



# BELT VALLEY TIMES

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## JUDGE PRAY DECIDES COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE MORE EXPLICIT

The residents in the vicinity of Belt creek and others who are trying to stop the alleged pollution of the waters of the creek must make more specific charges in their complaint, according to a decision handed down by Judge Charles N. Pray in the federal court Thursday afternoon.

In his decision which is in the case of "Jude Hubber, Alcide Fischer, et al, for themselves and all other persons similarly situated, plaintiffs versus the Silver Dyke Mining Co., defendants, the court says:

The motion for further and particular statement on the part of the defendant came on regularly to be heard, was argued by counsel and briefs submitted.

"The pleader should be required to state the facts upon which he relies, referring here particularly to others similarly situated so that there may be some limitation in extent to the evidence to be given at the trial. The defendant should have a fair opportunity to meet the proof. The bill shows that others similarly situated may be called from any place along Belt creek to testify to property damage within a territory 85 miles in extent.

"Under the rule all persons having an interest in the subject of action and in obtaining the relief demanded may join as plaintiffs but in the circumstances here it is unfair to the defendant to compel it to meet the general allegations of the bill without more particular information as to the location and description of the damaged property relied on to sustain them. It seems to me that all that is required here is in effect a bill of particulars which could very readily be furnished by the plaintiffs containing further and better particulars concerning the names of persons and property of others similarly situated."

Plaintiffs are given 30 days to amend the complaint. "The position of the court may be considered a denial of the plaintiffs' motion to strike," says the court in conclusion.

## Active With Plans For Future Work

The Lion's Club met at dinner Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The dinner was served by Mrs. Berg assisted by Mrs. Axel Berg.

Chairman Manchester of the Frontier Days Carnival committee reported that preparations are proceeding satisfactorily and read the names of the committees appointed to look after each feature.

D. L. MacDonald stated that he had written Mr. Harrington, state college potato expert asking for a date when he could speak in Belt but had as yet received no reply.

Coal markets were then discussed and a communication from a nearby town concerning the matter was read. After considerable discussion the matter was left over for a special order of business at a later meeting. The club will meet again next Tuesday evening.

## KNOWS HIS STUFF

Jack Poland has recently completed another job of refitting Delco Lighting plant batteries. This time the work was done for Carl Alexander of Wayne. New plates were put in, connections renewed and the batteries made as good as new.

## Mammoth Plans Frontier Days

Preparations for the Frontier Days Carnival are going on apace and this one is warranted to be the biggest and best ever. The committees have been scouring the country for new thrills. You can dance, buck the tiger, tempt fortune, buy out the lunch counter, enter your best girl's name in the popularity contest and when you want to rest for an hour or so you can attend the matinee downstairs.

Two nights of fun will be something to remember for the new year. Should the nights be cold there is plenty of space to store your car in warm garages. Smile on your friends and be one of the crowd. Any money that you may spend will be devoted to good causes by the Lions' Club which is putting on the celebration.

## NEW COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE JAN. 1ST

All newly elected county officers will assume office on January first with the exception of County Treasurer Elect Jeffries who will take office on March first.

The present incumbent of that office, M. D. Nicholson has been nominated for the position of Register of the Land Office in Great Falls and will resign to accept that position as soon as his nomination has been confirmed.

W. S. Jeffries, treasurer-elect would doubtless be appointed to fill the vacancy were it not for the fact that by serving the unexpired term he would debar himself from seeking another term after that for which he has been elected express. There is a constitutional provision against a county treasurer serving more than two terms and this is the reason for Mr. Jeffries' unwillingness to accept a recess appointment.

The job will not go begging since there are a number of men willing to care for the county's cash for two months.

A. H. Stringham has been acting register of the land office since W. E. Bennett resigned to accept a position with the Internal Revenue Bureau at San Francisco.

The appointment of M. D. Nicholson is a popular one and meets the approval of republicans and democrats alike.

## IN APPRECIATION

The Ladies Aid desire to thank all those who helped to make their bazaar a success.

They especially wish to thank the business houses for their assistance, individuals for their donations, and W. P. Pilgeram for his services as auctioneer.

Mrs. Carl Berg, President.

## Potato Experts At Bozeman

### PROGRAM

Annual Convention of the Montana Potato Improvement Association, of Bozeman, Montana, January 5 and 6 1927 at the Agricultural Hall, Room 9.

January 5, 9:30 A. M.

1. President's Address, Committee Appointments.

2. The Frost Situation During 1926—Handling Frosted Potatoes, E. E. Isaac, Extension Horticulturist, Growers' Experiences and Recommendations: Means of Minimizing Frost Injury, W. E. Fellingner, Superintendent of Montana Horticultural Branch Station, Corvallis.

3. Tubers and Planting of Certified Fields, F. M. Harrington, Horticulturist.

January 5, 1:30 P. M.

4. Grading and Standardization of Point of Origin, F. L. Taylor Asst. Agricultural Agent, C. E. & Q. Ry. Co., Denver.

5. Marketing Our Seed Potatoes—Advertising by Shows, Demonstrations and Tours, F. M. Harrington, Horticulturist Montana Experiment Station; Marketing Methods, Organization, Contracts, E. B. Dunca, County Agent, Havre.

6. Potato Seed Treatment and Disease Control, H. E. Morris, Pathologist.

7. Storage in Relation to the Seed, Gens. E. E. Isaac, Extension Horticulturist, and W. E. Pollinger, Supr. 6:00 P. M. Banquet.

January 6, 9:30 P. M.

8. How to Produce Tubers of the Size and Character Desired by the Seed Trade, C. C. Starring, Asst. Horticulturist.

9. The Cultural Side of Potato Production—Cultivation, H. L. Crum, Helena; Irrigation, J. C. Cronk, Cober.

10. The Future of the Seed Potato Industry in Montana, D. E. Willard, Agriculturist, Great Northern Ry. Co., St. Paul.

11. Recommendations for Seed Production During 1927.

12. Potato Certification Plans for 1927.

13. Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Business.

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## BOBCATS FAIL TO TAKE HOME HIDES OF LOCAL BEARCATS

### GOETTE - MAHONEY

Anna Mahoney, daughter of Mrs. E. Mahoney of Spring creek and Louis Goette of Great Falls were married last week in Great Falls by Justice of the Peace C. A. Wilson. They will make their home in Great Falls.

## Midnight Matinee Two Nights Two

When the crowd is the thickest and you can't find room to dance at the Lion's Frontier Days celebration New Year's night, you can get better than go down to the Pythian Theatre and see one of the greatest comedies produced this year which will be run as a Midnight Matinee only. Owing to the Frontier Days celebration running two nights there will be two Midnight Matinees to help take care of the overflow crowd upstairs, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. This matinee on both nights will start at 11:00 P. M. and will be only one performance. The regular evening show starting for the same days will be Hoot Gibson in the "Calgary Stampede" which will be run at 7:30 and 9:00 o'clock.

## CONRAD NAGEL COMING IN "THERE YOU ARE"

"There You Are," Conrad Nagel's most hilarious incursion into the realm of comedy, promises to attract packed houses at the Pythian Theatre where it shows Sunday and Monday, Dec. 26 and 27. The new story, in which Nagel goes his comedy hit in "Dance Madness" one better, is a side-splitting filmization of F. Hugh Herbert's novel of the same name, relating the trials and tribulations that beset a pair of elopers (played by Nagel and Edith Roberts), in their attempt to escape an angry father and battery of traffic policemen, in the face of such obstacles as misplaced identity, a lost baby saddled upon them—and a collie dog that proves a Nemesis.

The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature is essentially a whimsical comedy—but it is staged in a setting of thrills, such as a wild race of the elopers with a small army of motorcycle policemen through city traffic, a desperate leap from an apartment building to a careening taxi in which Nagel shows his skill as an athlete, and other swift-moving incidentals.

## THIEF CLEANS OUT TOM WATTS' FOWLS

Some miscreant, while Tom Watts was in town went to his ranch on Sunday night and stole six turkeys and a number of chickens, Tom says that for months it has been impossible for him to leave anything in the house because someone always knew when he was gone and immediately looted the place. Tom is an inoffensive old darkey and it certainly is a lowdown trick to rob him of his produce and stock. It is to be hoped that the culprit will be caught.

The second game of the season resulted in a win for Belt High when they defeated the Bobcats an independent team of Great Falls on the local floor by a score of 27 to 15.

Gus Probst, a member of last year's district championship team played guard for the Bobcats and accounted for seven of their fifteen tallies. These were scored with the exception of three fouls, from fast shots and several were laced only narrow margins of going through the hoop.

The game started off fast with Probst heaving a long one for the first points of the game. Belt was taking the measure of the rest of the team and knew all about Probst. The first quarter ended 8 to 2.

The second quarter saw the pace increase and the Belt boys hung up basket after basket all the time holding their opponents safe. The half ended 16 to 6.

In the third game the Bobcats outplayed the locals and scored 7 points to Belt's 4. The last frames saw the home aggregation trying out some new plays and at the same time holding the visitors in check. The home gang making 7 points while the Bobcat mob, Rowe, edged the ball for 2.

When the closing minutes of the game when their best efforts came to nothing, some of the visitors had their tempers and one minute before the whistle Crawford and Simons were sent to the showers.

Bobcats  
Leland (7) RF Lilly (2)  
Johnson (3) LF Benton (2)  
Simonis (2) C Crawford  
Jewell (7) RG Peretti (1)  
Harcharik (4) LG Probst (7)  
Substitutes: Remington (4) for Johnson; Gosack for Simonis; Rowe (2) for Crawford.

## Little Folks Stage Sweet Musical

The Seasons, a musical allegory of the passing of the year was staged very cleverly and daintily by the first four grades under the direction of Miss Mollor; Miss Bemis and Miss Johnson at the auditorium Friday evening.

Not recognizing many of the children in their unusual costumes it is impossible to give credit where especially due. Each one did his part in an excellent way. Lines were not forgotten and the slight mixups which occurred served as spice for the cake.

Little Rabbit Ears was the star soloist with Ben Buehler, II crowding her for place. It was really inspiring to see the grand opera airs of the 8-year old prima donnas and when some of the boys in the chorus beat the piano to it and started a little off key, no one was fussed but the pianist.

The costumes were artistic, bizarre or appropriate as the occasion demanded and showed much labor of love on the part of teacher and mothers. The stage decorations were well conceived and added much to the attractiveness of the grouping. Everyone present enjoyed the cantata and went home with a smile on his face.

## MIDNIGHT MATINEE!

Starting 11:00 P. M.  
DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 1  
Adm. 15 and 35c

## "UP IN MABLE'S ROOM"

PYTHIAN THEATRE

A HILARIOUS SCREAMING FARCE-COMEDY

Shown Only at the Midnight Matinee at 11:00