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## THE BIG CHIEFS MAKE MEDICINE

Dixon, King, Cunningham and Harmon, Assisted by Local Braves Hold a Big Pow-wow.

### TANGIBLE ARGUMENT IS ABSENT

Widely Advertised Political Stunts are Pulled off on Schedule Time.

For the past two weeks flaming posters have occupied the boards about town as well as appearing at every cross road in the county announcing that the chief medicine makers of the republican party would do oratorical stunts here about Wednesday and Thursday, and that Thursday night the big pow-wow would be pulled off in Lewistown. The coming of Chiefs Dixon, King, Cunningham and Harmon was heralded far and near throughout the county. Every republican brave was warned to be present under penalty of having his ration cut off entirely. As a result all the republicans were at the pow-wow, while many ladies and numerous democrats were there to see the big medicine mixers perform.

Joseph M. Dixon is the hope of the republicans in this state as well as being candidate for re-election to congress. Mr. King, a former resident of Fergus county, is running mate for Chief Lindsay of Dawson, who got his dose so badly mixed here some weeks ago. Mr. Cunningham is candidate for State auditor and hails from Silver Bow county. Mr. Harmon, from Gallatin county, is the republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction, and if Dixon is to be credited with veracity, possesses a weakness for school marms.

The big guns arrived here Wednesday morning on a special from Lombar. After spending a few hours advising the local talent just how to induce a large crowd to attend the big pow-wow to be held here. Thursday evening, the chief spell binders, accompanied by a number of local illuminaries, departed for Kendall and Gilt Edge. They spoke at Gilt Edge Wednesday afternoon and at Kendall in the evening, returning to Lewistown the following day.

While they were absent J. M. Croft was instructed to see that all the torches available were trimmed up and ready for use, and he was further instructed to see that there were enough beacon bearers on hand when the parade started to utilize the 30 or 40 torches, even though it cost \$1 per bearer. James, who is usually equal to most occasions that arise, fell somewhat short in performing the latter part of his task. However he was most heartily commended for the speed displayed in extinguishing the fifteen or twenty remaining torches when the parade disappeared down the street.

The opera house was comfortably filled, while the local candidates occupied a place on the stage. Miss Ada Meyersick, democratic candidate for County Superintendent was called to the stage, and that lady's presence lent a semblance of righteousness to the occasion.

R. von Tobel, the republican horse of the Judith presided over the meeting and said some very nice things about each speaker just before the individual was allowed to exhaust his vocabulary of the audience.

W. A. Hedges wane first to be introduced and made of those characteristic speeches with which the people of Fergus county are so familiar. Mr. Hedges stated that he was a republican, altho had been and always expected to be a republican. He intimated that eddy Roosevelt was responsible foamy prosperity that humanity has seen her to during the past four years. In fact Teddy was just a little morbid than the whole thing. George Wiedman, Mr. Hedges' running mate for the legislature, was in evidence, but his rhetorical laugh was the only contribution George gave to the evening's performance.

E. W. King was next introduced and that gentleman aered in a new role, that of a humist, and made quite a hit, especially when he predicted the election of republican state ticket. Mr. King did not discuss the issues of the campaign but

threw bouquets at a few of the local republican candidates and ignored the remainder of the bunch, told a few stories and made himself pleasing generally.

Chairman von Tobel then introduced Harry Cunningham, whose supply of hot air was of a brand worthy of a young man who had been holding a government position in the United States senate for the past four years. Mr. Cunningham roasted his own county for returning such tremendous democratic majorities and deplored the fact that everything in Silver Bow county would be democratic this year by increased majorities. He asked the people of the outside counties to support the republican ticket on the ground that the big mining corporations are supporting the democratic ticket this year. He failed to state, however, that the Amalgamated, the biggest mining corporation in the state and controlled by the Standard Oil monopoly, is working 24-hour shifts for the success of the republican state ticket.

W. E. Harmon followed with an interesting discourse on educational matters. He believed that the offices of state superintendent of public instruction, county superintendent and the judiciary should be removed from political contention. Mr. Harmon did not discuss any of the political issues of the campaign, confining himself to matters educational. His subject was handled intelligently and he impressed the audience as being a capable man.

The main attraction, Congressman Joseph M. Dixon, was then introduced by Chairman von Tobel. To say that Joe was a disappointment as an orator would be to misrepresent, as Mr. Dixon is a glib talker and an adept hot air dispenser. The only trouble with his speech was the fact that he did not realize just when he was through. It was evident from the restlessness of the audience that long before the close the speaker became tiresome. Dixon said that there was little or no difference between the democratic and republican parties and urged democrats to vote for him this fall on the ground that he was in touch with the administration and for that reason could accomplish more for the state. The election of Mr. Parker, which is almost a certainty, makes it just as important that republicans vote for Gormley. Mr. Dixon quoted considerable history, paid compliments to Roosevelt and made a strong bid for democratic votes. He was very careful not to say anything that might prejudice a voter. In fact he was overly profuse in his compliments to everything and everybody, while argument was conspicuously absent and there was but little enthusiasm displayed at any time.

When you vote, cast your ballot straight for the 57 varieties.

**Romunstad-Fergus Wedding.**  
Mr. Odin J. Romunstad and Miss Ellen H. Fergus were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. George Edwards of Great Falls. Rev. Henry Qekenden of Lewistown assisted. The friends of the bride remembered her with many valuable and beautiful gifts in gold, silver, precious stones and legal tender notes. Miss Mad Hilger of Lewistown acted as bridesmaid and Andrew Fergus, cousin of the bride, was the best man.

Among those who were present at the wedding feast with the bridal party and the officiating clergymen were: A. C. Gilpatrick and wife of Helena; from Lewistown, Hon. David Hilger, wife and family, J. B. Ranch, wife and family, Arza J. Noble; also Wm. Fergus, father of the bride, Messrs. Robert B. Fergus, Andrew Fergus, Jr., and James P. Fergus, brothers of the bride, J. B. Sargeant, Andrew Wilson, Albert Wiedman, Miss Lizzie Brown, Geo. Stull and wife and Geo. H. Osborne.

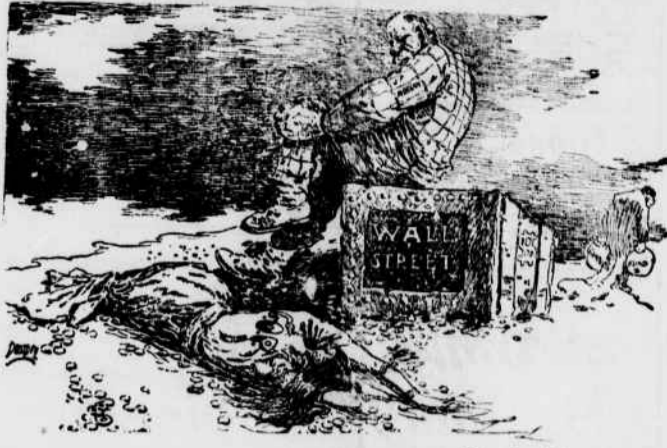
As the friends from a distance spent the night at the Fergus ranch as wedding guests, the wedding festivities and good cheer were renewed on the following day. So also, in the new home thus established, may love, happiness and prosperity ever reign with renewed and increasing vigor.

The Heinz Pure Food Co. have 57 varieties in their platform.

**To the Patrons of School Dist. No. 1.**  
Owing to the crowded condition of the kindergarten room, all pupils who are not five years of age before Christmas will be excluded.

E. O. BUSENBURG, Chairman.  
W. B. MINER, Clerk.  
Subscribe for The Fergus County Democrat.

## HAS IT COME TO THIS?



—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## BISHOP COMING TO LEWISTOWN

The Rev. Bishop M. C. Lenihan, of the Diocese of Great Falls, Arrives Tonight.

### IS THE FIRST CHURCH VISITED

Lewistown Paid an Unusual Compliment by the Bishop—Plans for His Entertainment.

The Rev. Bishop M. C. Lenihan, the recently consecrated bishop of the new diocese of Great Falls, will arrive in Lewistown tonight, coming in on the same train that brings Governor Toole and his party of campaigners. The bishop will be met at the depot by deputations from the different Catholic orders in the city and also a large number of the congregation at this place. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Father Victor Day, administrator of the diocese of Helena and a popular and much-beloved man in Lewistown, where he has visited in the past.

After alighting from the train, the distinguished visitor will be escorted to the Catholic church where Bishop Lenihan will make a solemn entrance as Supreme Pastor. Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, solemn high mass will be celebrated by the Bishop after which the blessing of the convent will be delivered.

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, there will be a sermon and benediction, followed by a meeting of the Catholic societies. Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a public reception will be held in Culver's hall to which everyone is cordially invited. Judge Cheadle will deliver an address on behalf of the city and Doctor John Foley will deliver an address on behalf of the Catholics. The bishop will respond to the addresses. All city officials will be in attendance and a large crowd is expected to participate in this reception.

A special musical program has been arranged for the occasion.

This is Bishop Lenihan's first visit to a church outside of Great Falls, since he was ordained Bishop of this diocese and it is a great compliment to the church, pastor and people of Lewistown that he comes here before first visiting the more populous churches about the state. There is not a more beloved man wherever he is known in the Catholic church in this country than Bishop Lenihan and his presence in Lewistown will be a benediction to all with whom he comes in contact.

### Gormley's Labor Record.

From the 1st to the 7th of May, 1900 Conductors and brakemen working on the Montana Central, Butte to Havre, were on strike against the enforcement of an iniquitous schedule which the Great Northern was trying to force them to accept.

While the men were discussing the schedule and preparing to take a vote upon its acceptance or rejection, they were informed that several carloads of scabs were at St. Paul getting ready to come out to take the place of our members. This knowledge precipitated the strike.

All the men in the freight service on the Montana Central quit work, and the local committee endorsed the strike. All mail and passenger trains were allowed to run as usual.

After the strike had been on for several days a request was made on Gov. R. B. Smith by some of the city and county officials that troops be sent to Great Falls to guard the property of the railroad company and to quell any disturbances that might arise.

In other words, the Company, through the city and county officials, wanted to buldoze the men into giving up the strike by using bayonets and bullets furnished by the state. At this time Mr. A. C. Gormley was County Attorney of Cascade county. Gov. Smith made a personal examination of the conditions in Great Falls before granting the request for troops.

At an open meeting Mr. Gormley explained the situation, showing that there was no necessity for soldiers and that the strikers were peaceable and orderly. The officials who made the request, though present at the meeting, were silent and had no word of explanation or comment. When the Governor saw and heard the conditions that prevailed, he refused to furnish any troops, only requesting the men to refrain from lawless acts. About this time the attorney for the Railroad Company posted notices stating that any of their old employees who were on strike, found on the depot grounds or track would be arrested and prosecuted according to law.

Mr. Gormley again took a decided stand and notified the Company that there was no law in Montana that prohibited any law-abiding citizen from being on the depot grounds and that he would discharge any and all persons arrested for that alone, unless guilty of some breach of the peace or other offense. In the meantime, the Company had started two coach-loads of scabs and Pinkerton thugs from St. Paul to take the places of, and intimidate the strikers. Mr. Gormley heard of this, and he met the General Superintendent and Attorney of the Railroad Company in conference and was told that these men were being brought into the state to operate and protect the property of the Company. Mr. Gormley called their attention to the law in regard to bringing in any armed force into the state, especially Pinkerton and Thiel thugs, and told the Superintendent not to bring these men into Cascade county. The Superintendent used every attempt to threaten and buldoze, but without any effect, and he was finally advised by the Company's Attorney to follow Mr. Gormley's instructions.

When the Pinkertons arrived, they were unloaded near the Marias River about 60 miles east of Great Falls, in Choteau county, and were kept in that place for several days, finally being taken back to St. Paul. Through the efforts of Governor Smith and Mr. Gormley, in conjunction with a Citizens' Committee, the strike was finally settled in favor of the men, and all were reinstated.

Now, Brothers, as a labor organization, we do not wish to engage in any partisan politics, but we deem it only fair and just that at this time we bear witness to you, as union men, of the position of which Mr. Gormley, now a candidate for Congress, took in our time of serious trouble.

We believe that such a man can be trusted in any capacity and that it is our duty to acquaint you with the high regard in which he is held by the Railroad Union men of Cascade county, regardless of party affiliation.

The foregoing was presented to the O. R. C. and B. of R. T. at regular meeting and the undersigned officials were unanimously instructed to certify that the statements therein contained are true and correct accounts of matters pertaining to our strike of May, 1900, together with Mr. Gormley's action at that time.

E. H. Guiness, C. C. of O. R. C.  
Otto Bjornstaad, Secty of O. R. C.  
(Black Eagle Division No. 356.)  
E. G. Sawyer, Master B. of R. T.  
M. L. Coombs, Secty. B. of R. T.  
(Sun River Lodge No. 405.)

## THE GOVERNOR THIS EVENING

An Enthusiastic Demonstration Planned for Montana's Peerless Orator and Statesman.

### FIVE ADDRESSES IN FERGUS

Large Crowds Greet him at Garnell and Moore This Afternoon-- Will Visit Camps.

Governor Joseph K. Toole, the peerless leader of democracy in Montana, the champion of the rights of the people and the most popular man that ever lived in the Treasure state, will arrive in Lewistown between 6 o'clock and 7 o'clock this evening and will be taken from the depot to Culver's hall where he will deliver an address upon the political issues of the day. It is a foregone conclusion that he will be given one of the most enthusiastic receptions ever tendered a visitor to Lewistown.

A committee of democrats has been at work for the past two days decorating Culver's hall and in other ways making great preparations for the coming of the governor. He will be accompanied to Lewistown by Col. C. B. Moran, one of the strongest campaigners in the state, and by a delegation of democrats from this city who meet him in Garnell this afternoon. Tomorrow morning the governor, Col. Nolan and some local democrats will go to Kendall, where a meeting will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. From Kendall they will go to Gilt Edge for an evening meeting, after which they will return to Lewistown in time to catch the outgoing train tomorrow morning. It will be a hard day's work for the governor, but he is an old campaigner in Montana and long distances hold no terrors for him, provided he can see the people. The laboring men—and especially the miners of Montana—have had an unwavering friend in Governor Joseph K. Toole since he has been in public affairs in this state, and he is sure of being greeted by large and enthusiastic crowds in the two camps which he will visit tomorrow.

The main point in the Heinz platform is sound pickles.

### REPUBLICANS ROUTED IN DEBATE.

Lively Oratorical Scrimmage at Forest Grove--Democrats Score.

Four rousing democratic meetings have been held in Fergus county since the last issue of the Fergus County Democrat and at every one of them the chances for a sweeping democratic victory were materially strengthened. A good crowd gathered at Flatwillow Thursday evening to hear the issues of the campaign discussed by Roy E. Ayers, candidate for county attorney, and John B. Riteh, candidate for clerk of the court. Both speakers were cordially received and made a fair impression upon the voters present. Roy devoted his time to national issues while the next clerk of the court gave a straight forward talk on county issues and candidates.

A crowd conservatively estimated at 150, including a number of ladies gathered at Grass Range Friday evening to listen to a joint debate between representatives of the two parties. Hilger, Ayers, Worden and DeKalb represented the democratic side of the questions while Belden, Hedges and Pfau did the republican spicing.

Herb Inusland, the genial proprietor of the Grass Range hotel, presided and performed the duties of his position in a most satisfactory manner. The debate was held in the Grass Range hotel. Oliver W. Belden, the republican third term candidate for county attorney, opened the debate with a 25 minute talk on tariff and expansion. He followed out the usual line of republican so-called argument of the two questions, employing the old outworn sophistries and threadbare platitudes. Roy E. Ayers followed with a fifteen minute talk on Imperialism, effectually answering the arguments, so-called, of Mr. Belden on that subject. As Roy and Hon. David Hilger were dividing time he did not have an opportunity of touching on any other issues. He made a

splendid talk and strongly impressed all with the belief that he will fill in a most competent manner the office of county attorney. David Hilger, candidate for the legislature made a good solid talk on the Initiative and Referendum and state issues. Mr. Hilger does not indulge in oratorical pyrotechnics as does his opponent, Hedges, but hits straight out from the shoulder and his words carry conviction.

Mr. Hilger was followed by Mr. Hedges who has the distinction of being one of the "four honest" republicans of Montana. Every one has heard of the "honest four." Many people have seen a group picture of the "four" which was taken soon after they were discovered. It was thought best to then and there secure their photographs as there might possibly not be that many "honest" republicans collected in another state legislature. Any desiring to see the grouped likenesses of the four may do so by calling at the sactum sanctorum of the Argus editor as he keeps the picture posted above his desk as a constant source of inspiration and encouragement. Reverting to Mr. Hedges' speech Friday night, he did not effervesce, oratorically speaking, as much as usual and the people were not so very tired when he sat down.

H. Leonard DeKalb, the young Lewistown attorney, presented a masterly array of facts on the general issues of this campaign. His address showed a thorough acquaintance with the great questions of the day which were presented in a specially clear logical and entertaining manner.

The Rev. Albert Pfau finished for the republicans. There is no denying the fact that Mr. Pfau is a good talker. He tells a joke excellently, avoids anything pretaining to logic dexterously and quotes scriptures admirably. It is said that Mr. Pfau is working for a deputyship and in case a republican squeezes in, he should be given one.

Hon. Edgar G. Worden concluded the speaking with a ringing democratic speech on general issues. Mr. Worden was in fine trim and most auspiciously closed a joint debate in which the democratic side easily carried away first honors.

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### INTERESTING INSTITUTE.

A Large Number of Teachers Attend Most Instructive Session.

One of the most interesting and successful institutes ever held in this county convened in the assembly room of the county high school last Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The institute was under the general supervision of Miss Ada Myersick, county superintendent of public instruction and she was assisted in the work by D. Bagley, vice-president of the State Normal school, Prof. C. W. Harlan of Butte and Miss Lora Goddard, instructor in drawing and music in the Lewistown public schools.

The attendance on the first day was small but it rapidly increased until there were 46 teachers enrolled, the greatest number that ever attended an institute in this county. All of the teachers entered into the work with an earnestness and enthusiasm which added greatly to the educational value of the session.

The following daily program was adhered to throughout:

MORNING SESSION.  
9:00 a. m. - Opening Exercises, Music Lessons.  
9:45 a. m. - Psychology... Dr. Bagley  
10:30 a. m. - Literature... Prof. Harlan  
11:15 a. m. - Geography... Dr. Bagley  
AFTERNOON SESSION  
1:30 p. m. - Opening Exercises, Music.  
2:00 p. m. - Language... Dr. Bagley  
2:45 p. m. - Physical Culture...  
..... Prof. Harlan  
3:30 p. m. - Drawing... Miss Goddard  
Wednesday evening a most gleasant and instructive entertainment was given in the assembly room. The program consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. Hazen; duet by the little Misses Brewer; lecture by Dr. Bagley; piano solo by Mrs. E. E. Brewer; selection by the Young Peoples' orchestra and a song by the High School Glee Club. It was one of the most delightful entertainments ever given in the city. On Friday evening, Prof. Harlan gave an entertainment which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

### Notice.

All members of the Lewistown Labor Union are requested to attend a meeting to be held at Union hall Thursday night.

L. H. MOSKES.  
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