take Communist testimony for proof. The Strange Death of President Harding, by Gaston B. Means, who far from being a Communist, is one of Congressman Flinn's 'red investigators,' is only one of several books recommended for those who may have a remnant of respect for capitalist government. This and Nan Britten's book, 'The President's Daughter,' while not advised for minors, should be on the shelves of every patriot who is fearful lest the spread of Bolshevism 'break up the home' and 'ruin American morals.'"

"Together with 'Revelry,' by Charles H. Adams, a book revealing how billions of dollars in natural resources were looted by the Ohio Gang and their pals, make up a choice reference library for anyone who wishes to know what Hoover was trying to cover up with his speeches from tomb to tomb."

"Poison seemed to have been a fad with the Ohio Gang when anyone was to be bumped off, although Jess Smith was shot as a hurry-up job. The then Attorney General of the United States, who kept hundreds of workers in prison for sedition has never been charged with murder. Sudden and mysterious death was the portion of not only gay girls, enticed to amuse the great but the great themselves. Harding died, but the manner of his death has never been adequately explained. Likewise Harding's personal doctor, Brigadier General Charles Sawyer, mysteriously 'died,' and several other committed suicide or just 'died.'"

"The stench of the Harding regime cannot be downed by fat-head, disinfected remarks about Harding's 'dim realization' that he was surrounded by a bunch of thieves and assassins with whom he was a joyful pal. Nor can the speeches of Hoover and Coolidge conceal the fact that both of these very respectable boiled-shirts were part and parcel of the same crowd. Compared to the Ohio Gang, Rasputin and the Borgias were rather decent."

"It comes with poor grace from the lips of a Hoover to say that 'there can be no man in our country who, either by his position or his influence stands above the law.'"

"Certainly it is hypocrisy to say so while Harry Daugherty sat beside Hoover on the platform at Harding's tomb; while Albert Fall is still out of jail from a mere one-year sentence; and more particularly while 40,000 miners, striking against starvation are being jailed by injunctions and shot down by police; while even the city of Springfield, where Hoover spoke at Lincoln's tomb, witnessed the outrageous beatings and arrests of unemployed workers the day before."

"All this palaver of Hoover about 'liberty' and 'law' cannot conceal from the workers the fact that the working class has no liberty and that the law of capitalist government is against the workers. The workers will learn from the contrast between Hoover's speeches and the facts of capitalist rule, that capitalism and crime are one and the same thing and that corruption and crime can only be burned out by the fire of proletarian revolution!"

CORN BELT FEDERATION SPLIT

A. W. Ricker, editor of the Farmers Union Herald, devotes about three columns of the current issue of that paper to an editorial entitled: "More About the Corn Belt Meeting," in which he explains the split in the Corn Belt Federation at its recent convention at Des Moines.

Some time has elapsed since that convention but a major portion of the Herald has been devoted to explanations and defenses of the position taken by the St. Paul Farmers Union co-operatives and himself at that meeting, in a futile effort to convince the rank and file of the Union that they were acting for the best interests of co-operation specifically and the farmers generally in making the split. The split and its significance is embarrassing to the executives of the so-called "co-operative" who happen to be pulling down fat salaries in sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 per annum for "doing the farmers good."

And, by the way, the Corn Belt Federation is a super organization of the officials of the state and national unions, the Terminal and other co-operatives, state and national Farm Bureau Federation and allied co-operatives; the State and National Grange, Wheat Growers Associations (pools) Sugar Beet Associations, etc., of the Corn Belt and the northwest. It was formed a couple of years ago. In the split those men supporting the Farm Board bolted the convention which was controlled by those criticizing it. The split was precipitated by an attack by Pres. Simpson of the Farmers Union and others on the Farm Board, the bolt being led by Editor A. W. Ricker of the Farmers Union Herald and executives borrowing money from the Farm Board.

We don't and never did have much faith in the Corn Belt Federation as a farmers' organization, and its split doesn't amount to a continental one way or the other as far as the farmers are concerned. So far it has functioned only as a politi-

cal pandemonium at election times. Last campaign it got a bunch of kale from Rascoe to deliver the farmer vote of the west to Wall Street's Al Smith.

This was divided, we understand, satisfactorily among the "leaders." Now that the split has occurred we have two pandemoniums instead of one—one Republican and one Democrat, whether the net proceeds will be greater or less than before remains to be seen. The split is of no consequence at all to the farmer except in so far as it saves to well expose Ricker and his outfit as a bunch of Republican pap suckers, which annoys them somewhat.

To divert attention from these facts Ricker kicks up clouds of dust to hide them from the members of the Farmers Union of the northwest who are not so wild about the G. O. P. or the Farm Board.

John Simpson of Oklahoma, critic of the Farm Board, was elected president of the Union at the national convention at St. Paul last January, defeating Pres. Huff, ardent Farm Board supporter and apologist, in a fight on the issue. The St. Paul co-operatives led by Ricker, and payroll functionaries, at that time formed a northwest committee, acting within the union, of those state union organizations under their control to support the Farm Board, and elected Huff chairman of its executive committee. Huff was at the time, as now, president of the National Grain Corporation, a sales agency set up by the Farm Board to handle grain coming to it thru the co-operatives it was backing, the largest stockholder of which is the Farmers Union Terminal Association of St. Paul. This move was the fore runner of other splits of which the Corn Belt Federation is the second, and the complete surrendering of the Farmers Union will be the third, unless the St. Paul outfit is unhorsed before that occurs—which may easily happen.

At the Corn Belt convention Pres. Simpson led the opposition to the Farm Board, and the battle is on now to determine whether the St. Paul business outfit or the non business elements of the Farmers Union is to dominate the union; or whether the payroll element supporting the Farm Board and Hoover and the Republican party or the critics of the Farm Board are to rule.

A. W. Ricker as usual is confusing the Union membership by making it appear that the fight is between those defending the marketing act and those opposing it, instead of those supporting and criticizing the Farm Board, which is two entirely different things. It is characteristic of Ricker and his tactics. He obscures the real issue, which is, whether the Farmers Union of the northwest will justify the Farm Board and line up for Hoover and the republican party for "plenty of money" for the St. Paul co-operatives guaranteeing fat salaries for executives during these hard times—money to pay for dinners at the swell Minnesota Club—or whether it will not.

The columns of the Herald are full of "defense of the Marketing Act" which is only fought by the grain dealers, gamblers, and the chambers of commerce which are opposed to any legislation for the benefits of either the farmers or the workers. Ricker, for his purposes, makes it appear that those who criticize the Farm Board are identical with those who oppose the marketing act. Thus he puts the critics of the Farm Board on an entirely false position and confuses the membership of the Union who are naturally for the Marketing Act, and thus leads them in support of it into the Republican party, besides maintaining his group control of the organization.

John Simpson is not now, nrr has he been denouncing or opposing the marketing act. He supports it and wants to amend it and make it effective—make it accomplish what it was meant to accomplish if that be possible, which, however, we don't believe is possible in the frame of capitalism. Nobody knows this better than Ricker. What Simpson has done and is doing, is denouncing and exposing the betrayal, the wanton and designed betrayal of the Marketing Act and the co-operatives and the farmers by the Farm Board appointed by Hoover for that work, for the purpose of discrediting for all times the idea of governmental aid for farmers, or for workers, as was done to the government ownership of railroads idea during government war time operation.

Simpson has accused the Farm Board of this betrayal, and confronted it with the evidence. But A. W. Ricker ignores all the charges made, all the evidence presented by Simpson of this betrayal, and answers Simpson, not directly but indirectly, by making it appear that he is attacking, along with the grain dealers, the marketing act itself, rather than the Farm Board and its administration of the act.

By this tactic Ricker has confused a lot of farmers—but they are slowly seeing the light, and when they do, the clever intriguer, the unmitigated faker, A. W. Ricker, a man with a most savory co-operative record is going to get the boot and the gate.

Ricker ends his long editorial by this gem of hypocritical sophistry:

"Very likely we all followed our convictions in our decision. If this be true and if both groups acted on principal and conviction there is no justification for one group questioning the motives or the honesty of the other."

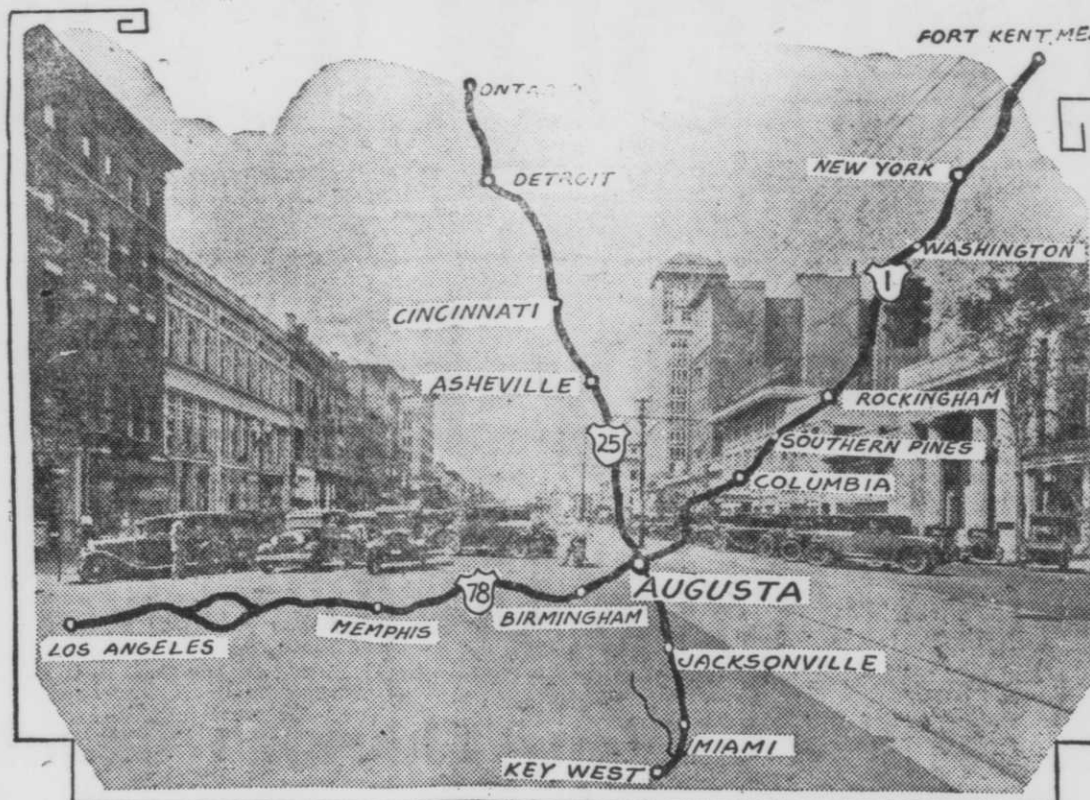
Mr. Ricker worries about the questioning of his motives. He is always on the high plane of conviction and principle. But his conviction is so blind that he can't see the Farm Board's betrayal and his principles are so supple that there are ends of his career as a co-operative savior of the farmers or anyone else.

Ricker was once connected with a co-operative wholesale and retail coal racket in the Twin Cities—if the facts of that swindle could be gotten before the farmers in all of its various ramifications, it would impair A. W. Ricker's convictions and motives considerably and hasten the aforesaid fact.

However, don't you farmers be deceived by any hopes of any marketing acts benefiting you—under capitalism, for it just won't and can't happen; don't lay any great hopes on co-operatives under capitalism for you will be disappointed and betrayed by high salaried fakers like Ricker, who for \$500 or \$1,000 per month will tell you what Wall Street teaches you for nothing. There is only one way and that is the Russian way—one hope, and that hope communism.

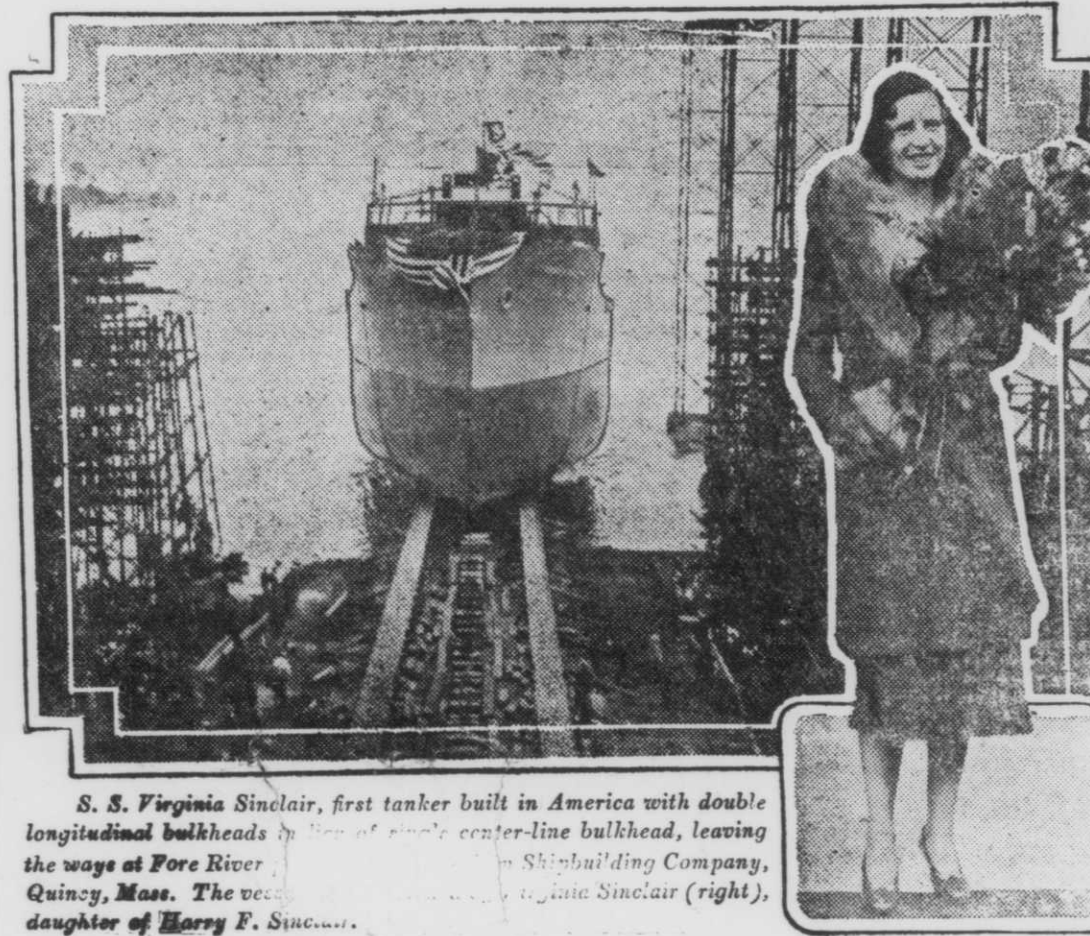
The masses must take over the machinery of production and distribution and operate it for the benefit of themselves. It is the only road to economic salvation! Why not travel it now, and quit the blind alleys and trails of class collaboration to nowhere pointed out by co-operative and labor fakers?

Nation's Widest Street



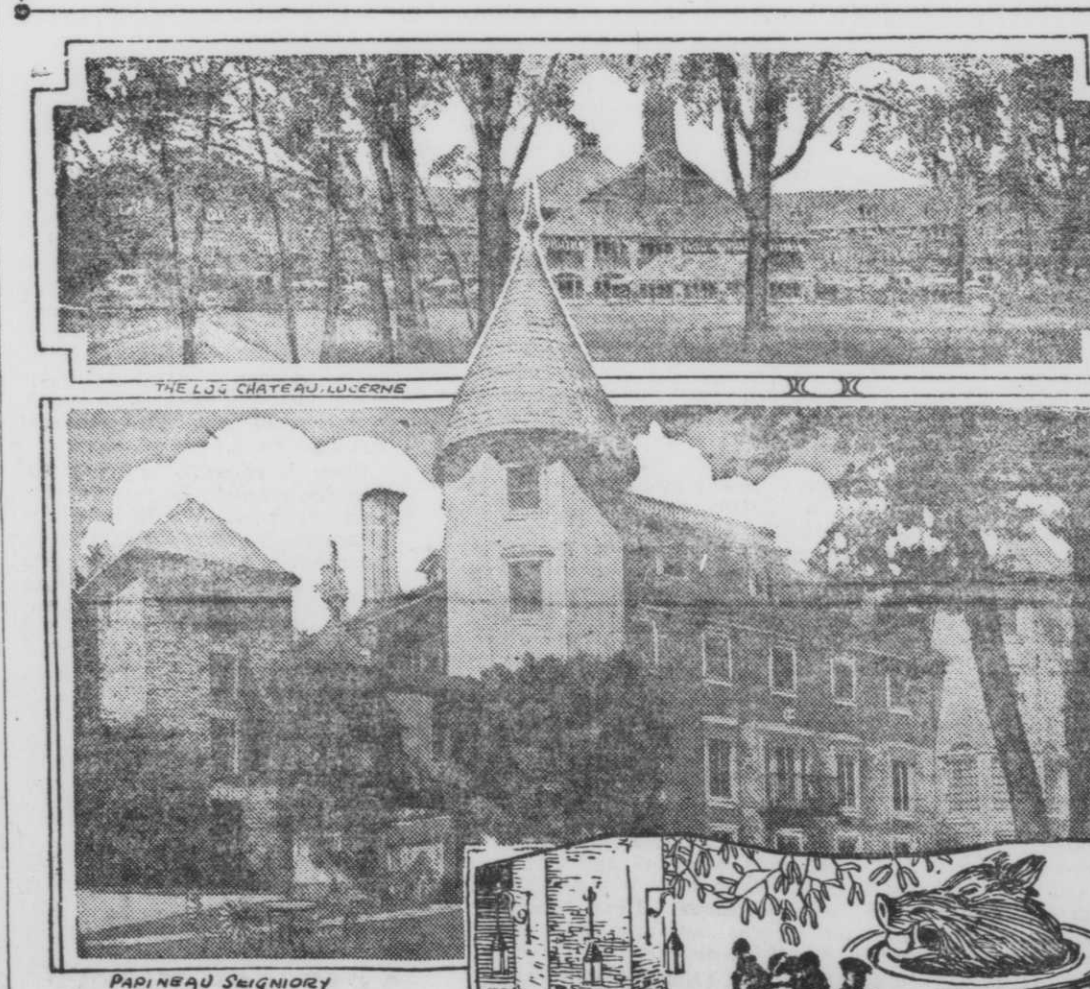
AUGUSTA, GA.—Here's a tough one for jaywalkers to cross. Its Broad Street, Augusta, Ga. It is 170 feet wide and can hold 12 cars abreast. Augusta is the terminus of some of America's greatest highways and caters to more North and Southbound motor traffic than any southeastern resort city. Hence this unusually wide street. U. S. Highway No. 1 running from Maine to Florida via New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, passes through Augusta. U. S. Highway No. 25 running from Ontario, Canada, through Detroit, Toledo and Cincinnati merges with No. 1 at Augusta. Federal Highway No. 78 running from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Charleston, S. C. through Memphis and Birmingham runs into Augusta. It is not uncommon to see license plates from practically every state in the Union in Augusta and even from Hawaii and Alaska. There are four golf courses, theatres, fine hotels and historical spots galore here to interest the touring motorist.

Huge American Oil Tanker Christened by Virginia Sinclair



S. S. Virginia Sinclair, first tanker built in America with double longitudinal bulkheads in lieu of single center-line bulkhead, leaving the ways at Fore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass. The vessel was christened by Virginia Sinclair (right), daughter of Harry F. Sinclair.

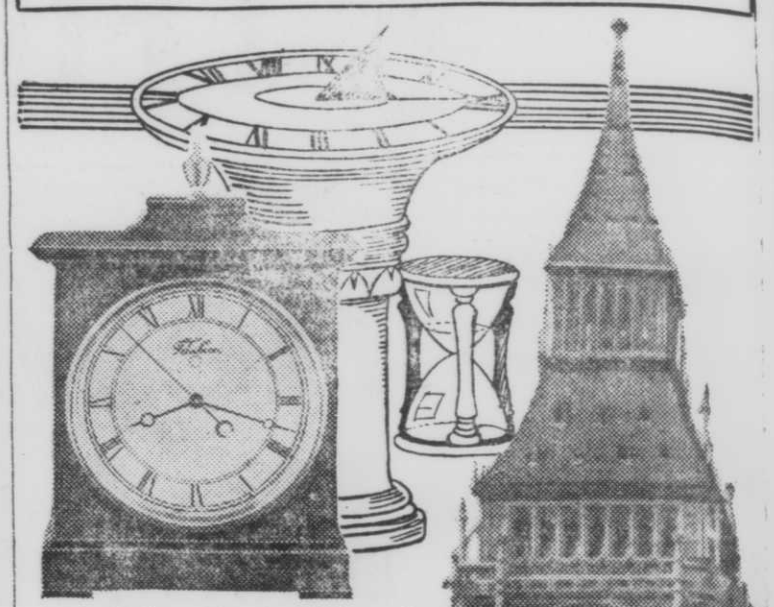
Lucerne-in-Quebec, Lure of the Great Out Doors



One hundred years ago the Lord of the old Papineau Seigneurie, at Montebello celebrated Christmas in the good old-fashioned way, surrounded by his family and dependents through a series of festivities lasting several days. The Yule-log crackled in the great fireplace; the merry voices of men and maidens rang through the great halls of the manor house; carols, so old that the origin of some of them were even then untraceable, were sung; bright garlands of evergreen decorated the apartments and corridors and—in a word—Christmas was King. Then, for a century, the song of the minstrels and laughter of the guests was hushed and only the falling snow told the historic seat of the Papineaus of the advent of the Christmas season. This year, however, Lucerne-in-Quebec has stretched its magic wand over the historic site and the ancient glories are to be revived. With the Log Chateau as head-

quarters, 88,000 acres of beautiful countryside will be thrown open to visitors to the unique hotel. Bob-sledding on one of the longest runs on the continent; ski-ing; ski-joring; ski-jumping; skating; snowshoeing and dog-dog sleds will be offered to the devotees of winter sports, while the most complete comforts and appointments of up-to-date hotel-keeping good food and bright entertainment will await the guests at close of day. Among the special features arranged for the Christmas festivities are the rendering of carols by The Children of His Majesty's Serv-

What's Inside of Clocks?



A Modern Electric Clock

THE little boy who spent Sunday afternoon fifty years ago taking the clock apart, would have a sad time now—a-days if he counted on exploring the insides of an electric timekeeper. He might take it down from the mantel piece and even get it open, but his fun would end right there. Instead of a paradise of wheels and tiny screws, presenting the original jig saw puzzle, he'd be sadly disappointed, for the modern electric clock is devoid of the mechanism popularly known as "the works."

There are only a few wheels, and a tiny motor. Of course, if the young man tried to get the motor apart, that would be a different story. Clocks have come a long way down the centuries, closely paralleling the rise of this civilization. The telechron electric clock in extreme simplicity and absolute accuracy, is in perfect pace with an age when every second counts, and the world moves fast. Back in the dawn of history, there was time to watch and keep track of the long shadows cast against the sun falling on sticks, put upright in the ground. Later, sun dials came and the sand glass, and man began to have a sense of the duration of time.

In 990 A. D. came a clock which was the forerunner of the modern clock, which was not made until 1364. And it was in 1581 that Galileo discovered, or rather recovered, the principle of the pendulum.

With each step forward in clock history, civilization progressed, time consciousness increased, until today we have the electric clock run by a motor, which if it loses a split second, is instantly corrected and synchronized by a master clock at the power house.

The magical control of an electric current doled out at a certain rate, provides telechron clocks with the motive power formerly delegated to a coiled spring with its army of wheels.

Letter Box

WESTBY DEPOSITORS NOT SO THANKFUL

Westby, Montana,
June 30, 1931.

Editor, Producers News,
Plentywood, Montana.

In last week's copies of the Medicine Lake Wave and the Plentywood Herald the depositors of the Farmers State Bank of Westby, which closed a couple weeks ago, are told a few things which were news to them: that is, that they were so thankful to P. G. Anderson for closing the bank at this time and glad that he did it for their protection, etc.

How could these papers have the gall to print all this bunk even if they are on the bankers' side and take great pains in protecting them? P. G. knows how "thankful" they are and how much they "appreciate" this protection, and it is said that he prefers to stay inside after dark. He also knows that hardly anybody ever had any use for him before and by closing the bank now when people need every penny they got worse than they ever have done before in the history of this county, does not increase his popularity any.

By closing this bank now when people who had a few dollars saved to "take them over" next winter or as far as it would reach, lost their money, makes it hard not only for themselves but also for others and they can not see why they should be thankful at all. If P. G. had told them, "take your money I know you will all need it before this depression is over; it is not safe with me," it would have been different, but that would not have been banking business.

If these newspapers devoted all this space of theirs to get P. G. to look better in the eyes of those he betrayed by telling them that his bank was safe and strong, they are badly mistaken. Their articles made their hate for him grow and these papers are making a laughing stock out of themselves by printing such stuff. The people around Westby are just as intelligent as any people and these papers do not need to try to tell them how they feel about things in a different way than they do, in hopes of changing their feelings.

This does not work with them! They also suggest that these papers devote some space to those who are so "thankful" and "appreciate" the closing of this bank so much now, so they can insert their cards of thanks to Mr. Anderson (they ought to do that much) and so the rest of them can know how they are.

We are fortunate in having a county attorney who is interested in sending people to "sanitariums" (?) and who is an expert when it comes to making out sanity complaints, not saving on either words or paper) so if these editors get worse we hope that they will get taken care of, and this would help.

Sincerely yours,
SIGRID KARLSON,

Attending Service School

Ervin (Bud) Marsh left Tuesday evening for Minot where he will attend the Westland Super Service Station school. With the installation of new and more extensive equipment in the local station it is necessary that employees should know all the latest approved methods of the vast army of Westland customers and for this purpose the company conducts a school for its employees at Minot.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of
VERNE ANKERMAN, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Lina Ankerman, administratrix of the estate of Verne Ankerman, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said undersigned at the office of J. J. Gunther, attorney, Plentywood, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the County of Sheridan.

Dated June 29th, 1931.
LINA ANKERMAN,
Administratrix of the Estate of Verne Ankerman, Deceased.
First Publication July 3, 1931.
Last publication July 24, 1931.

FOR PROTECTION

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CLONE, WINDSTORM
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FOR RATES SEE "JERRY"
THE LITTLE AGENT

Call or Address
G. G. POWELL
Plentywood Montana

FAMILY DOCTOR LEARNED THIS ABOUT CONSTIPATION



Dr. Caldwell loved people. His years of practice convinced him many were ruining their health by careless selection of laxatives. He determined to write a harmless prescription which would get at the cause of constipation, and correct it. Today, the prescription he wrote in 1885 is the world's most popular laxative! He prescribed a mixture of herbs and other pure ingredients now known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, in thousands of cases where bad breath, coated tongue, gas, headaches, biliousness and lack of appetite or energy showed the bowels of men, women and children were sluggish. It proved successful in even the most obstinate cases; old folks liked it for it never gripped; children liked its pleasant taste. All drugstores today have Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in bottles.

They Read the Producers News

POST AND GATTY MAKE RECORD TRIP AROUND EARTH

Wiley Post and Harold Gatty have pushed Colonel Lindbergh into second place in the flying world when Wednesday night about nine o'clock eastern standard time—about six o'clock Plentywood time, they landed their airplane, Winnie Mae, after encircling the globe in nine days, breaking all previous records.

The latest heroes of the air were greeted with wild acclaim when they landed at the spot which they left Tuesday, June 23, early in the morning, none the worse for their experience and in the best of health.

The flyers in the Winnie Mae left Roosevelt field, Long Island Tuesday morning, June 23 at 3:56 a. m. landing at Chester, England at 7 a. m. Wednesday morning, June 24, and arriving at Berlin the same afternoon at 2:30. They left Berlin Thursday at 1:38 a. m. and arrived at Moscow at 9:48 a. m. at Moscow from which place they resumed the flight at 9 p. m. They flew across Siberia Friday and Saturday and Sunday landing at different cities. They flew across the north Pacific following the Aleutian chain 2400 miles arriving at Nome, Alaska Monday, June 29 at 9 p. m. Leaving Nome two hours later and stopping at Fairbanks the arrived at Edmonton, Alberta at 6:37 p. m. Tuesday from where they reported to America by radio their trip to date. Wednesday morning at 5:30 they left Edmonton and arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, at 4:15 p. m. and then to New York where they arrived about four hours later finishing a record flight around the earth covering approximately 15,000 miles.

Thus Post and Gatty join the glory of air heroes and now occupy the center of the world stage, bringing again the flying laurels to the United States of America.

Want Ads

Ads in this column are charged for at the rate of two cents for each word each week. No ad taken for less than 25 cents. Remittance should accompany copy for the ad.

FOR SALE—Kitchen cabinet, China cabinet, beds and dressers. Mrs. Ed. Estes, Plentywood. (11-12)

FOR SALE—Kerosene stove, three burners. Good as new. Will sell cheap. Call the Producers News. Plentywood. (13-31)

REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS
FOR SALE. Call or write James Oelby, McCabe, Mont. (21-1)

FAIRM FOR SALE—320 acres with good improvements, 1/4 mile from school and church. Six miles SE of Dagmar. \$5,000.00. Terms, Hans Rasmussen, Plentywood. (511)

FOR SALE—Registered Nuland Flax seed, first prize at county fair and second at Great Falls seed show; germination 99 per cent. Price \$2 the bushel. Nels M. Olson, Outlook. (511)

FOR SALE—Chester White pigs six weeks to three months old. \$2.50 to \$3.00. Also registered Hereford bulls, three yearlings and one 2-year-old, 550 and 575. Lewis Marsh, Plentywood. (13-2)

\$100.00 will put you in possession of 40 or more acres of very productive land with easy payments. Land from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per acre. Arthur Reuber, Littlefork, Minnesota. (12-2)

FOR SALE—Prolonged illness forces sale of Antelope Hotel, partly furnished; two lots, main street, Antelope, Mont. \$1,000—\$250 down and \$25 per month, 6% interest. Address owner, Box 206, Kalspell, Montana. (12-4)

NOTICE—Come to My Place about May 1st four head of horses—two bays, one grey and one black. Swear pay for the advertising and get the horses. Art Noll, Dooley, Montana. (13-31)

TAKEN UP—Estray. Black gelding and grey mare, weight about 1200 each. Brand on the black. Taken up June 30. Owner can have same by paying for pasture and cost of advertising. S. E. Morstad, Raymond, Mont. (14-3)

Meat

AND WHAT A TASTY TREAT!

Be if Beef, Lamb or Pork you choose here you'll be back for more.

FORMAN'S MEAT MARKET
Phone 17 Plentywood

FROM AROUND SHERIDAN COUNTY

OUTLOOK RACINE VALLEY

"Grandpa" Melba, age 82 years, passed away last Monday afternoon. He had been in poor health for several years. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swan Black where he had lived since he came to Mont. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Outlook Theatre.

Magdalene Fitzgerald was taken to the Plentywood hospital last Sunday where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is recovering rapidly and is expected home by the middle of this week.

Last Sunday the Cayton baseball team played the Outlook team at the local field. The game held intense interest during the first inning for neither side made a score. At the end of the sixth inning the score stood 8 to 9 in favor of Outlook. During the seventh inning, which finished the game, Cayton made two scores. If the visitors had played a full game they may have made it interesting for the Outlook boys and also for the spectators.

Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Jensen and Dorothy Olson of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Olson, returned to their home last Wednesday.

Vernon Goodaxon, son of Wm. Goodaxon, met with an accident while playing ball. As he ran to the home base another boy jumped for the ball and so doing kicked Vernon a few inches above the ankle breaking a small bone. He was taken to the Plentywood Memorial Hospital where the fracture was reduced. He returned home the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Meharry and daughter Ellen, returned from Eugene, Oregon, last Tuesday, where they spent the winter. They report conditions there as being no better than in this section.

Mrs. Wm. Goodaxon, who has been away visiting friends and relatives at various places in North Dakota returned home last Friday.

Miss Violet Olson, who has been working for Mrs. Deck, returned to her home at Minton, Sask., because of illness.

James Symes, Mildred Tooke, Louise Hannah and Margaret and Montana Coopers visited at Redstone last Sunday.

Mrs. Sammy Thompson, who has been visiting at Ambrose returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Garrick and Garret Garrick to Flaxville to attend the show last Sunday evening. Last Saturday night several young people from Raymond came to Outlook to attend a dance. They then decided to go to Daleview. On their way they met with an accident. They were unacquainted with the road and were driving too fast to make a turn. They ran off the road and thru a four wire fence. Alice Syme sustained the only injuries. Her legs were cut badly. The car did not tip over but it ran over a large rock breaking the under parts of the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hendricks of Zumbrota, Minn., who are the home of Wm. Goodaxon, they came last Friday night and returned to their home Sunday evening.

Last Sunday evening, Frank Lund had the misfortune to sprain her knee.

NORTH RAYMOND

The Welfare Club of North Raymond met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Vold on Wednesday June 24. Most enjoyable time was had by both the members and visitors present.

Mr. Crosson, the Canadian Customs man, was a business called in Raymond Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Mattson and daughters, Mildred and Dorothy, drove up from near Los Angeles where they have been residing, last Wednesday. He reported that they drove 2,000 miles in six days. The Mattson family will reside on the farm north of Raymond during the summer months.

Milton Evenson has been herding cows for Alfred Stadstad the past two weeks.

Joe Henriksmeier drove to Colgan last Friday to visit with his uncle, Jacob Hyster and family. He returned Monday.

Last Saturday night Sam Wilson, Eldorado, Holland, Mildred Tooke, Alice and James Symes met with a car accident, which might have proved a more serious one. While driving on a hill near Outlook the brakes on one wheel locked causing the car to go off the grade. Alice was thrown from the car receiving cuts and bruises, while the other occupants were not injured.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Fred Budke and daughters Blanche and Venice and son Percy left for Sherwood, N. D. where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Budke's folks. The Norbert plantation is occupying the place during the absence of the Budkes.

ANTELOPE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark and children were Wed. evening visitors at the G. W. Grayson home.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. Stewart and Mrs. Ed. Van Hee and children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackmore.

Halvor Bestland, O. B. Hoyens and Alf Hoverson, who are Mrs. Hank Hanson and Oscar Christiansen have returned the past week from trips into Dakota and Minnesota.

On June 15th Varian Grayson celebrated her fifth birthday by having a party and inviting Irma and Lillian Mae Tschell, Charlotte Vasey and Vernie Louise Grayson.

Ole Evenson became seriously ill and was taken to the Plentywood hospital by Dr. Fawcett Thursday. He is much improved and expects to return home in a few days.

Mrs. R. R. Ueland, Mabel Ueland, Mrs. Rudolph Ueland and Bobby, called Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart.

Mon. Mr. Simundson commenced a two weeks parochial school here. D. O. Danielson, Art Olson and Helmer Thorsen comprise a committee arranging the school. About 20 children are attending.

Milo Arneklef is back from the Plentywood hospital and his broken arm is mending nicely.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Richardson motored to Welliver to visit J. J. Glover.

Mrs. Mary Hedges is keeping house at the Martin Nelson home in Plentywood while the Nelsons are on a trip west.

Mrs. Leslie Hedges and baby spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Erickson. Lorna Blackmore and Shirley Hedges entertained the 4-H Cooking Club at Blackmore's Tuesday.

Ruth Arneklef visited with Mollie Island a few days last week.

The Albert Lindquist family were evening guests at the Fred Lilla home Thursday.

The 24th of June at Art Christianson's the East ball team was defeated in a game played against Reserve and Dagmar players. The score was 17 to 24.

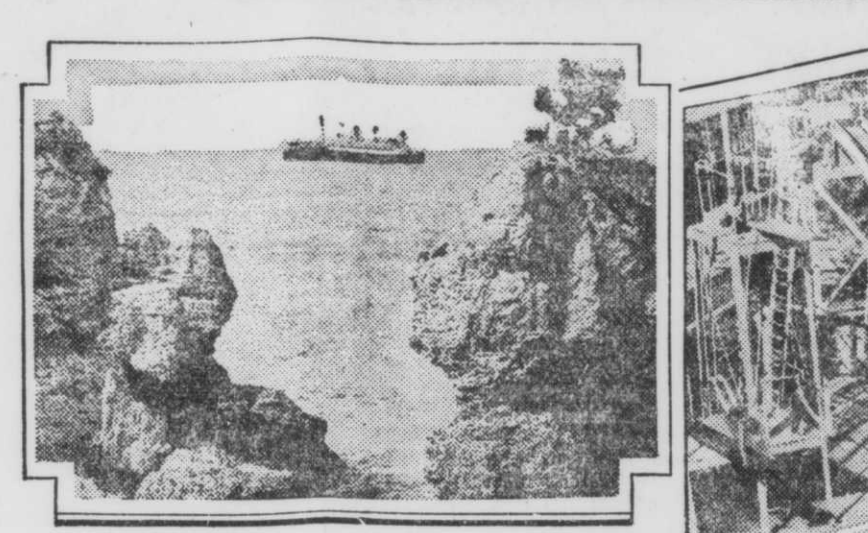
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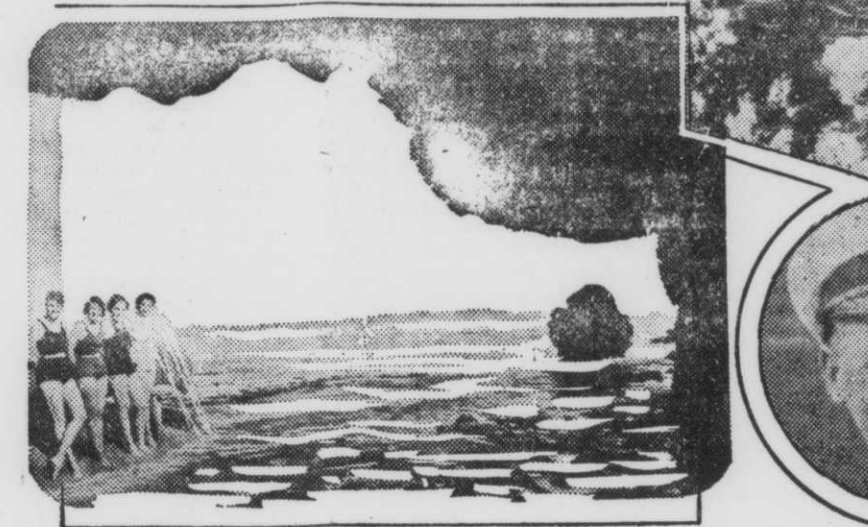
Mixed Feed \$15.00 per ton bulk at the Lake Mill. (18-4)

Busy Bee Notes
The Busy Bee Boys Club held

Coral Isles of Bermuda



CORAL FORMATION, DUCHESSE OF YORK



BERMUDA MERMAIDS

Bermuda, less than 48 hours from New York, is annually becoming more popular as a winter rendezvous for lovers of sunshine, so much so that the Canadian Pacific Steamships have taken one of their finest vessels from their regular transatlantic route and placed her in service between New York and Bermuda. This steamer, the 20,021-ton Duchess of York, is now the largest and fastest vessel plying to the Bermuda Islands and she is commanded by one of the most distinguished captains on the Atlantic—

Capt. R. N. Stuart, V. C., D. S. O., U. S. N. C., R. N. R. She sails every Saturday from New York to Hamilton, Bermuda, from January 31 until the middle of April.

The Bermudas are a British colony located about 580 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. The chief town is Hamilton, a popular resort, with splendid bathing beaches and fine hotels. The islands are noted for their world over for their mild, delightful climate, lovely coral stands and the azure blue of the surrounding Atlantic.

The visitor spends long, lazy days swimming, cycling over picturesque winding roads, fishing, tennis, motor-boating, sailing, card-playing and dancing, and it is usually with a sigh of regret that he watches the islands fade in the distance as he sails away.

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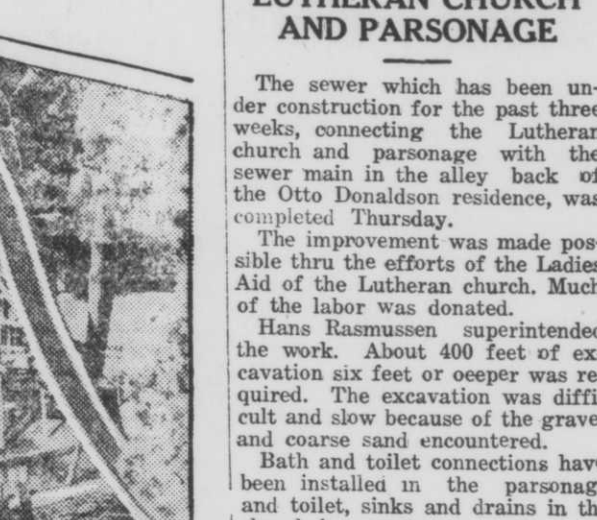
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The improvement was made possible thru the efforts of the Ladies Aid of the Lutheran church. Much of the labor was donated.

Hans Rasmussen superintended the work. About 400 feet of excavation six feet or deeper was required. The excavation was difficult and slow because of the gravel and coarse sand encountered.

Bath and toilet connections have been installed in the parsonage and toilet, sinks and drains in the church basement.

RAILROADS MIGHT LOWER GRAIN RATE

Chicago, June 30.—The United States District Court today dissolved a temporary injunction restraining the Interstate Commerce Commission from putting into effect its order lowering freight rate on grain in western trunk line territory. The new rates will go into effect as soon as possible and continue pending final determination of the case.

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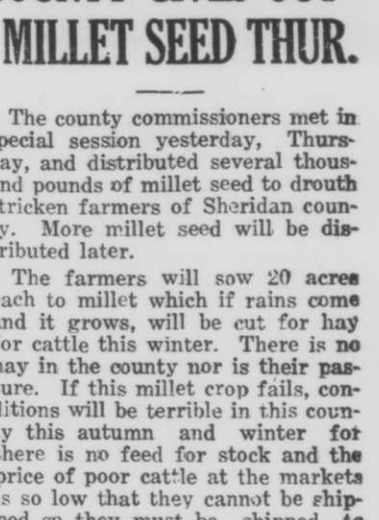
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The farmers will sow 20 acres each to millet which if rains come and it grows, will be cut for hay for the winter. There is no hay in the county nor is there pasture. If this millet crop fails, conditions will be terrible in this county this autumn and winter for there is no feed for stock and the price of poor cattle at the markets is so low that they cannot be shipped so they must be shipped to pasture for which the farmer has no money, or they must either be killed or starve. The cattle will soon be so poor that they will not make much in the way of meat for food.

The millet seed was secured at a seed elevator at Sidney. The county commissioners sent the county trucks and drivers for it. These getting the seed Thursday were mostly from the Dagmar section of the county.

Other who need the seed should apply for it at once. Applications are filed with the county agent.

RELIEF

From Headaches
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LIBRARY NOTES

During the past few weeks an innovation in the form of story hours for children has been tried out quite successfully at various places thruout the county. So far Miss Johnson has visited communities at Comertown, Dagmar and Westby, taking books out for actual distribution among the children after familiarizing them with some of the stories. A host of new borrowers have thus become interested in the library and judging by the clamorous "come agains" this has been a highly successful means of stimulating interest in good reading.

A new branch of the library was opened at Westby on Tuesday June 30. This branch is located at Miller's drug store and is under the supervision of Donald Miller. To illustrate reading interests there we may but mention that the books had been there only an hour when thirty of them had already been checked out to eager young borrowers. The collection at this branch has fiction for adults as well as for children and library patrons who find it more convenient may get their books at this branch from now on.

Circulation reports from the main library for the month of June show a total of 1346 books given out. This is an increase of 368 over the number given out during the same month a year ago—a favorable indication of the growth in usefulness of the library.

HYDE GETS REPORT OF BROWN THURS.

Washington, June 30.—Sec. Hyde will receive a first hand report of the northwest drought tomorrow at Kansas City and probably will decide how the government can extend financial aid to the hard pressed farmers of the arid area.

The situation is most serious in Montana and North Dakota. John G. Brown, an agriculture department special agent, who was instructed by Hyde to investigate conditions in those states will detail to the secretary the farmers' needs and the extent of security they could muster.

HYDE PREDICTS BIG DECREASE IN WHEAT OUTPUT THIS SEASON

Kansas City, July 1.—Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, said in an interview here today that in his judgment the worldwide production of wheat during the coming year will be at least 350 million bushels short of last season.

This, he said, includes Russian wheat and takes into account the probability that Canada, at worst, will have only 225 million bushels this year, that Argentina, turning to flax, will be 30 per cent short in wheat acreage and that Australia will have a reduced acreage of 40 per cent.

The secretary refused to comment on the course of wheat prices in the face of these bullish factors but said prices should react to the condition when it became generally known.

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There has been some speculation whether Hyde would order reopening of the farm rehabilitation loans which were closed April 30. About five million dollars remains in this fund. Department officials expressed doubt there was authority for such procedure.

Sen. Nye, of North Dakota, with state officials, is planning to come to Washington to seek assistance for the farmers of his state.

After the business meeting Mrs. Clark served a delicious lunch. At our next meeting we will have a health program. Each member is to come prepared to quote some health rule in answer to roll call and to make a report on some phase of the subject "health."

We will also judge the work which has been finished. This meeting will be held at the Fred Glaze home July 12.

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PEOPLES PUBLISHING COMPANY

The Stockholders of the Peoples Publishing Company are hereby notified that pursuant to the Charter and By-Laws of the above Corporation, the regular annual stockholders meeting will be held at the Farmer-Labor Temple at Plentywood, Saturday, July 17, 1931 at 2 o'clock p. m., when the board of directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the annual stockholders meeting.

O. M. LUTNES, Secretary.

Any stockholder who cannot attend in person, will please sign the following proxy and give to some one attending.

PROXY

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do hereby constitute and appoint _____ to be my lawful attorney, substitute and proxy, for me in my name, place and stead to vote _____ share of stock owned by me in the Peoples Publishing Company at Plentywood, Montana, at the stockholders annual meeting to be held at the Farmer-Labor Temple, Plentywood, Mont., Saturday, July 17, 1931 as fully as I may or could do, were I personally present at said meeting.

I hereby revoke any proxy given to any person heretofore and prior to this date.

Signed _____

Stockholder, Peoples Pub. Co.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 1931.

4-H CLUB CAMP AT BRUSH LAKE

The Annual 4-H Club Camp will be held at Brush Lake July 13, 14 and 15. All 4-H Club boys and girls in the county are urged to attend and parents and friends are invited to evening and afternoon sessions.

The program this year is especially interesting. Miss Myrtle Euren, Asst. State Club Leader, and Miss Dorothy Garrett, Athletic Director who many remember, will be on hand with lots of new things. There will be contests, talks by local people, a movie, craft work and some snappy ball games. Tuesday night will be stunt night, and any one who saw the program last year knows the type of entertainment Sheridan County 4-H Clubs can furnish.

Meals will be served in the dining hall for all those who do not wish to camp. For the clubs who are in charge of an adult person, arrangements have been made for them to cook their own meals and the girls may sleep in the pavilion. Each club member must be responsible for his or her own bedding. Expenses have been kept to a minimum this year in order that there may be a 100% attendance. Last year the Brush Lake camp was the largest in the state. What will it be this year? Let's keep up the good work, and the dates—July 13, 14 and 15.

Receipts to the state land department for May this year totaled \$63,693 as compared with May 1930, when the total was \$76,559. The decrease is in rentals and oil and gas leases, according to the report of Commissioner Brandford.

COURT

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so often entrapped unwary farmers, and by which his damages were limited to the parts which broke. Moreover, he was required, by the terms of the order, to give notice within a few days after the machine was delivered; and such notice was extremely technical.

Parent answered this by showing that he never had read the order nor had it read to him. He also claimed the company had not read the term of the written order by having its men out there to put the machine in operation and try to make it work.

Eight of the jury, consisting of the following, voted solidly for Parent: McCready of Redstone; Erdsahl of Medicine Lake; Aklestad of Plentywood; Ronnes of Dooley; Rasmussen of Dagmar; Carl Christianson of Antelope; Carl Lind of Reserve and Howell of Plentywood. Four of the jury led by J. F. Moore, an implement dealer at Medicine Lake, voted against allowing the farmer any damages. The other three were Jensen of Raymond; Wilhelm of Dagmar; and Madsen of Westby.

After several hours of deliberation the jury allowed the defendant \$2,908.00 damages, and cancelled all of the outstanding notes which, with attorney's fees, it is understood, and interest amount to approximately \$3,500. Parent's victory really amounted to one of about \$7,400.00.

Paul Babcock of Plentywood represented the implement company; and Parent was represented by Howard M. Lewis. The case took all of one week and was characterized by lengthy examination and numerous shifts between attorneys. Objections poured in rapidly from both sides. Several of the jurors took notes during the trial and as the case was one which is greatly involved they showed extremely good judgment in doing this. Parent's counter claim included his loss of grain for the years 1929 and 1930 and he deducted from the market price of the grain, which was lost, the cost of hauling. This made a very involved case to be tried by a jury and the eight who remained true to the principles of justice and of right are to be congratulated upon being able to keep the facts clear in their minds.

FINE JURY
This term of court was distinguished by an exceptionally intelligent and careful and attentive jury which gave its very best efforts in every case to do justice between the litigants. Many of the jury were alert and interested young men who took their duty seriously and required themselves with great credit.

Hot Springs — The post office building has been repainted.

BANNON

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ty, assisting in Bannon's defense, made the principal plea for Bannon. The pleas began at 8 a. m. and were not concluded until about 8 o'clock Saturday night. A packed courtroom heard them.

The Murder
The Bannon family disappeared on February 9, 1930. Shortly after that Bannon and his son moved onto the Haven place after telling them they had driven the Havens to Williston on the night of the 9th where they took the train for Oregon. The Bannons took possession of the property of the Havens and sold some of the bugs on the place. Charles Bannon was arrested last November and charged with the embezzlement of some of the Haven property. In the meantime the older Bannon went to Oregon where he was later arrested. He had in his possession at the time of his arrest almost \$1,000 which he admitted belonged to the Havens and which he declared he was trying to deliver to them in Oregon.

Charles Bannon finally confessed to the killing of the entire family and told where the bodies would be found. James Bannon maintained his innocence but offered

CHILDRENS HOSPITAL BUILT WITHOUT TAX

Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin's orthopedic hospital for children has been dedicated. It cost the taxpayers nothing.

Some years ago the state of Wisconsin established a fire insurance fund to insure public buildings owned by villages, towns, cities, counties and the state. At first the state charged premiums 25% less than the private insurance companies. The surplus accumulated so rapidly the rate was cut so that the premium was but 65% of the rate charged by private concerns.

Out of the surplus, the state built a new office building to house the fund and now draws on the surplus to build the state children's hospital. It cost \$300,000.

Charles Bannon, son of James, confessed to the murder and was taken from the jail at Shafter by a mob and lynched early in the morning of January 29, 1931. In his confession the younger Bannon exonerated his father and took the entire blame for the destruction of the Havens but States Attorney J. S. Taylor of McKenzie county insisted that James Bannon was a party to the murder and subpoenaed 52 witnesses to prove his contentions.

James Bannon was kept at the jail at Williston since his arrest last fall. He was taken to Shafter for preliminary hearing and trial along with his 22 year old son on January 28th and put in jail at Shafter from which he was taken by the mob early the next morning and lynched. As a result of the feeling in McKenzie county, Bannon was granted a change of venue which was made to Divide county and started week before last.

Repudiates Confession
Bannon in his testimony on his own behalf repudiated the confession of his son Charles, who confessed to the six Haven murders and was later lynched.

Confessions in Charles Bannon's handwriting were read into the record and filed as exhibits. The younger Bannon testified that his father had been at the Haven farm at 11 o'clock on the day when the boy alleged that he shot and clubbed to death six members of the Haven family.

Bannon denied he was at the Haven farm at any time on the day of the murders.

Good Witness
Attorney Craven said in Williston that Bannon had been a good witness in his own defense. "He told his story carefully," Craven said, "and we were unable to break it down in cross examination."

Peculiar Situation
The conviction of the elder Bannon complicates the Haven murder case. A bunch of hoodlums lynched Charles Bannon who had confessed to the gruesome murder in one of the most vicious and degenerate lynchings in the history of the west. It is evident that the officers made no attempt to protect Charlie Bannon and it would seem that they even encouraged the lynching if they did not actually participate.

After the dastardly and disgraceful affair Gov. Shafter of North Dakota made a weak gesture to find the murderers of Charles Bannon, but his investigators reported they could find no clues. Now the jury convicts James Bannon, the father. If James Bannon was a party to the murder then no doubt can exist but that he was the instigator, and undoubtedly the principal. Evidence against Bannon is convincing. Then it appears that Charlie Bannon, the boy, bravely assumed all responsibility for the murder, and died at the hands of the murderers protesting the innocence of his father to save him. And so the principal goes to prison for life and the son was murdered.

NEWS

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oil in its attempt to raise two and one-half million dollars to pay off the city's debts. Peddlers are to be charged fifty dollars a year, barbers get a raise, auctioneers must pay (the sheriff is the only auctioneer in Butte), boot blacks

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CASTORIA

must contribute, merchants (drifting to bankruptcy) must pay. The license proposed for the one hundred and fifty million dollar New Jersey corporation called Montana Power Company is two hundred dollars a year. The Bell Telephone Company with a surplus last year of seven hundred one million dollars must pay only four hundred dollars. The judicial committee of the city council advertised an open meeting on the proposed license tax. Some small fry employed a lawyer to tell the committee how iniquitous and amounting to public repudiation it was to try to pay the immense public debt without making the big fellows pay their share.

The Profit of the Plutes
This lawyer addressed the open meeting to the following purpose: The telephone company, 14 years ago raised the rates in Butte and generally in Montana 50 per cent. The Bell system faced a competing automatic system. They bought out this competitor for eighteen hundred thousand dollars. While in fact the rates were raised to make the people pay back this money at the rate of six hundred thousand dollars a year for three years, the Bell published that the war price of copper compelled the raise in rates. Copper is cheap now. The Bell also published that Butte was too large a town for an automatic system and that it was better for the community to employ 85 worthy women in the exchange. The lawyer went on to say that the Bell hoped to get by with this extortion for only three years, but that the utility commission was so worthless that the telephone company has gotten by with it for fourteen years. He also explained that telephone rates were higher in Butte than in Wen-

atchee, a smaller town, or Salt Lake, a larger town. That this could not be due to wages in Butte. He suggested a license on the telephone company of one hundred thousand dollars a year to get back some of the six hundred thousand dollars that has been gouged out of the people of the state for a decade.

He explained how the Montana Power Company had grown from a little wood burning lighting plant to a one hundred and fifty million dollar New Jersey corporation. He intimated that the people in the East were getting all they could out of us. That turn about was only fair play. That the little fellows about to be taxed would cheerfully endure the hardships if the council would lay a fair license tax on the Power company which should be at least two hundred thousand dollars a year.

He asserted that while the Water Company had acted more decently towards Butte than the other two yet it should be heavily licensed.

Council and Sheriff Act Alike
The council will act like the sheriff did. It will not even attempt to make the big fellows pay. The job under the present slavery of Montana is too big. The council knows well that failure to pass such a license tax means repudiation of the city's obligations. The Power Company, the Telephone Company, the Anaconda Company, the railroads, the Water Company, are all one in fact, though different in name. These own the daily press of the state. (Except the Great Falls Tribune which is pretty nearly free of its immense debt to some directors of the Great Northern.) These concerns all have their presidents on the board of directors of the First Bank Stock

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The Power of Strength
The sheriff stopped the fellows from unlawful fishing. He had the power. As to the pillage of the bread wagon and barbecue of the steer he had no power in the

case. Organized society only can remedy the condition that brought on these events. There is as little use also under the present organized state of the people of Montana to try to make any member of the Grand Alliance of Mergers, Banks, Railroads, Telephone, Power and Mining Companies carry its fair share of the burden of government. The people must wake up or sleep the sleep of slavery that knows no waking from the inside.

H. LOWNDES MAURY.

Local Beauty Is Socked by State Inspector \$15.00

Mrs. Beck, of Butte, State Inspector Has Plentywood Girl Arrested for Practicing without License

The hairdressers of Montana are enforcing the hairdressers' law with a vengeance. Mrs. Beck of Butte, hairdresser inspector, is traveling over the state fetching woe to those who are violating the hairdressers license law, arresting and fining violators wherever she finds one.

The law, she says, is a sanitary measure, made to protect both the public and the legitimate hairdressers from unsanitary and unfair competition, and that it is her purpose to enforce it, let the axe fall where it may.

Monday, a week ago, Mrs. Beck "hove to" at Plentywood and made a rigid inspection of the local beauty parlors. After telling them where to head in at in regard to a thing or two she got busy looking after those practicing hair dressing in their homes and without a license. She called up and made a date with Florence Nelson, daughter of Anton Nelson the local implement dealer. Then she went to Grant Bakewell and demanded a warrant for Miss Nelson's arrest. The warrant was issued before Judge Belanski. Mr. Nelson accompanied his daughter to justice court, where she was fined \$15 by Hizzoner upon her promise not to violate the law in the future. The fine money was turned over to the county treasurer and covered by him into the public school fund.

Mrs. Beck said, "It's too bad to bring the young ladies, good girls too, too frequently from the best families, into justice court on misdemeanor charges and make records against them, which may embarrass them in the future, but it

seems that this is the only way we can enforce the law. It seems that warnings are not sufficient in too many cases."

Mrs. Beck had two violators arrested and fined at Culbertson. She said there were others practicing without a license in Plentywood but hoped that one arrest would be sufficient.

LOCAL MARKETS

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1931
Dark Northern Wheat 43
Winter Wheat 38
Amber Durum 29
Rye, per bushel 11
Oats, per bushel 10
Barley 11
Flax 1.27
Dairy Butter20
Eggs, per dozen 12 1/2

FERTILE, MINNESOTA PEOPLE VISIT PWOOD

Edwin and Iver Morvig, brothers of Mrs. Jens Gronvold, and Miss Angeline Gredvig, their niece, all of Fertile Minnesota, Mrs. Gronvold's girlhood home, arrived in Plentywood, Friday night, June 19 for a few days' visit with the Gronvolds, at Plentywood, and Ole Morvig and Art Goodale, relatives, at Whitetail.

People here will recall Mr. and Mrs. Morvig who used to come to Plentywood to visit their daughter, Mrs. Jens Gronvold. The visitors report the old gentleman as very well. Mrs. Morvig died a year ago this spring.

The party left Fertile Friday morning at 4 o'clock and arrived here that night at 9 o'clock making a record trip of 525 miles.

The visitors report a bumper crop in Minnesota, where the out-of-doors never looked nicer and good crops to Devils Lake but absolutely nothing west of that city to the Montana line, and that things looked, bad as they are, much better in Montana than in the intervening territory.

The party returned to Fertile on Tuesday of last week.

Have good millet seed and barley seed for sale. Price reasonable. Points Seed Farm, Crosby, North Dakota. (13-24)

CHURCH NOTES

LUTHERAN CHURCH
O. M. Simundson, Pastor.
Sunday, July 5th—
Communion services at Dooley at 11 a. m. and Communion service at Antelope at 2:30 p. m. Communicants will kindly be promptly on time. Mr. Simundson will have services at Plentywood at 11 a. m. and at Outlook at 2:30 p. m.

Sunday, July 12—Services at 11 a. m. at Plentywood and at Raymond at 2:30 p. m. and at Outlook at 8 p. m. Mr. Simundson will have services at Antelope at 11 a. m. and at Dooley at 2:30 p. m.

The Dooley people will kindly remember that the summer school begins there on Monday, July 13 at 9 a. m. We hope that all parents will send the children. Let us make the best use of this opportunity.

TRINITY LUTHERAN, DOOLEY
We are celebrating mission-festival next Sunday, July 5th with German services at 10:30 a. m.; English services at 2:30 p. m. The morning speaker will be the Rev. F. A. Mehl from Sylvan Grove, Kansas, father of the present pastor. In the afternoon the Rev. K. G. C. will deliver the sermon. Come and hear inspiring sermons by well-known speakers. You are always welcome at our services.

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- 6 To give signals myself that can be clearly seen and understood, before turning or stopping in traffic.
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