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EXPECT MANY NEW SETTLERS

Commercial Club and Land Office Receive Many Inquiries.

SPRING RUSH BEGINNING

Hundreds of Letters Received From Throughout U. S. and Canada From Homeseekers.

Along with the first signs of spring have come the first of the season's influx of homeseekers into Valley County. New settlers and prospective homeseekers are arriving in the city daily, the forerunners of what is looked forward to be the banner year for settlement in northeastern Montana.

Large numbers of letters are received daily by the Commercial Club, the Land Office and by the real estate men of the city from people interested in this part of Montana. Many of the inquiries are from Canada, where conditions are far below the average. Many letters are also received from people in the far eastern states, and from the south, both from people who wish to homestead and from those who wish to invest in Valley County farm property.

Hundreds of letters are received every month at the land office from people in Canada, most of them from the western provinces, who desire to come to Montana. A great many of those inquiring are landowners on the other side of the line and are interested in purchasing real estate here while the prices are yet low, so that they may realize a good profit on their investment in a few years.

"I look for a steady incoming of settlers into this part of the state this spring," said E. C. Hargadine, Receiver of the Land Office yesterday, "and I believe those who come here this spring will be those who are looking for a home and intend to stay. We are receiving many letters from all over the United States and Canada from people who seem to be deeply interested in land. Many of the letters are from people of means who desire to make investments here, but most of them are from those who want to homestead. We have many inquiries from farmers in the states west of the Mississippi river, especially, Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri. The prohibitive high prices for farm land in these states is driving the farmer of small means to sections where land is cheaper and where more opportunities are given."

"The Fort Peck reservation is yet the center of interest of many people interested in land, and I believe that there will be as many filings on the reservation this year as there were last year when the reservation was thrown open to settlement. Last year there were a great many people under the impression that only those who held numbers in the drawing could file on the reservation, and did not look into the matter further. We are receiving stacks of letters from people who are interested in the land on the reservation and it looks to me as though many settlers would file the coming year. The new ruling, allowing settlers on the reservation to take a half section instead of a quarter section also makes it more desirable for those homesteading."

Not a day goes by, but what there are a number of people who call at the Commercial Club rooms and inquire about Valley county lands. A party of five from Albany, Oregon, were in the city this week to look over the prospects of buying land. They were very favorably impressed by the exhibit of Valley county products at the Commercial Club, thinking they were remarkable for dry land products.

BOYS ATHLETIC NOTES

The keen edge of competition has been sharpened by the leading business men donating silver medals to the boys scoring the highest aggregate number of marks in Gymnastic competition held in the High School Gym on March 29th, at 8 p. m.

Contested events will be Parallel bars exercises and Vaulting Horse. The boys scoring the highest total of marks will be the winners. Mr. Huber and Mr. Buckman, will act as judges. Messrs. Wedum, Truscott and Mabee will supply the medals to the seniors, while Messrs. Lebert, St. Clair and Friedl stand good for the juniors. Friends and relations will be admitted free on this occasion.

Weather permitting a scrub game

of soccer foot ball will be played on the North Side opposite the Methodist church. Kick-off at 10:30 a. m., Saturday. This will be some compensation to those boys who got blisters on their hands with digging the holes for the goal posts.

The kids have energy to spare for as soon as possible they intend to renovate their base ball diamond and organize a junior league, and after a little practice hope to pitch balls that wobble like corrugated iron, and dishearten any wizard of the bat.

CHANGES MADE IN MOTOR LAWS

The Fourteenth Legislative Assembly made by House Bill No. 431, some radical changes in the Motor Laws which will be no doubt of considerable interest to every automobile, motor truck and motorcycle owner in the State, as well as of chauffeurs, and drivers of motor vehicles.

The present law was amended in such manner as to require the registration of all the various classes of motor vehicles annually.

All motor vehicle licenses become delinquent March 31st of each year. The amendments require that each and every automobile, motorcycle, and motor vehicle of whatsoever kind shall file in the office of the Secretary of State, an application giving a brief description of the vehicle, date of application for registration, name of the manufacturer, character of the motive power, whether gasoline or electric, and the amount of such power, figured in Horse Power, the name and address of the owner, and the county or State in which he claims home residence, such application to be accompanied by a fee of \$2.00. For an additional 75c Secretary of State will furnish a standard set of number plates for use on such motor vehicle.

Every chauffeur of a motor vehicle must be registered annually and pay an annual fee of \$2.00. All dealers in motor vehicles are required to pay an annual registration fee of \$10.00 for each style or type of motor vehicle sold.

The penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of the Act as amended is as follows: For failure to register an auto with the Secretary of State annually as required, a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$50.00; for displaying a fictitious number the fine shall be not more than \$100.00 for first offense and not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each subsequent offense. Any person who shall operate a motor vehicle as a chauffeur who shall not first have obtained authority and license to do so shall pay a fine of \$50. and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

It is the duty of any peace officer to arrest any person or persons violating the provisions of the motor laws or any citizen may swear to a complaint charging a violation of any of the provisions of the Act.

Applications for re-registrations are being mailed by Secretary of State to all owners registered under the provisions of the old law.

DR. KLEIN RETURNS

Dr. G. H. Klein, returned Monday from Chicago and other cities in the east where he has been for the past two weeks doing research work in dentistry. He attended many clinics and saw many of the new stunts, which are being performed by the leading men of the profession. Dr. Klein purchased a great deal of new apparatus while in the Windy City, and practically every case and desk in his laboratory will be of the latest style and arrangement. He brought back a violet ray generator, with which physicians and dentists have been having so much success in the curing of a number of diseases. An electric sterilizer outfit is on the way here and is one of the most complete outfits of its kind west of Chicago.

Although he says that he greatly enjoyed his vacation the Doctor is glad to be back on the job. His new office in the First National Bank building when all his new equipment arrives will be one of the finest and most complete in the west, and Doc stated that he saw very few in Chicago that were any nicer or better.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Montana Good Government Organization will meet at the Odd Fellows' Hall tomorrow (Saturday). The constitution and by-laws will be presented at this meeting.

REPORT OF APPRAISERS

Basis of Settlement Between Valley and Phillips Made.

\$90,732.57 DUE VALLEY CO.

Judge J. B. Leslie, J. L. Truscott and L. E. Edwards, Members of Board Appointed by Governor.

The work of the Board of Appraisers who have been deciding the basis of settlement between Phillips and Valley counties and Phillips and Blaine counties was completed on Tuesday.

The amount of money the new county must pay to the old counties, the share of the expenses of election and the public buildings taken over have been adjusted and the figures following are the amounts decided on by the Board, of which Judge J. B. Leslie of Great Falls was Chairman, and J. L. Truscott of Glasgow and L. E. Edwards of Malta, were members and J. C. Duncan, ex-Treasurer of Valley County, was Secretary. Judge Leslie was on the board that settled between Blaine and Chouteau counties and J. L. Truscott was one of the board of Appraisers between Valley and Sheridan counties.

The cost of holding the special election for Phillips county on February 2nd, was \$1,652.12 and each of the three counties pays one third of this expense or \$550.71. It was found that Phillips county must pay to Blaine county \$16,163.52, and \$90,732.57 to Valley county.

VALLEY COUNTY

Cost of Election	\$ 1,652.12
Indebtedness of Valley county	360,820.94
Amount of property in county	110,915.41
Total assessed valuation of Valley County	7,756,446.00
Assessed value of property acquired by Phillips county from Valley county	2,732,290.00
Excess of indebtedness over assets of said county	249,905.53
Total amount of money to be paid Valley county by Phillips county, (including road machinery in Phillips county, jails and share of election)	90,732.57

BLAINE COUNTY

Indebtedness of Blaine county	\$173,570.30
Amount that Phillips county has to pay to Blaine county	16,163.52

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Organization Being Perfected Among Young Men of City.

At a meeting held in the gymnasium of the new High School Tuesday evening, a temporary organization was perfected for an athletic association. There were over forty present at the meeting and all were in hearty accord with the idea of forming an athletic club and making use of the high school gymnasium.

R. E. Johnson was elected temporary president and L. E. Jones, Secretary. B. P. Langen, C. C. Johnson, Leo Coleman and Roy Huber were appointed a committee on organization and membership.

Another meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the new High School building on Saturday, March 20th, at 8:30 p. m. and every one interested is urged to be present. A large membership is hoped for and with a little co-operation, Glasgow can have one of the best equipped gymnasiums in the state. Much apparatus must be purchased and it has been decided that the members of the association shall pay a nominal sum for the purchase and upkeep of apparatus.

GUARD COMPANY BANQUET

The officers and members of Company "G" of the Montana National Guard were given a banquet at the Hotel Shannon Cafe Monday evening by the losing team in the campaign for new members. It was a jolly crowd that sat down to one of Mr. Edberg's excellently prepared banquets and enjoyed the fine program which had been arranged. Darst's orchestra gave a good account of themselves, aiding materially to make the occasion a success.

Private Dan B. McGovern acted as Toastmaster, and kept the company in an uproar with his witty sayings. Among those who were called upon for toasts were, Lieutenant Layton, "Why a doctor should go to war

when he has good private practice."

"Why I am neutral: Or the Germans are bound to win," by Private W. B. Halbig; "Selling lumber and trying to keep a clear conscience," Lieutenant Sternhagen; "Recruiting: Or how Woodley did it" by Private Woodley, "Why newspaper men are always honest and truthful," by Private Peterson; "Why one should leave his Ford outside when calling," Private Crossman, and "The National Guard and the Nation," by Captain Ecker.

Privates Wm. Belzer, Mosby, Bretzel and Torgerson were also called on for toasts and all responded in good shape.

RECLAMATION WORK PROGRESSING

The activity of the Reclamation service toward completion of the Milk River irrigation works will continue during the coming season. Plans have been completed for the work and the recent passage of appropriation bills by congress settles the important question of money. Appropriations previously made will take care of the work until July 1, 1915, which is the end of the government fiscal year and new appropriations will be available after that date.

Contract work begun last season will be finished so that delivery of all water that is available may commence with the opening of the irrigation season.

As soon as weather conditions are favorable the Security Bridge Company will begin work on the Nelson Reservoir. This work consists of an earth embankment and controlling works. The reservoir will at first be built for the storage of 25,000 acre feet of water, but will be constructed in such shape that ultimately 135,000 acre feet of water can be stored. Water stored in this reservoir will come from the Dodson South canal, starting originally at Dodson dam. Nelson South Canal, construction of which will start this season takes water out of the reservoir for the irrigation of land north of Saco and Hinsdale. Eventually any surplus of water from the reservoir will be allowed to flow back into Milk River to be again diverted at Vandalia dam for canals in the Glasgow division.

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During the coming season about 40,000 acres of land will be under the canals and whatever water the river supplies will be delivered on a rental basis to water users who apply for it. The system is of course at present dependent on the natural flow of Milk river. However, a strenuous effort is going to be made to complete the St. Mary's canal this season, and if this is accomplished the irrigation supply will be increased by the water from St. Mary river in 1916. At the opening of the coming irrigation season, both Dodson dam and Vandalia dam will be in operation; also Dodson south canal to Alkali creek, covering 14,000 acres; Dodson north canal, covering 11,000 acres; and Vandalia S. Canal for the irrigation of 14,000 acres. Between Alkali creek and Strater, the Dodson south canal, will be ready for water delivery on or about the first of June.

GOVERNOR VETOS TWO MEASURES

Because it attempts to amend a law which was repealed a short time ago and is therefore defunct, Governor Stewart Tuesday vetoed H. B. 218 by Mason relating to the transcribing of county records. He also vetoed H. B. 393 by Einsel changing the boundary line between Fallon, Wibaux and Prairie counties because amendments incorporated in the original measure were inserted in the wrong place.

The governor approved H. B. 274 amending Sec. 2891 relating to the time when regular meetings of the boards of county commissioners shall be held.

AFFECTS DESERT LAND ENTRIES

New Ruling Made by Department of the Interior.

FINAL PROOF MADE EASIER

Where Entryman Has Complied with Law in Good Faith, Proof can be made. Many People Interested.

A law affecting desert land entrymen was enacted by congress during the close of the recent session. It was tacked on to the deficiency appropriation bill and as passed by congress and made a law by the signature of the president provides as follows:

That the secretary of the interior may, in his discretion, extend the time within which final proof is required to be submitted upon any lawful pending desert land entry made prior to July first, 1914, such extension not to exceed three years from the date of allowance thereof: Provided, that the entryman or his duly qualified assignee has, in good faith, complied with the requirements of law as to yearly expenditures and proof thereof, and shall show, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the secretary of the interior, that there is a reasonable prospect that, if the extension is granted, he will be able to make final proof of reclamation, irrigation and cultivation, required by law: Provided further, that the foregoing shall apply only to cases where in an extension of time may not properly be allowed under existing law.

That where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the secretary of the interior, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him, with reference to any lawful pending desert land entry made prior to July first, 1914, under which the entryman or his duly qualified assignee under an assignment made prior to the date of this act, has, in good faith, expended the sum of three dollars per acre in the attempt to effect reclamation of the land, that there is no reasonable prospect that, if the extension allowed by this act or any existing law were granted, he would be able to secure water sufficient to effect reclamation of the irrigable land in his entry or any legal subdivision thereof, the secretary of the interior may, in his discretion, allow such entryman or assignee five years from notice within which to perfect the entry in the manner required of a homestead entryman.

That any desert land entryman or his assignee entitled to the benefit of the last preceding paragraph may, if he shall so elect within sixty days from the notice therein provided, pay to the receiver of the local land office the sum of 50 cents per acre for each acre embraced in the entry upon proof that he has upon the tract permanent improvements conducive to the agricultural development thereof of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, and that he has, in good faith, used the land for agricultural purposes for three years and the payment to the receiver, at the time of final proof, of the sum of 75 cents per acre: Provided that in such case final proof may be submitted at any time within five years from the date of the entryman's election to proceed as provided in this section, and in the event of failure to perfect the entry as herein provided, all moneys theretofore paid shall be forfeited and the entry canceled.

ORPHEUM CHANGES HANDS

The Milk River Amusement Co., is now the owner of the New Orpheum Theatre in this city. A deal was closed Tuesday between Mr. A. J. Bishell, representing the M. R. A. Co. and Mr. T. C. Penny, whereby Mr. Penny sold his interest in the theatre to the new company.

The Milk River Amusement Company is an organization of local business men, which now owns and operates theatres at Glasgow and Malta. Within a short time they expect to extend their field of operations and will probably have four or five theatres along the line of the Great Northern between Glasgow and Havre.

Mr. A. J. Bishell, who has been managing the Orpheum for Mr. Penny, is one of the principal stockholders in the corporation and will continue as manager of the Glasgow Orpheum. "The policy of the Orpheum will continue as it has in the past, to give the people of Glasgow the best that can be had in the way of motion pictures," said Mr. Bishell in an inter-

view with the Courier representative yesterday. "We have one of the finest little show houses in the state and the class of pictures we are now running is the best that money can buy. We appreciate the liberal patronage of the people of this city and will do all we can to please them in every way. Whenever there is a chance for us to better our service or the pictures we will do so."

Mr. Penny, the former owner left this week for the western part of the state and will probably go into the picture business in one of the larger cities.

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

Glasgow, Montana, March 10, 1915. The City Council met in the office of the Clerk in the Public Library Building at 8 p. m.

Roll Call—Present, Aldermen Boyles, Lezie and Kent. Mayor Friedl presiding. Absent, Alderman Markle. The minutes of the last regular meeting held February 24th, and the adjourned meeting held on March 3rd, were read and approved. (Motion by Alderman Boyles, seconded by Lezie.)

A letter from T. A. Hauge relative to the penalty of his light bill for the month of January was read and the following motion made by Alderman Lezie and seconded by Kent. Move that Mr. Hauge be not charged penalty on his light bills for the month of January for the reason that Mr. Hauge's delay in payment was unavoidable as he was in the hospital undergoing an operation at the time, the bills became delinquent. Roll Call Ayes, Boyles, Lezie and Kent. Carried.

Reports for the month of February from the Police Magistrate, City Marshall, City Clerk and City Treasurer were read and approved. Police Magistrate's and City Marshall's on motion of Alderman Kent, seconded by Lezie. City Clerk on motion of Alderman Boyles, seconded by Lezie. City Treasurer's on motion of Alderman Kent, seconded by Boyles.

Mr. T. J. Hocking appeared before the Council relative to the City's need of a typewriter. It was moved by Alderman Kent and seconded by Lezie, that a committee be appointed by the mayor, to investigate said need, to consider the type and price machine wanted and to report at the next meeting. Carried.

Alderman Boyles moved that, it be referred to the City Attorney as to the legality of the licenses and that the attorney designate those from whom a license is legally due. Seconded by Lezie. Carried. Mr. Keith of the Keith Commercial Agency presented his final report of his findings in the recent audit of the City's Books and also presented his report, and it was moved by Alderman Boyles and seconded by Kent, that one copy of the auditor's report be filed with the City Clerk and one copy be filed with the City Treasurer. Carried.

It was also moved by Alderman Boyles and seconded by Lezie, that transfers be made in the funds as recommended by the auditor and as embodied in the report. Roll call—Ayes, Boyles, Lezie, Kent. Carried.

The City Engineer appeared relative to the need of water meters. He said, (in substance) that the City would be unable to keep up the demand for water this coming summer unless there was some way to regulate the use. That at one period of ten days this past summer the pumps were going constantly, starting the time with a full reservoir and ending the ten days with the reservoir dry; that a chance shower stopped the irrigating and enabled the pumps to catch up with the demand. That while in some cases the meters would be quite expensive to install that the Public Service Commission would demand them very soon.

It was moved by Alderman Kent and seconded by Lezie, that the City Engineer be instructed to put the entire water system under meters as soon as possible. Carried.

Also moved by Kent and seconded by Lezie, that Ordinance Committee be instructed to draw amendment to water rates. Carried.

The need of a Purchasing Agent being apparent it was moved by Alderman Lezie and seconded by Kent, that the City Clerk be purchasing agent and that all City employees be instructed to get their purchasing orders from him. Carried.

After the bills were audited they adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor. H. D. PALMER, Clerk.