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TREASURE STATE TOPS GRAIN SHOW

MONTANA ACHIEVES ENVIABLE RECORD IN SMALL GRAIN AT CHICAGO SHOW

Good Publicity

The State of Montana Again Demonstrates That She Leads the World in Quality On Durum and Hard Red Winter and Spring Wheat and Tops Union On Oats.

That Montana has again shown her supremacy over the entire continent in the growing of quality small grains was seen in the receipt, this week, of the official placings and winning of top-notch premiums by Treasure state farmers in the annual International Grain & Hay show held in Chicago.

Oliver C. Biering, owner of a fine farm located about one mile south of Bozeman in the heart of the irrigated section of the valley, won second premium on hard red spring wheat. Montana was the only state in the Union that won top placings on oats, the most of the winnings going to exhibits from the province of Alberta in Canada.

Using Registered Seed

Mr. Biering, when notified of his winnings by County Agent R. E. Bodley who showed him a telegram he had received from A. J. Ogaard, extension agronomist of Montana State college who was in charge of Montana's exhibits at the big show, he said: "We can't afford to stop where we are, but must keep going ahead in order to maintain the big lead we now enjoy. Next year I am going to put in registered wheat, registered oats and registered barley in all three of which I am sure we can lead the world."

The world's trophy for the best peck of Durham wheat was won by L. E. Peterson, of Victor, Montana. Clyde Norton, of Columbus, in Still-

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GRAIN JUDGING TRIO IN WORLD'S CONTEST

STATE COLLEGE TEAM, WINNER OF HONORS AT PORTLAND, NOW IN CHICAGO

Montana's prize-winning grain judging team of the Montana State college, departed last Saturday afternoon for Chicago, where they are competing against crack teams from almost every state in the Union, as well as the Canadian provinces in the annual International Livestock, Hay and Grain show which opened Monday in the Windy City.

The members of the team which took first place at the Pacific International at Portland last month, and who will represent the college at Chicago are: Winton Weydemeyer, of Libby, a junior in General Agriculture; William D. Hay of Hamilton, a senior in Agronomy; and Louis B. Newman, a junior in Agronomy.

The fact that the team was able to make the trip to Chicago was due to the efforts of the local chapter of Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity, which instituted a campaign for subscriptions to finance the trip. Great enthusiasm and the heartiest support was found by the fraternity throughout its campaign, both in the college itself, in the town of Bozeman, and among the alumni throughout the entire state.

Over \$400.00 was raised by a committee of the fraternity in less than a week. Heartiest support of the team was found wherever asked, and the required amount was raised without the slightest difficulty.

Particular credit in the success of the endeavor to finance the trip of the grain team is due to the members of the committee selected to canvass the college and the town. Donald McMillan was the chairman of the committee and was assisted by LeRoy Powers and A. G. Stevens. Mr. J. C. Taylor, an alumni member of the chapter who is now county agent leader for Montana also did very notable work in securing subscriptions from the alumni of M. S. C. Subscriptions were received from the alumni who had graduated many years ago, and had almost completely lost touch with the college.

"THE THREE WISE MEN"



INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE OF THE M. S. C.

Thursday, Dec. 6
Independents vs. Sigma Chi.
Beta Epsilon vs. S. A. E.
Faculty vs. Barbs.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2 O'clock
H. O. M. vs. Omega Beta.
Independents vs. S. A. E.
Sigma Chi vs. Beta Epsilon.

Monday, Dec. 10
Faculty vs. H. O. M.
Barbs vs. Omega Beta.
Independents vs. Beta Epsilon.

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Sigma Chi vs. S. A. E.
Faculty vs. Omega Beta.
Barbs vs. H. O. M.

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Independents vs. Faculty.
Sigma Chi vs. Barbs.
Sigma Chi vs. Barbs.
S. A. E. vs. H. O. M.

Thursday, Dec. 13
Beta Epsilon vs. Omega Beta.
Independents vs. Barbs.
Sigma Chi vs. Faculty.

Friday, Dec. 14
S. A. E. vs. Omega Beta.
Beta Epsilon vs. Barbs.
Independents vs. H. O. M.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2 O'clock
Sigma Chi vs. Omega Beta.
S. A. E. vs. Faculty.
Beta Epsilon vs. H. O. M.

Monday, Dec. 17
Independents vs. Omega Beta.
Sigma Chi vs. H. O. M.
S. A. E. vs. Barbs.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Beta Epsilon vs. Faculty.
Any postponed games if necessary.

The High School Seniors defeated the Juniors Monday night in a slow basketball game, the score being 9 to 14. In the second game the Frosh won from the Sophs by a score of 12 to 11. The Frosh and Sophs are now tied for first place while the Seniors and Juniors are tied for third.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR E. T. COOK

Funeral services for E. T. Cook, aged 64 years, a pioneer Gallatin county rancher residing for many years near Three Forks, who passed away Saturday, Nov. 24, at his home after a lingering illness from heart trouble, were held last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in Three Forks. The remains were prepared by Undertaker E. W. Harland in this city and were taken early Saturday morning to Three Forks where interment was made in the Three Forks cemetery. Mr. Harland had charge of the funeral arrangements. Deceased is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Foreman, of Bridger, and by several other children residing out of the state.

RING LEADER OF AUTO THIEF GANG ASKS CLEMENCY AND BEGS FOR TIME

Former Respected Automobile Garage Owner in Livingston, Who Turns Out to Be Regular "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in Being Head of Organized Band of Automobile Thieves, and Confesses to Theft of Car While Out Under Bonds in Salt Lake City, Pleads to Court for Clemency and Time, While Second Wife and Children Look On.

Stranger by far than the most imaginative fiction is the life history of Ralph R. Ege, former owner of the United Motors Corporation, of Livingston, Wilsall and Big Timber, and member of a highly respected family in Iowa, who is now in Salt Lake, Utah, awaiting sentence to be received upon him for the participation in a number of automobile thefts, to which he recently confessed. While out of jail, under \$10,000 bail bonds furnished by an aunt, Ege stole a Cadillac car, to which he also later confessed. His plea for clemency is being held under advisement by the Salt Lake court, and a decision in the case has been postponed until the end of next February.

During his first few years residence in Livingston, Ege bore the highest reputation, having been received in the nicest families and joining one of the most exclusive fraternal lodges. His mode of living

finally reaching a climax in an automobile accident in Butte in which he sustained a brain injury which rendered him unconscious for several weeks and from which he is thought never to have fully recovered. Those who know him best believe that this accident caused a pressure on the brain which is at least partially responsible for his later crimes.

He was married twice, his first wife leaving for her home in the east after only a few days of married life. His second wife was a widow with two children, to whom the Salt Lake papers refer to as having attended the hearing in Salt Lake in which Ege presented his plea for clemency.

Gugler Is The Goat

The meaning between the lines in the following story in the Big Timber Pioneer can be better grasped when it is explained that Gugler

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LIGHT OPERA NEXT NUMBER OF COURSE

The second number of the Artists' Course which is being presented under the auspices of the Woman's club this winter, is coming to Ellen Theater December 11. This offering is a charming light opera, "The Impresario" which is written about Mozart, the great composer. Not only does Mozart figure in the plot of this operatic comedy, but his exquisite music is interwoven throughout the production.

Percy Hemus, the celebrated baritone, plays the leading part of The Impresario, or theatrical manager, who has no end of difficulties in engaging singers for a road show. Not only is the music sparkling and tuneful, but the dialog is full of gay witticisms and quips that keep the audience in a continual glare of laughter.

Mr. Hemus is ably supported by such fine singers as Hazel Huntington, Lotice Howell, Thomas McGranahan and Francis Tyler. Gladys Craven, a brilliant accompanist, is at the piano. The opera will be sung in English, which will be good news to any American audience the members of which sometimes wonder, when they listen to Italian, German and French librettos, why the English language should be so frequently ignored in the realm of vocal music.

ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO DEAD MEMBERS

Impressive Elks' Memorial day, of "Lodge of sorrow," services were held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church by the local lodge of Elks. These services are held by the antlered organization simultaneously throughout the United States on the first Sunday in December of every year.

Besides the regular memorial ritual of the order, there was a special program of both vocal and instrumental music; a memorial address delivered by Bro. Lewis Terwillinger, of Livingston lodge No. 246, a eulogy by Fred F. Lay.

Mr. Lay pointed out that a total of 48 have passed away during the existence of the Bozeman lodge, of which number the following died during the past year: C. W. Hoffman, May 23; J. N. Kelly, June 24; D. D. Smith, Sept. 20; H. H. Ferguson, Sept. 26; E. B. Lamme, Sept. 30, and C. L. Fransham, Nov. 6.

Mrs. Ernest Border and infant son, were discharged yesterday from the Deaconess hospital and left for the home of Mrs. Border's mother-in-law Mrs. Sarah Border, on Seventh avenue south, where they will visit for a short time before going to their home.

ALLEGED BANK BANDITS ARRESTED IN SENSATIONAL RAID AT HAVRE

SIX MEN AND TWO WOMEN TAKEN AT HAVRE WHILE SHERIFF JIM SMITH GOES TO SALT LAKE MONDAY TO BRING BACK FOUR MORE

List of 26 Robberies

Former State Representative, Former Sheriff and Former Hill County Business Man and Three Other Havre Men and Two Women Rounded Up As Suspects in 26 Bank Robberies and Attempted Bank Hold-Ups During Past Three Years in One of the Greatest Raids in the Criminal Annals of the Treasure State.

That in the recent daring robbery of the State Bank at Salesville, in this county, the twenty-sixth in a series of successful bank robberies or attempted bank hold-ups in Montana, North Dakota and Canada, during the past three years, a gang of professional cracksmen, operating out of Havre, met their Waterloo and furnished the last conclusive straw of evidence of their guilt, is the opinion of Sheriff Jim Smith, of this county; W. S. Gordon, of the W. J. Burns Detective agency, and the other officers from Madison and Hill counties, all of whom succeeded in rounding up a total of six men and two women in raids conducted last Wednesday in Havre. Sheriff Jim Smith left Mon-

day morning for Salt Lake City where he went to bring back four arrested men who were held there on suspicion of having also been implicated in the wholesale bank robberies of the past few years. He stopped in Helena for extradition papers.

The names of the men for whose return to Montana extradition papers were issued Monday by Governor Joseph M. Dixon, are Aloph Melcher, George Dyer, Tom Martin and Frank Warren. The charge placed against the men by the Salt Lake City officials at the time of their arrest was first degree burglary in connection with the robbery of the Salesville bank.

Woman Left in Helena

After the raid in Havre, two of the men, "Billy" Coffron, a Canadian, of whom little is known in the States, but who is thought to have a police record in Canada, and Henry Loranger, former sheriff of Hill county, were brought by Sheriff Smith to Bozeman where they are being held for arraignment and trial on the charge of complicity in the Salesville bank robbery, a large number of the bonds stolen from the safety deposit boxes there having been traced to the two men. One of the women, Rae Davis, said to be the wife of the man who is suspected of actually pulling the jobs and pouring the "soup," as the

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26 BANK ROBBERIES IN STATE IN THREE YEARS

The following robberies and attempted robberies of banks have taken place in Montana in the past three years:

- 1921
- April 11—Farmers State bank of Coburg.
 - May 18—Willow Creek State bank.
 - Aug. 8—Sumatra State bank.
 - Aug. 29—First National bank of Plains.
 - Sept. 18—Homestead State bank.
 - Sept. 21—First National bank of Denton.
- 1922
- April 29—State bank of Madoc.
 - June 10—Dayton State bank.
 - June 13—First National bank of Roy.
 - June 27—Corvallis State bank.
 - July 14—Farmers and Merchants bank, Dixon.
 - July 27—First State bank of Clyde Park.
 - Aug. 31—Farmers State bank of Glentana.
 - Oct. 17—First National bank of Fairfield.
 - Nov. 16—The Sheridan State bank.
- 1923
- April 17—First National bank of Valier.
 - May 10—Farmers State bank of Gildford.
 - May 21—First State bank of Williams.
 - May 23—Camas State bank of Hot Springs.
 - June 11—Farmers and Merchants State bank of Plains.
 - Aug. 14—Blair & Co., State bank of Helmsville.
 - Sept. 5—Citizens State bank of Clyde Park.
 - Sept. 17—Southern Montana State bank of Ennis.
 - Oct. 19—Granite County bank of Hall.
 - Nov. 6—First National bank of Fairfield.
 - Nov. 10—Salesville State bank.

CALL MASS MEETING FOR WHEAT GROWERS

GALLATIN COUNTY RANCHERS URGED TO JOIN LEAGUE TO PETITION CONGRESS

A mass meeting, at which not only the wheat growers of the territory immediately adjacent to Bozeman, but also the public generally, are urged to be present, has been called for Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Courthouse by the tentative committee composed of H. S. Buell, R. J. Pasha and J. J. Stucky to discuss the proposed export corporation and the formation of an Agricultural Export league for the protection of wheat growers which was formulated last week in Helena.

M. L. Wilson, of the State college, who has just returned from Washington, D. C., has been invited to explain the proposed plan and to answer any questions that may be asked him by those present.

Preceding the meeting in Bozeman, there will be open mass meeting held tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, at 2:30 o'clock at the Town hall in Belgrade, and Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Community hall in Manhattan.

The proposed plan was originated by the American Wheat Growers Association, Inc., in the Corn Exchange in Minneapolis, Minn., of which George C. Jewett is general manager. It proposes to put before Congress a bill "creating an agricultural export commission consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Agriculture, the latter being the chairman, and who would have power to levy a tax upon all the saleable wheat produced in the United States. The fund thus created would then be applied as a premium on that portion of the wheat crop which is sold for export. Inasmuch as the export portion of the crop is less than one-fourth of the total production, the bushelage tax collected would be increased fourfold when applied as a premium on the export wheat."

12 o'clock on Christmas day shall be the limit of work on that day for F. O. Clerks and Carriers.

SERVICES HELD FOR LATE HARVEY SLOAN

Funeral services for the late James Harvey Sloan, aged 42 years, former resident of Bozeman and son of one of Montana's earliest and most highly respected pioneers, who died suddenly in Chicago on November 18, were held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Payne Memorial Christian church in this city, the Rev. A. L. Chapman officiating. The services at the grave in the Bozeman cemetery, where interment was made, were in charge of the Masonic lodges of which deceased was a member. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker E. W. Harland.

Hymns were sung at the church by Mrs. F. W. Cowan, Mrs. Harry Williams, W. T. Brandenburg, and Dr.

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