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IN BAD FORM

The attempt to bring harmony out of the discord that has existed in the republican party's management has not thus far brought satisfactory results. The machine isn't in good running order and, apparently, it won't be for some time to come.

PUBLICITY

At yesterday's conference of the mining men of this district Vice President Kelley, General Manager Creed and others called attention to the fact that the mining interests of the state are at a disadvantage because the public is not accurately informed concerning their operations, including their share in contributions of taxes and the like.

Expressing confidence in the fairness of the people of Montana and of their representatives in legislative service, Mr. Kelley added that there is need of publicity for the facts that are pertinent in connection with their business and, as well, the share of the mining companies in contribution toward the taxes raised in the state.

As an important contribution toward a campaign of education thus proposed, the Post publishes today a summary of the annual report of the tax bureau of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, issued a few days ago. The report is a compact review of the company's contributions last year to the tax funds of the state.

A pertinent item shows that the increase in assessment, last year, compared with 1915, was almost \$8,000,000, and that the tax increase was more than \$292,000, the company's total tax paid in November being, for 1916, \$979,622.21.

There is no call for invidious comparisons. At the same time, it will be pertinent to let the members at Helena and the public see that the mining companies were surprisingly large contributors toward last year's increase in assessed valuation. For the moment, let this one statement

suffice: If the increase in assessment on mines, mineral reservations, one or two power companies and the railroads be deducted, and if the deduction also be made of the valuation of "new lands," assessed last year for the first time—if these deductions be made, it will be found that all other property in Montana was a comparatively insignificant contributor toward the forty-eight-million increased valuation in all the state, reported for 1916, as against the total for 1915.

AS MISSOULA SEES IT

It is the opinion of Senator Dixon's editorial page in the Missoulian that the Montana legislature, this time, is really and truly "progressive." In illustration, to the Post's surprise, the Missoulian says that "Senator Whiteside went up against the gaff in the senate when he attempted to emasculate Senator Kane's resolution providing for investigation of public utilities and mining companies."

We don't know whether the Missoulian's classification puts Senator Whiteside in the progressive group or not—we are not acquainted with its test of progressivism. But here is what happened: Senator Kane introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee empowered to get information about the taxes paid by mines, power plants, certain public utility corporations, railroad improvements and the like.

The Whiteside plan would have given to the proposed investigation the larger range it ought, in equity, to have; we do not discover any progressive trait in an effort to prevent an inquiry into the tax-paying status of all property in Montana, nor do we discover admirable statesmanship in efforts to load some of the state's corporations with an unfair share of the taxes.

On the testimony of the Missoulian, Mr. Whiteside "went up against the gaff" twice last week. It professes to know that he "pulled the wool over the eyes of Representative White" and persuaded him to introduce a bill which proposed a tax inquiry concerning all property.

Next day Mr. White went back on his plan and substituted a measure for an inquiry limited to mines and such. Whether that was to the Missoulian's mind, a genuine, progressive act we cannot say.

IT DOESN'T MATTER

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in a recent number, announced the arrival at that city of the officers who will open the new United States mining experiment station that will be maintained there for the benefit of the mining industry of the northwest.

In the same number of the Seattle newspaper is a dispatch from Washington saying that the value of the mine output of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc in the state of Washington for 1916 was \$2,618,909 as compared with only \$744,033 for 1915.

wasn't Washington's importance as a producer of metals that swung the prize to Seattle, nor was it that city's favorable location as a gateway to Alaska that influenced the Washington authorities to favor it. Alaska already has an experiment station that will serve its mining interests.

Butte can get along without the government experiment station quite as well as the station can get along without Butte. Indeed, the people of Butte never displayed interest in the matter and they do not care now, perhaps, who has the station.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- JANUARY 14. 1542—An act of the English parliament forbade the reading of the New Testament in English by women, apprentices, etc. 1772—Union of England and Scotland ratified by Scottish parliament. 1815—Emma Lyon, Lady Hamilton, famous English beauty and former street walt, with whom Admiral Nelson was long infatuated, died. 1885—Revolution in Japan: mikado seized by three powerful princes. 1871—Alençon captured by the Prussians in the Franco-Prussian war. 1872—First train entered Stamboul, connecting Turkey in Asia with Europe for the first time. 1884—Alfred Tennyson, English poet laureate, made a peer. 1906—Father Chiniquy, famous leader of French-Canadian Protestants, and a former Catholic priest, died, aged 99 years. 1900—Dawson City, Klondyke, almost entirely destroyed by fire. 1909—Died, Marshall Field, famous Chicago merchant; born at Conway, Mass., 1825. 1910—Widespread boycott of meat started at Washington by the Anti-Food Trust league. 1912—Interference of the military in political affairs in the Cuban government calls forth warning of American intervention from President Taft. 1913—Irish home rule bill passed house of commons by majority of 110 and was read in house of lords for first time.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

- JANUARY 16. 1915—British take Swakopmund, German West Africa. 1916—Turkish forces below Kut-el-Amara in Mesopotamia retreat before the British after defeat of General Aylmer's troops on the Tigris at Orah, 25 miles from Kut. French artillery bombarded the approaches of the road to Lille, and blew up a German munitions depot near Neuville-Saint-Vast. British artillery bombards Lille. Pourparlers between Montenegro and the central powers for a separate peace; pursuit of Montenegrin army over the border into Albania halted after occupation of Cetinje.

ROADHOUSE PROPRIETORS WARNED CONCERNING LAW

Under Sheriff Jack Melia and a number of deputies visited the roadhouses last night and informed them that the law as to closing was going to be strictly enforced. The proprietors of such resorts were also informed that no women entertainers would be allowed about the premises.

STRIKING.

A striking girl was Daisy Diss, So he hitched up with her for life; But, after a short spell of bliss, She struck him as an angry wife.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

AMERICAN Moving Pictures—Today: Marguerite Clark in "Snow White." Tomorrow: Dorothy Dalton and Howard Hickman in "The Female of the Species."

ORPHEUM Moving Pictures—Today: Clara Kimball Young in "Without a Soul." Tomorrow: Ethel Barrymore in "The Awakening of Helen Ritchie."

LIBERTY Moving Pictures—Today and Tomorrow: Edward Mack and Eddie Heard in "The Double-Room Mystery."

BROADWAY Pantages Vaudeville—Today and Tomorrow: Pauline and five other acts.

EMPRESS Hippodrome Vaudeville—Today: Prelles' Miniature Circus and five other acts. Tomorrow: Change of bill.

ANSONIA Vaudeville and Moving Pictures. Today and Tomorrow: George Walsh in "The Island of Desire."

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

WIDOW SAVES TREES.

St. Cloud, Mich.—"Woodman spare that tree; touch not a single bough." Thus quoted Mrs. Mary Spicer, a widow, as she pleaded for the preservation of trees planted by her husband, long dead.

It was three years ago that Mrs. Spicer started her battle with city officials over the maintenance of this arboreal inheritance. She was called upon to enter another skirmish this week when sidewalk bids were opened, in which provision was to have been made for the removal of the trees.

STOLEN GEMS DUG UP.

Reading, Pa.—Jewelry and silver worth \$500 were found buried in a field at Wyomissing, a suburb, last October, while excavations were being made for a house. Irvin F. Impink of Wyomissing started investigation. The name Castner was on the jewelry. Mr. Impink noticed a newspaper account of an accident in which Catherine Castner, a child, was killed by an automobile, and wrote to the father of the child, Samuel J. Castner, a Philadelphia photographer. Mr. Castner said that the jewelry did not belong to him.

A close examination disclosed on the jewelry the word "Tennessee." Mr. Castner told of relatives residing in that state, and Mr. Impink corresponded with Mrs. Catherine Castner of Tennessee, who is spending the winter in Winston-Salem, N. C. She identified the jewelry as some stolen from her and it was sent to her.

ALARM CLOCK ROOSTER.

Dalton, Ga.—W. D. King of this city has a rooster which, in itself, is nothing out of the ordinary; but then the rooster is. The bird has the alarm clock beaten, and he has the right to crow over it.

This rooster each morning on weekdays takes his stand promptly at 6 o'clock beneath a window on the southwest corner of the house and begins to crow. On Sunday mornings he lets the family sleep 30 minutes later, as he doesn't appear Sundays until 6:30.

His promptness is marvellous, for he is never a minute too soon or a minute too late. He doesn't have to be wound up at night, and he uses the hen roost, so he has the advantage over the alarm clock in that he doesn't hang around and tick loudly throughout the night. And he crows until some one comes to the window and heaves a stick at his head, so there is no danger of the alarm failing to wake the household.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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Why do widows get all the sympathy? An old rule would need sympathy more than do widows. A bride of two days imagines that her Wedding Day will go down into history with the date of the Discovery of America and other great events. There are some things that a man can't learn to do successfully after taking a few lessons. But loafing isn't one of them.

As we understand it, President Wilson's motto is: "They also serve who watch and wait." After Friend Wife sees something exciting down town and explains it to Friend Husband, Friend Husband has to spend an hour making her explain her explanation.

A fellow tries to tell us that all Mexicans are bad. We don't believe it. There must be several thousand good Mexicans, because Villa and Carranza have killed at least that many.

The only time a man doesn't judge by appearances is when they happen to be against him.

Keep your trouble to yourself and some of these days you will run into a fellow who is looking for it.

It is a good thing for George Washington that he isn't living today. If he were, some of our eminent reformers would hire gum-shoe artists to trail him and put photographs in his house so they could catch him telling a lie and expose his wickedness to the world.

A man who has a case of rheumatism in good working order can't understand why the government wastes money in maintaining a Weather Bureau.

What is the use of Mother trying to brighten the home. Father will only roar about the bill. Before he gets her he thinks that she is an angel. And after he gets her he often turns out to be a High Flyer.

The fellow who likes to quote the adage that the race is not always to the swift usually turns out to be an also-ran.

Another post we all love is the lad who buttonholes us on the street when we are busy and wants to know what we think about the War in Europe.

When a girl first starts using rouge, she is satisfied to tint her cheek bones. But a little later she is putting the stuff on with a putty knife. Naomi, the daughter of Enoch, thought she was some old bird because she lived 580 years. But she never knew any of our modern chorus girls. As much as we all detest bill collectors, we usually invite them to call again.

Our Daily Special. The Lazy Man Is The Last Person To Find It Out. Things to Worry About. Snails have no sense of smell. Names is Names. Iva Row lives at Springfield, Ohio.

Lander 21st Annual January Cut-Price Sale



Like the illustration above, and can be had in either golden or fumed finish. Frame is solid oak and upholstering is best grade Royal leather with smooth seat and back. Complete with mattress and springs, at January sale price of only \$46.35. Cork Linoleum, Square Yard 56c. Vacuum Sweeper, Sale Price \$5.85. Parlor Size Axminster Rugs at \$4.35. Smyrna Reversible Wool Rugs \$6.10.

SEE SPECIAL WINDOW DISPLAY OF BARGAINS IN QUALITY MERCHANDISE

\$3 down, \$3.00 month, buys \$25 worth of goods. \$7.50 down, \$7.50 month, buys \$75 worth of goods. \$5 down, \$5.00 month, buys \$50 worth of goods. \$10.00 down, \$10 month, buys \$100 worth of goods.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED AND WE PAY THE FREIGHT

EDUCATION NOTES

Mayor Mitchell of New York has appointed a negro, Dr. E. P. Roberts, a member of the board of education of that city. Dr. Roberts has been prominent in educational work among negroes for many years and was formerly a medical inspector for the board of education.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason. THE SLEEPING PORCH. There still are folks who sleep indoors, in closed up rooms they heave their snores, and breathe the stale and stagnant air which harbors germs and microbes there.

WOMEN OF THE WEEK

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker has accepted an invitation from President Henry L. Smith of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., to speak at that institution Friday, Jan. 19, as a part of the annual Washington and Lee day celebration.

At her wedding, in May, 1910, Mrs. Peter Goclet Gerry, wife of Senator-elect Gerry of Rhode Island, was pronounced by President Taft, who had ever seen her. The genial president spoke with evident sincerity and adds the accolade of the event, "no body was surprised."