

ROAD OFFICIALS HERE TUESDAY

Improvements Suggested that Will Benefit City.

MAY BUILD FREIGHT HOUSE

House Track Likely to be Moved to West End of Town. Commercial Club Working on Matter.

C. E. Leverich, General Superintendent, J. M. Doyle, Division Superintendent, P. H. Herven, Resident Engineer and C. M. Nye, Assistant Principle Engineer, of the Great Northern Railway arrived in Glasgow Tuesday on No. 28 and remained during the day consulting with city officials and members of the Commercial Club relative to improvements possible in the company's yards here, at a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms.

The afternoon was devoted to a general discussion of present conditions existing in the Great Northern's yards, the need of changes for the purpose of facilitating handling the railroad's business at Glasgow in keeping with the rapid increase, in freight and passenger traffic at this point. Matters were gone over relative to the necessity of a freight house built in the yards at a convenient location both for the company and for shippers; extension of the passenger platform sufficiently to give better and more safe conditions for passengers arriving or departing at Glasgow; platform lighting was considered, as was also parking that part of the yards adjacent to the depot.

The question of a grade crossing or subway, to do away with the present inconvenience of crossing the company's right of way from north to south side of the city was given particular consideration. The officials recognizing the fact that, under the conditions now existing, it is most inconvenient as well as being unsatisfactory to citizens of Glasgow and expressed the hope that some agreeable solution may be devised which will be suitable to all parties concerned.

"We have been giving this matter very deep attention with a desire to afford the citizens of Glasgow some satisfactory relief from the present conditions" stated Mr. C. E. Leverich, at the meeting, "our engineers' department has been wrestling with this problem for months and that is the reason Mr. Herven and Mr. Nye have been sent here from St. Paul. The company has instructed the best men in that department to come here, go over the situation personally and endeavor to find a way to alter the present conditions if possible.

"We are forced, of course, to always consider our operating expense, time being one of the essentials in figuring costs of operating, and we must not add any more cost to present operating expenses than is absolutely necessary. However, we hope before long to be in a position to submit a plan which will be feasible, and also attractive to the people of Glasgow, as well as one that will not prevent the company giving good service to the public. The Great Northern realizes the rapid growth of Glasgow and the enormous agricultural development now in progress tributary to the city. We know the time is not far distant when shipping farm products in the way of wheat, oats, flax, and live stock will be of such large proportions as to make it necessary for changes being made in the present method of receiving and delivering freight at this point. We want to make such changes, and will do so as early a date as is expedient, and when they are made, the idea will be kept in our mind of the future increase in business which is sure to develop here during the next ten years as it has done during the past five years. We want our plant in Glasgow to keep step with the great development, and improvements made by the city." "It is a pleasure," said Mr. Leverich, "to meet such a bunch of live wires as I find here in Glasgow. The evidence of the confidence in the future of your city is readily seen in your handsome business buildings, your fine streets and excellent lighting system, your new high school building is worthy of the pride shown in it by your people, and the enthusiasm and confidence in your future is sure to make Glasgow a great city before many years have passed."

Mr. Doyle stated his position as expressed himself upon his last visit here. "I like this city and the people in it," was the way he expressed his sentiments.

In discussing the possibility of making such changes as are desired by the people of Glasgow at the plant of the Great Northern, it was agreed that recommendations be made at once for platform extensions paralleling the main line track, giving better facilities for passengers leaving and arriving from the coaches, with electric lights upon the platform to give sufficient service at the arrival of night trains.

Recommendations will also be made for a freight house and industrial track in the west end of the yard. This change, if effected, will, of course, take some little time to bring about, as it requires a heavy investment in labor, and material. The need of this change is recognized by the officials and their friendliness to the movement was apparent at the meeting. It was suggested that a most satisfactory change here would be the erection of a freight house with receiving and loading platform on one side and the industrial track upon the other. This would make the handling of the heavy shipments at this point more convenient for both the railroad and the shipper.

The fact that wholesale and jobbing houses are now looking to Glasgow as a desirable location for branches and the corresponding increase in business to result from the addition of such lines to the business interests of the city was a factor in the consideration of the changes in the freight department. The Capitol Commission Co., of Helena, having made the initial move in this direction by establishing a branch here, points the way which will naturally be followed before long by other jobbers, and it will not be surprising to see within the year many such branches in operation at Glasgow. The city being a natural point of distribution for a very large territory offers excellent inducements for wholesalers supplying the trade from this point.

The party of officials remained in Glasgow during the afternoon and evening. The meeting in the Commercial Club rooms continued until about 5 o'clock, when the visitors were shown about the city. The evening was spent at the Orpheum Theatre after which the party returned to their private cars at the east end of the yards, leaving on No. 4 that night.

Co-operation between the Great Northern Railway and the city of Glasgow on a mutual basis of friendly interest is more than assured by the visitors here during the past month of the various officers of the company. At all times they have expressed the desire and intentions of working in harmony with the city for the future welfare of both railroad and city. The citizens of Glasgow can feel confident that these expressions of friendship are sincere and will bear the rich fruit in the conduct of the Great Northern in all future times.

MYERS' BILL PASSED

Special to The Courier. Washington, D. C., March 3.—The Senate has passed Senator H. L. Myers' bill validating title to townships in the Glasgow land district entered by the Northern Pacific as lieu land selections and his bill to classify and sell isolated timber tracts on the Flathead reservation.

MUCH LAND RESTORED

Secretary Lane of the Department of the Interior has restored public lands to entry in Montana aggregating 441,225 acres, and will designate entry in eastern and central Montana 100,000 acres for enlarged homestead about April 10th. The land just restored includes 20,770 acres of coal land and 420,000 acres of non-mineral land.

FORM THEATRE ASSOCIATION

The International Theatrical Association, a company which will operate theatres in the larger towns was organized in this city this week, the incorporators being, D. Coburn of Malta, M. M. Parks of Redstone, and C. R. Byce of Spokane. They plan on operating theatres in Williston, N. D., Glasgow, Malta and Havre and any other town which will warrant a theatre. They already own the Bison Theatre at Malta and expect to have one built here within the next six months. The new company will have its head offices at Helena and will manufacture western films besides running a string of houses.

IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED

State Legislature Busy Place During Last Days.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS

New Law Affecting Saloons. Anti-Race Track Gambling Bill Passed. Repeal County Division Bill.

Among the important measures which passed the legislature during the last days of the session and to which Governor Stewart affixed his signature were:

S. B.—Relating to the midnight closing of saloons.

S. B.—Prohibiting the use of seines and nets to catch fish.

S. B.—Giving father, and mother equal right in control of minor unmarried children.

S. B.—Relating to the removal of county seats.

H. B.—The Wells bill, repealing the county division law.

H. B.—Authorizing county commissioners to pay part of the salary of a county agriculturist.

H. B.—The Hayes anti-race track gambling measure.

H. B.—Providing for the purchase of anti-hog cholera serum.

H. B.—The standard apple box bill.

H. B.—Permitting corporations to classify their directors.

On Wednesday the Governor signed the Hayes Bill which prohibits the making, recording, reporting or registering of bets or wagers on contests of speed in Montana. The governor's approval places the law in full effect and it is now a portion of the statutes of the state of Montana.

The Junod Senate Bill No. 62, which compels all saloons in incorporated cities and towns to close at midnight and at 10:00 o'clock at night in unincorporated cities or towns after April 1st of this year.

The law provides that no saloon may open before 8:00 o'clock in the morning and must be closed continuously between the hours fixed for closing and the hour fixed for opening.

The bill providing for the annexation of the southern portion of Sheridan county to Valley county did not pass at this session although strenuous efforts were made by the Valley county delegation to have it passed.

Other bills that passed the Senate that are of interest to this part of the state are:

H. B.—Making it unlawful to kill deer in Custer, Dawson, Richland, Sheridan, Valley and Phillips counties before October 1, 1920.

H. B.—To protect owners of cattle and to cause the inspection of same before their removal from one county to another.

640 ACRE HOMESTEADS

The residents of Montana and other Western states who find that diversified farming requires the ownership of more land than can be acquired under the present homestead law, will be interested in a bill that has passed the lower house of congress and is now under consideration in the senate. It proposes a 640 acre homestead that affects a class of land which may be used for grazing purposes, and which could not be profitably cultivated to the usual farm crops.

The lands to which the proposed law may apply must be of such character that 640 acres are reasonably required for the support of a family, and it is provided that the secretary of the interior shall designate for such 640 acre entries the lands that may be acquired for the purpose indicated.

The important features of the proposed law are presented in these provisions.

"That any qualified homestead entryman may make entry under the homestead laws of lands so designated according to legal subdivisions, in areas now exceeding six hundred and forty acres, and in compact form so far as may be subject to the provisions of this act, and secure title thereto by compliance with the terms of the homestead laws: Provided that, instead of cultivation as required by the homestead laws the entryman shall be required to make permanent improvements upon the land entered before final proof is submitted tending to increase the value of the same for stockraising purposes of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, and at least one half of such

improvements shall be placed upon the land within three years after the date of entry thereof.

"That any homestead entryman of lands of the character herein described, who has not submitted final proof upon his existing entry, shall have the right to enter, subject to provisions of this act, such amounts of contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this act, shall not, together with the amount embraced in his original entry, exceed six hundred and forty acres, and residence upon the original entry shall be credited on both entries, but improvements must be made on the additional entry equal to \$1.25 for each acre thereof."

As progressive farmers generally combine the raising of livestock with grain and forage crop production, a reasonable acreage that can be used for grazing purposes would assist materially in the success of their occupation.

PETER A. WEST NAMED

Peter West, of Nashua, was elected as one of the members of the board of directors of the Valley County Fair Association at a meeting held in Glasgow on Tuesday of last week. He is the only farmer on the board. It would be very agreeable and it is desired by the Fair Association to have more farmers on the board of directors, but, as farmers do not hold stock in the Association it is impossible to elect them on the board in large numbers. Mr. West is an old timer in Valley county, is a successful farmer and stands high in the opinion of those who will be the prime movers in making the fair a success by the exhibits they make at the fair this fall. The farmers of Valley county know Mr. West will have their interests before him in the work of the fair and he will ably represent them. Having been elected County Commissioner last fall and now chairman of the board, Mr. West will come in contact with both features of the interests of the farmer. He will add good business judgment as well as live interest to the work of the fair board. Other new members elected were: Dr. M. D. Hoyt, Leo B. Coleman, Sam Rugg, and T. J. Hocking.—Nashua Independent.

HOMESTEADER SHOOTS HIMSELF

Andrew Guntviet, a homesteader residing on the reservation 20 miles north of Nashua accidentally shot himself in the side last week in attempting to pull his gun from a wagon. He, in company with Thea. Pederson, were hauling wood when Mr. Guntviet spied some game. The gun lay upon the wagon with the barrel pointed toward him and in pulling the rifle from the load of wood it was discharged. The gun was an old muzzle-loading rifle, loaded with shot. Mr. Pederson hurried to Nashua to secure Dr. Currie and as he has not returned we cannot state how badly the man is wounded.—Nashua Independent.

CARLOAD OF OVERLANDS

The O. M. Christenson Land Co. received their first shipment of 1915 cars this week and have been delivering them to the purchasers. The new models have many new improvements over last year's models. Another carload will be received within a few weeks.

NEW TREASURER TAKES OFFICE

On Monday, March 1st, Truman M. Patten stepped into the office of County Treasurer, to which he was elected last fall. The former incumbent, J. C. Duncan had everything in readiness to turn over to his successor and the work of handling the county's money was taken up by the new official without a hitch. Mr. Patten has appointed E. D. Button of this city as his deputy. Mr. Button has had a great deal of experience in this kind of work and will undoubtedly make a valuable aide to Mr. Patten. Former Treasurer J. C. Duncan left on No. 1 Monday morning for Chinook where he will act as Secretary to the Board of Appraisers between Valley and Phillips counties. Mrs. Duncan, who was deputy under her husband, is assisting the new officials.

SACO HOTEL OPENS MARCH 10th

The new hotel at Saco has set its opening day for Wednesday, March 10th. A big reception, dance and banquet has been arranged for the occasion and many visitors from the neighboring towns are expected to be present on the opening day.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Jury Finds Hibben Guilty of Assault in Second Degree.

NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT

New Bill Which Passed Legislature Creating Seventeenth Judicial District Ready for Signature.

The last of the criminal cases on the calendar for this term of Court was disposed of Friday, when the jury in the case of State of Montana vs. Geo. Hibben found him guilty of assault in the second degree.

The case had been a long drawn out one, necessitating the use of interpreters for many of the witnesses and was further delayed by the sudden illness of one of the jurors. Attorneys Dignan and Borton appeared for the defendant and County Attorney Geo. Ruffcorn was assisted in prosecuting the case by Attorney E. L. Norris of Great Falls. On March 1st, the day set for the passing of sentence, Judge Utter suspended sentencing Hibben, until he could make an investigation into the facts of the case, and postponed it until March 6th.

On Tuesday the case of Homer Harding vs. Charles F. Tanner came up for trial, Attorney R. E. O'Keefe of Chinook representing the Plaintiff and George E. Hurd of Great Falls, the defendant. The case went to the jury Wednesday and after several hours deliberation, the vote stood 8 in favor of awarding the Plaintiff the verdict and four against. The verdict was signed and sealed and the jurors were dismissed until the next morning. When the roll of the jurors was called, it was found that only seven stated that it was their verdict and five did not. Judge Utter declared it a mistrial and set the case ahead.

On Friday morning everything was ready to resume, when it was found that owing to the fact that the bill creating the Seventeenth Judicial District was passed by the Senate on the last day of the session, and it is now up to the Governor for his signature, they would have to dismiss court until they found out exactly the provisions of the bill. Both sets of jurors were dismissed but the twelve jurors in the Harding vs. Tanner trial were retained.

The new bill provides for the creation of the Seventeenth Judicial District out of the Twelfth, the new one to comprise Sheridan, Valley and Phillips counties, and the Twelfth district to include Blaine, Hill and Choteau. As the bill was originally introduced, Judge Utter would hold court in the Seventeenth Judicial District and Judge Tattan or possibly a new Judge in the Twelfth.

Several other cases came up before the Judge and were decided upon, and the case of Tucker vs. Nacey was dismissed without prejudice.

IMPRESSED WITH GLASGOW.

Editor Lucy Curran of the Brockton Bulletin at Brockton and her husband were in the city Saturday and were greatly impressed and pleased with the rapid strides Glasgow is making. In their paper this week they make the following mention of their trip:

"In view of the proposed change, whereby Culbertson, Brockton, Poplar and Wolf Point are to be taken back into old Valley county, a little news from Glasgow would perhaps be interesting to our readers. Mr. Curran and "ye scribe" spent Saturday there, met most of the county officials, visited the newspaper offices and had a good time generally. The sentiment in Glasgow seems to be very favorable toward the proposed change in county lines.

The women of Glasgow certainly seem to be taking their new privileges seriously, judging from the dozens we saw registering before County Clerk and Recorder Shoemaker for the coming spring election.

The new \$45,000 high school building was opened on Tuesday and is certainly a school of which Glasgow may be proud. It is a beautiful building, conforming to all the latest ideas in high school construction with a well equipped laboratory, cooking room, sewing room, manual training room, a large gymnasium, and shower baths for girls and boys, besides the regular class rooms.

The large assembly room is a model

of good lighting, beautifully finished, and with a roomy stage on which is soon to be presented an operetta by the High School Glee Club. We had the pleasure of meeting Professor Williams, the principal of the school and we stood awhile in the gallery for spectators which runs along the east side of the gymnasium and watched a game of basket ball. We feel sure that this splendid school will mean a great deal to the young people of Glasgow."

KALISPELL BOY FINDS FORTUNE

Roy Steckman, a helper in Kolb's new tin shop in Kalispell "stumbled" on a big glossy black rock last Friday, that will probably take away the cares of day labor strife for him the rest of the season and warrant a luxurious trip to the California fair, not to speak of a nice little bank nest egg.

In his daily travels in and out of the rear of the shop, Roy stated he "stumbled on the unknown," attracted by its odd diamond shape and clean appearance, picked it up for a door stop. Later examination proved that the door stop was a real topar. It was taken to Stocking's jewelry store and a dozen or more beautiful stones have been taken from its eight pounds without hardly being noticeable and the cut stones are being readily purchased at an average price of about \$5 per carat. No accounting can be made for the appearance of the stone in the alley, some thinking it might have been dropped from a load of coal, others from a load of gravel brought from the river bed. Needless to state, however, every other stone within four blocks has been carefully examined and no other "trace" has been found. Estimates are placed upon the value of the big stone at all the way from ten to thirty thousand dollars.

CONSIDER FORT PECK PRAYER

The resolutions adopted at a mass meeting at Poplar recently which were sent to Washington, praying for relief for settlers on the Fort Peck reservation have done much to bring about a favorable action by the department. The following letter was received recently by a number of persons interested in the matter and shows the attitude of the department:

The prayer contained in the resolution on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation matters was sojered before the Department of the Interior, together with a very clear appeal for relief from your troubles by your special envoy, Rev. L. J. Christler yesterday afternoon.

Your meeting in Poplar shall not have been in vain, for by it you have shown your interest and good faith. Your request as well as Mr. Christler's presentation before the Department of the Interior, the latter with its further detail on the essential needs of that part of your country, will be given immediate and earnest consideration.

Mr. Christler's review of the situation there was so fair and magnanimous to both the Indian and the white settler that there is a glad desire to act to the solution of your difficulties as expeditiously as time and legislation will permit.

Very truly yours,
C. B. Lang.

ELECTROCUTED AT ZORTMAN

Malta, Feb. 28.—A man was electrocuted at the electric plant of the Ruby Gulch Mining company at Zortman today. The details of the accident are not known. Coroner Tucker and a party from Malta are now in Zortman to conduct an inquest. This is the second accident of the kind to occur in the plant within four months.

BASKET SOCIAL AND DANCE

Arrangements have been made to have a monster base ball dance and basket social at the Bibson Opera House on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17th. The receipts will all go to the base ball team and a record crowd is expected. The basket social will be one of the features of the evening and every girl and woman in the city is invited to bring a basket. These will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. It will be one of the biggest affairs of the year and in case it is a financial success, will be a decided boost to the base ball team in getting them started on the 1915 season. Tickets are on sale now. Get busy and get ready to go, on St. Patrick's Day.