

State-wide purchase of Montana-made products was advocated by Rockwood Brown, Billings attorney and member of the state water conservation board in the highlight address of the Wednesday morning session.

Other speakers were Robert H. Fletcher, plans engineer with the state highway commission, who spoke on the contemplated construction of roadside museums in several state points for the benefit of tourists, and H. L. Buck, secretary of the Billings Commercial club, who discussed "Campaigns—How, Why and How Often."

Excerpts from Mr. Brown's address follow:

"Sectional differences arise generally. It is a healthy condition ordinarily but occasionally sectional feeling retards progress of the state.

"With the vast resources of Montana lumber, metal and farm lands, there is a marked difference on the part of businessmen to develop industrial life in the various cities.

"If Montanans would confine their purchases to Montana refineries, it would double the pay roll of the locally-owned refineries.

"The same is true of the sugar industry, the canning industry, the lumber industry.

"I am convinced that if the people of Montana become water-conscious, that in conjunction with the development of industrial life we'll accomplish what we desire.

"Poor farms and poor farmers gradually went out of the farm picture. Then the tax load was placed on the good land and the good farmers, who were hit too hard.

Speech Excerpts From Brown's Address at Billings Commerce Club

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