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NEW RATES OF ASSESSMENT

County Assessors Adopt New Schedule For Taxation.

BENEFITS HOMESTEADERS

Those Who Make Improvements on Land Will not be Taxed too Heavily for Their Labors.

The State Association of County Assessors, in session in Helena, last week adopted the schedule of assessment rate as submitted by the various committees. The schedules were not adopted however, without an extended discussion.

By means of these schedules the basis of assessment on different classes of property is uniform throughout the state. As adopted they are as follows:

Banks and Merchandise

Capital stock, surplus and profits, less real estate consisting of banking house and fixtures as returned by the assessor. Then assess 75 per cent of the remainder, which we believe represents the actual cash value of the property.

Merchandise

Merchandise to be assessed as all other property based on last inventory, if taken; if not, then by sworn statement.

Telephone, Telegraph and High Power Lines.

Pole lines, one copper wire per mile, \$85.

Each additional copper wire, \$25.

Pole line and one iron wire, \$55.

Each additional iron wire per mile, \$5.

High Power Lines

Single pole line, (without wire), not to exceed per mile, \$5.00.

Each wire on same per mile \$225.

Double pole line (without wire), not to exceed per mile \$1,000.

Each wire on same \$225.

Tower Lines

Single tower line (without wire), not to exceed per mile, \$1,125.

Each wire on same, \$225

Double tower line (without wire), not to exceed per mile, \$2,250.

Each wire on same, \$225.

The above figures on high power lines are computed on the basis of what is known as an "O" wire, and smaller or larger wires are to be considered by the assessor.

Livestock

Stallions, jacks, and saddle horses left to discretion of the assessor.

Range horses left to the discretion of the assessor, but at not less than \$35 a head.

Work, driving horses and mules, from \$50 up, depending on the grade of the animal.

Yakima and Indian ponies, \$10 to \$15 each.

Cayuse, very common, \$25 to \$35, each.

Cattle

Thoroughbreds to be left to discretion of the assessor.

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PRAIRIE COUNTY

Terry, Mont., Jan. 26.—Prairie county was created today out of territory in the eastern party of Custer county, with Terry as the county seat. W. S. Haley was elected state senator and F. O. Buckley representative, in the lower house of the assembly. Both are republicans.

ATTEND THEATRE OPENING

Among the prominent people who attended the opening of the new Liberty Theatre in Spokane recently was T. C. Penny, owner of the Orpheum Theatre in Glasgow and interested in various other amusement places, says the Butte Miner. The new Liberty Theatre is the last word in modern picture show house construction. It seats 1200 persons and costs \$150,000.00 to build.

SUNDAY CONCERT AT COLEMAN

The following is the program that will be played by Darst's Orchestra at the Coleman during the dinner on Sunday, January 31st.

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary"—W. Dean.

"The Trifler"—Williams.

"The Panama Exposition"—Rolf.

"My Sunday Girl"—Carter.

"Raindrops"—Brown.

"When all the Lights are out but the Moon, Moon, Moon"—Hall.

"They've got me doing it now"—Berlin.

"Ringold"—Sweeney.

"View Halo"—Morse.

"Step Lively"—Allen.

NEW LAND OFFICE RULING

If homesteaders delay submission of final proof until after the expiration of the statutory period, they must furnish affidavits, giving reasons for delay before the case can be submitted to the board of equitable adjudication. This order was received recently at the Miles City land office from the department of the interior.

Under a new law, homesteaders are given five years in which to submit proof that they have lived on their claims seven months out of each three years. If they submit the five year period to expire without making proof, the ruling requires that they submit an affidavit.

According to a law passed by congress in October, the wife of a homesteader, settler or entryman residing on a homestead claim and prior to the submission of the final proof, if deserted and abandoned by her husband for more than one year, she has the right to prove up the land and receive the patent in her own name and of her own right. In making proof she is given credit for all the improvements and residence made by herself and husband. Such a law is commendable and gives a wife the justice she is entitled to when abandoned.

PRAY COUNTY KILLED

Havre, Jan. 26.—The Hill county commissioners in session today killed off all further action at present on creation of the proposed new county of Pray. Several legal requirements were not complied with, especially that of the necessary number of signatures to the petition. Quite a number of Chester people attended the meeting, and are somewhat disappointed over the result, as they went to considerable expense in trying to establish this new county, which would have made their town the county seat.

THIRD GAME OF SEASON

The third basket ball game of the series between the Glasgow High School boys and the City Team will be played at the Gibson Opera House on Saturday evening, January 30th. The Sophomore girls and Freshmen girls will also play their third game. The girls' games have resulted in tie scores in every game this season so there is considerable interest centered in this game. The two previous games between the City Team and the High School Boys Team have been particularly interesting because each team has won a game, so the championship will be determined in this game. These will be the last public games before the game between the Glasgow High School and the Havre High School team on February 12th. The Athletic Association will appreciate liberal patronage on Saturday night so as to secure funds to pay the rent for the Opera House for practice games and to pay the expenses of the Havre team when they come to Glasgow.

MORE ENLARGED HOMESTEADS

The Register and Receiver of the local land office received word recently from the Department at Washington that the following list of lands had been designated under the enlarged homestead act to become effective February 10, 1915:

N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8, township 32 north, range 34 east, Montana Meridian.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 14, township 28 north, range 41 east, Montana Meridian.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 14, township 28 north, range 41 east, Montana Meridian.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 27, township 28 north, range 41 east, Montana Meridian.

The above listed lands will be entered under the provisions of the enlarged homestead in so far as they may be vacant, public, non-timbered and non-mineral, or reservation. Should any application for said lands be filed prior to February 10th, 1915, the same will be subject to the right of appeal.

GET READY FOR MASQUE BALL

There will be antics and funny capers galore at the big masquerade ball to be given by the Moose on Monday night, February 15th. Splendid prizes will be awarded for the best and most comic costumes and the competition will be very keen as to whom they will be awarded. Arrangements are being made to have the Gibson Opera House decorated in a most artistic way for the occasion. Tickets are already on sale, and several merchants in town have ordered costumes which they will rent out on that night.

WILL AID FORT PECK SETTLERS

Commercial Club Endeavoring to Have Lands Re-appraised.

OTHER TOWNS ALSO BUSY

Meeting Will be Held in Poplar Wednesday, Feb. 3, to Arrange for Carrying out Plan.

Plans for a big meeting of all interested people of the cities within the Fort Peck reservation are under way to be held Wednesday, February 3rd, at Poplar, Montana, at which a method will be discussed to secure relief from the present unsatisfactory conditions, now prevalent on the reservation.

Reduction in the appraised valuation of the land contained within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation may become enacted before the end of the present session of Congress. This matter has been receiving the attention of the Glasgow Commercial Club, the organization having for several months been working with the residents both on homesteads and with the Commercial organizations in the towns situated within the reservation to the end that a more reasonable valuation be placed upon this land.

During the past summer petitions have been sent from nearly every town on the reservation, both to the Indian Department and to the Montana Congressional delegation, praying for a re-appraisal of the land and these have been indorsed by the local organization, resulting in a recent inquiry having been sent out from the Indian department in a recent inquiry having been sent out from the Indian department seeking further information upon the matter. Nothing is yet definitely known as to just what action will be taken relative to properly relieving the situation, although the department has been brought to the realization of the lack of interest taken by those who desire land for homesteading in the Fort Peck Reservation. This lack of interest has not been due to any other cause than that land can be secured through purchase outside of the reservation at prices almost as low as is necessary to pay for the privilege of homesteading it. The result has been that since the opening there has not been more than about 500 filings made within the reservation, which has desirable land sufficient to accommodate not less than 6000 farmers, although a total of over 7500 homestead entries have been made at the Glasgow land office during the year just closed.

It is the plan of those most interested in the rapid settlement of this big territory wherein most excellent farming land is located to petition further to the Indian Department to the end that within a very short time the land will be re-appraised at a value more in keeping with the value of patented land outside the reservation. This movement will be general and will be of such a nature as to forcefully bring to the attention of the department the fact that the only impediment to the rapid development of this vast area of land is the unreasonable valuation now placed upon it. With proper valuation upon it this land could be rapidly settled up and a corresponding large increase in the products of this portion of the state would result to the advantage of every resident of Valley and Sheridan counties.

Glasgow is interested in the development of the large acreage contained within the reservation as its development means additional business for this city. Here is the logical distributing point for the entire north-eastern portion of Montana and the increased business resulting from the settlement of the reservation is a matter of importance which the business interests of Glasgow realize. To this end the Commercial Club will indorse and assist in any movement which has for its object the making of homestead filings upon the reservation more attractive to settlers. At the present time there is some work being prosecuted by the Club in assisting the people of the reservation bringing the matter more forcefully to the attention of the Indian Department. Resolutions are being sent from the towns within the reservation covering the situation and these will no doubt be indorsed by the Glasgow Commercial Club.

The Glasgow Commercial Club has

sent out a call for the meeting. Although Glasgow is outside the reservation, it is so situated as to be greatly interested in the welfare of the settlers and desirous of seeing the reservation settled up in as short time as can be possibly effected. Being the distributing point for a large portion of the reservation the development will mean increased business in the city. Under present conditions the Fort Peck reservation can only be settled by homesteaders, who have the money to pay from \$2.50 to \$7.00 per acre for the land. In addition to this price which must be paid to the government a homesteader must comply with all requirements of the homestead laws, in the same manner as though filing on land. This not only works a hardship on the homesteader, but makes it practically impossible for a large portion of prosperous citizens to attempt proving up on such expensive land. The land will prove a heavy expense to the settler in developing, an expense that will necessarily have to be paid for out of the products of the homestead. If the homesteader

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GUARDSMEN MEET

The first meeting of Company G, Montana National Guard was held Monday evening in the Congregational church. The civil association of the company was organized the following officers being elected:

Dan McGovern—President.

Karl R. Peterson—Secretary.

A. B. Friedlund—Treasurer.

Following the election, the newly elected president took the chair and appointed the committees for the ensuing year. An armory committee was appointed to look into the matter of securing a hall or building that would be adequate for drilling and armory purposes and club rooms, but owing to the scarcity of buildings available for this purpose it is doubtful if the company will have a permanent drill hall for several months. The small appropriation allowed by the state legislature is somewhat of a drawback and will hardly meet the expense in securing a hall that will fill the demand.

An entertainment committee was appointed to arrange for several social events for the company during the coming year. A number of company dances have been planned and every effort will be made to make these dances a social and financial success. Monday night will be the regular drill night of the company and all members are requested to attend these meetings.

Following the session of the civil association, Captain Ecker and Lieutenant Layton gave the company its first instructions in their duties as national guardsmen. The company will soon be down to real work and the officers hope to make Co. G, one of the best in the state.

LYCEUM DATE CHANGED

Dr. G. F. Reynolds of the University of Montana will give the fifth entertainment of the High School Lyceum course on Wednesday evening, February third, instead of Tuesday evening February second, as announced last week. His lecture is entitled "America's Most Popular Short Story Writers." Dr. Reynolds has few superiors as a lecturer on literary subjects so the patrons of the course may expect a profitable evening. On the following Monday night February eighth, Dr. W. M. Cobleigh, professor of Chemistry at the Montana College of Agriculture will give the sixth number of the Lyceum Course. Tickets and reservations for this lecture may be secured at Mabee's Drug Store on and after February first.

FLEES IN NIGHT SHIRT

Imagining that his life was in danger, C. W. Ewing, a patient at the local hospital broke out of that institution Monday night, garbed only in his night shirt, and ran to the house of Undersheriff Landre to whom he was going to appeal for protection.

Ewing was brought to the hospital last week and was mentally deranged. He feared that several persons had designs on his life and wanted to get him out of the way and while in the hospital claimed that an unseen electrical power was being used to burn him up. Monday night he made his dash for liberty, and while seeking aid, he froze both feet severely. He was brought back to the hospital where both members were treated. He claims to be sane but his mental ravings show that there may be "furnished rooms" in his "upper story."

WOMEN MAY REGISTER NOW

Fair Sex Now Factor in Politics With Franchise.

NEED NOT GIVE AGE

Certain Requirements Necessary for Women Who Register. Must be 21 Years of Age.

On Thursday, January 21st, the registration books of the county were reopened and this time every citizen twenty-one years of age will be entitled to register and to vote at the elections that may follow. Heretofore the law provided that every male citizen twenty-one years of age could register, but the suffrage amendment to the constitution having carried and a proclamation having been issued by the governor to this effect, women, as well as male citizens may now register to vote. The registration books of the county were closed, as provided by law, from January 1st to January 21st, to allow time for the lists to be transferred and re-arranged.

The qualifications to become a registered voter under the amendment are as follows:

1. Unmarried Women—As to the registration of unmarried women, the procedure is exactly the same as in the registration of males. They must be 21 years of age. Although a woman is of age at 18, the constitution of Montana as amended at the last election, reads:

Every person of the age of 21 years or over, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all general elections and for all officers that now are (or hereafter may be, elective by the people and upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people: First, he shall be a citizen of the United States; second, he shall have resided in this state one year immediately preceding the election at which he offers to vote, and in the town, county, or precinct such time as may be prescribed by law; provided, first, that no person convicted of felony shall have the right to vote unless he has been pardoned.

2. Citizenship by Reason of Marriage to a Citizen—An alien woman who marries a citizen upon proof of such fact. If she marries a native born citizen, she immediately becomes a citizen and is entitled to register. If she marries a naturalized citizen, she should furnish proof of her husband's naturalization before being allowed to register.

No doubt a number of women will be disappointed when they attempt to register because of the fact that any American woman who marries a foreigner shall take the nationality of her husband. At the termination of the martial relation, she may resume her citizenship, if residing in the United States, by continuing to reside therein.

Under this statute, if a female citizen of the United States marries an alien, she becomes herself an alien and is not entitled to register while the martial relation continues, unless her husband becomes a citizen. If the martial relation is dissolved by death of her husband or by divorce, she may resume her citizenship by continuing to reside in the United States, and is then entitled to register.

Women who register, do not need to give their exact age, according to an opinion which was given out last week. All they need to say is that they are of "legal age" or over "twenty-one". The same also applies to men.

The registry books at the court house are now open and the women should lose no time in registering. It is possible that petitions for commission form of government will be presented again in a short time, and unless the women are registered they cannot vote on this proposition. So girls, get busy.

WORKING FOR GOOD LAWS

Sidney J. Rundle, Valley County's live wire representative in the State Legislature has had several important bills "under his wing" which he hopes to see pass during this session. One of these is an act providing that mortgages on real and personal property shall not be subject to taxation. This is a bill which will undoubtedly meet with the favor of everyone and is a very important measure.

Another bill that will benefit the railroad men throughout the state is one which provides a method of vot-

ing at general and primary elections by electors absent or expecting to be absent on the day of any such election from the county in which they are electors and making arrangements regarding such voting.

EXAMINED FOR SANITY

John Stabler was brought down from Malta Sunday night by Sheriff Powell, charged with being mentally deranged. He was examined for his sanity Thursday morning and was ordered sent to Warm Springs for treatment. Stabler claims that he had orders to butt his head against the end of a box car and to make incisions over his heart and on his wrists. He carried out the first suggestion and tried to damage one of Jim Hill's box cars by ramming into it with his head, but the car did not seem to suffer as much as his own cranium. He also made a cut over one of his wrists but the wound was not serious.

JAILBREAKERS SENTENCED

Cecil Robinson and Coleman Cole, who broke jail at Plentywood Christmas day were sentenced last week to serve fifty days in the Sheridan county bastille. After serving this time they will be tried for horse stealing. These are the two men whom Sheriff Powell captured a short time ago and turned them over to Sheriff Duggan of Sheridan.

RECEIVE MANY INQUIRIES

Commercial Club Busy Answering Letters from Eastern Farmers.

Prospects for a large influx of prospective buyers of Valley County farm land early this spring appears to be very good according to the large number of inquiries being received almost daily at the office of the Glasgow Commercial Club. Seekers for information have written from almost every state east and west, and the Club office has been kept extremely busy sending out replies and booklets. Many of these inquiries are from farmers who are at the present time renting the farms they are working but who wish to own their own place. Many of them are financially situated so that they are able to purchase land such as is obtainable in the vicinity of Glasgow, where values have as yet not taken on any very marked advance. While the land within a radius of 50 miles about Glasgow is recognized as the richest and most productive to be found in Montana and has every ingredient wherewith the present large yields will be possible year after year with proper cultivation, the price per acre is still so very low that it furnishes an opportunity for those with but small means to secure a desirable farm at remarkably low valuation.

A very large portion of the inquiries received are the result of advertising being done by the Commercial Club in eastern farm papers. The returns from this method of attracting attention to the advantages of this section of Montana are most gratifying and appears to be a most profitable method to pursue, as the securing of only a few of those who ask for information as permanent settlers, will result in sufficient additional business for the city to repay the outlay and expense.

Many people of the eastern states are still of the opinion that Montana is a waste of undesirable land where living is an eternal risk to live among the savages. All this must necessarily be entered upon with the greatest of care, the easterner thinks, and it becomes the duty of the Club to correct the impression. Many of the letters received are filled with the most unreasonable demands for obtainable information, while others ask for the number of schools within the section, the distance to water, how far from a railroad the city is and many other questions requiring considerable time and attention in giving the necessary details that the inquirer will be able to understand that farming in this section of Montana is practically as easily done as in their own locality.

The coming year should see many new residents established in Valley county, the population should be materially increased and this will result in the assessed valuation of the county becoming much greater for the year 1915 than the natural increase will tend to make it. Farm values should, as a result, take a move upwards and altogether the general results of the year's work of the Commercial Club should become evident to the observer through these conditions.