

## GEORGE BALL FOUND GUILTY

Man on Trial for Murder of William Long Confesses Crime.

## GLENN LONG ACQUITTED

In Shortest Murder Trial in History of Canada Ball Admits Guilt and Exonerates Glenn Long.

In the shortest murder trial in the history of Canada, George Ball, formerly a resident of Saco, Montana, was convicted at Swift Current, Saskatchewan, on Friday afternoon, of the murder of William Long and was sentenced to be hanged on January 6th, 1916.

While the conviction of Ball came as a surprise to many people in the county, he practically admitted his guilt at the trial, which started Friday morning and went to the jury Friday afternoon.

The trial of Glenn Long, also charged with being implicated in the murder of Long, was set for Monday, but on the statements made by Ball, by which he took upon himself all the blame for the crime, Glenn Long was released.

The crime for which George Ball will hang occurred on Ball's ranch in Canada on May 7th, when he shot and killed William Long, commonly known as "Black Bill" Long. A few days after the shooting Ball came across the line into the States and wanted to give himself up, stating that he had committed the deed in self-defense, but as the crime did not come under the jurisdiction of the officers here, he was taken to Canada, where he was held for trial, which later resulted in his conviction.

While down here Ball was calm and apparently unperturbed over the crime, and expressed his belief that he would be acquitted.

Mrs. William Long, widow of the man who was killed, arrived in the city yesterday morning from Swift Current with her two little twin daughters, and will stop here a few days before continuing to her home north of Saco.

In telling of the trial Mrs. Long highly praised the Canadian authorities and felt that due justice had been done.

"My husband left our ranch near Saco on the second day of May," said Mrs. Long, telling the story of the crime as she knew it, "to see about his stock on our ranch up north, which lies about a half mile south of the Canadian line. Ball's ranch is a half mile north of the Canadian line, opposite ours.

"The only trouble we had had with Ball was over some hay, which was settled in a lawsuit, but no hard feelings ever arose out of it. We were always good friends while we lived as neighbors at Saco, but when we moved up north Ball was not so friendly.

"When we were married Mr. Long gave me some cattle and these I branded with my own brand, which I recorded at Helena, and they were kept on the range up north with Mr. Long's cattle. Then Ball started branding his cattle with a brand similar to mine, and had it recorded as his brand on the Canadian side.

"One time my husband met Ball on the street in Saco and said 'I see you have got a brand like my wife's,' and Ball said 'Yes, and I can deal you lots of misery if I want to.'

"The day before the shooting Mr. Long found a couple of stray cows. One of our hired men was along and they were going to take them to the summer range with the rest of the cattle. In going to the summer range they had to go by Ball's house, as there was an open crossing there.

"When they came to the fence which Ball had around his land, the cows darted off into the brush and as it was getting dark my husband went to Ball's house, having decided to get the cattle next day.

"George Ball, Ed. Simmons and Glenn Long were in the house and all acted very friendly to my husband, and Ball told him that he would show him where he could find more stray cattle.

"My husband did not stop there for the night, but went over to Chamberlain's, a short distance off. The hired man did not stay there, but went on ahead to the summer camp.

"The next morning Long went to look for the stray cattle and rode through Ball's pasture, and there Ball

was waiting for him. Ball evidently shot without giving my husband a chance, as witnesses stated that at the first shot his horse became startled and at the second shot Long fell to the ground.

"He was shot in the back and directly under his arms, the bullet entering one side and coming out the other. It was shown at the trial that he must have had his arms in a raised position to be wounded there.

"This part of the story I learned at the trial from Ball's and Glenn Long's statements.

"They say my husband's last words were 'O Lord, dear God!' After the shooting Ball said that he walked to the body and as he couldn't find a gun on him (Long), Ball walked to the house, put up his rifle and got a revolver which he took out and put on the body.

"Then Ball went up to Sandy Martin and Billy Buzzard's place, but I don't know what he wanted up there. Then he went to Saco, where he stayed for quite a while and I met him on the street one day and he laughed at me.

"At first Ball had said that Glenn Long had put the revolver on my husband's body, but later Ball confessed to having done it himself. Glenn Long had gone out with Ball to meet Long but had not taken part in the shooting, and he was acquitted on the charge of murder, when Ball took the blame upon himself."

Among the character witnesses from this side who were at the trial were Sheriff C. W. Powell, Virgie Vaupel and Emil Lucht.

## AUTO COLLIDES WITH TRAIN

Dan O'Toole, of Nashua, Narrowly Escapes Death in Collision

A collision between a Ford and No. 28, the Fast Mail, at the railroad crossing at Nashua on Saturday afternoon resulted in the demolition of the Ford and severely injuring the driver, Dan O'Toole.

O'Toole says that about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon he was driving down the hill north of Nashua at a fair rate of speed and noticed a column of smoke along the railroad track in the west, but thinking it was only a local freight did not slacken his speed, expecting to make the crossing in plenty of time. On approaching the right of way he paid no attention to any train that might be approaching, but was watching a threshing outfit at work near the road. When but a few feet from the tracks he saw the oncoming train and put on the brakes, but they failed to work properly and the car kept working ahead. While his memory is not exactly clear as to what happened, O'Toole thinks the engine hit the front end of the car, turning it completely about and then the tender caught the back end, hurling the machine for a distance of about seventy-five yards. About the first somersault O'Toole was thrown out of the car. Before the entire train had gone by he got up and looked about, but was unable to stand very long as his left leg gave him great pain. Several people had seen the accident and ran to his assistance and the injured man was brought to Glasgow Saturday evening and taken to the Deaconess hospital. His left leg had been broken, this being the only injury outside of a few scratches on his hand. The car was completely demolished. O'Toole is getting along nicely and will be able to leave the hospital in a short time.

ATTEND GRAND LODGE  
Among the Glasgow people who attended the Grand Lodge of the Rebekahs at Great Falls this week were: Mrs. Whitbread, Mrs. Oscar Weber, Mrs. Rose Hoffman, Mrs. (Dr.) Pippenger, Mrs. John Shambaugh, Mrs. W. B. Shoemaker and Mrs. C. M. Reece and Messrs. Emer Johnson, W. B. Shoemaker and C. M. Reece. They all report an enjoyable time. The Glasgow lodge came away with flying colors as Mrs. W. B. Shoemaker was elected grand treasurer and Mrs. Rose Hoffman was elected to the degree of chivalry.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert Larouque, Jr., and Lillian W. Purdy, both of Wolf Point; T. W. Manning, of Glasgow, and Myrtle May McDonald, of Grass Lake, Alberta; Clarence L. Ross, of Nashua, and Edith Hall, of Hamilton; William Pipal and Gertrude Cusker, both of Wolf Point.

## SEEK RELIEF FOR SETTLERS

Big Meeting Held Monday at Wolf Pt. to Plan Campaign.

## WANT LAND THROWN OPEN

Relief for Settlers on Fort Peck Reservation Objective, Permanent Organization Effected.

In response to a call to the people of Eastern Montana and all others interested in the settlement of the Fort Peck Reservation, a meeting was held at Wolf Point Monday afternoon to discuss the ways and means of securing relief from the Department of the Interior and Congress from the present prohibitory laws governing the settlement of the reservation.

A large crowd of representative men from Valley and Sheridan counties assembled at the Glacier theatre, practically every town being represented.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor of Wolf Point, who introduced Daniel McKay of Glasgow as the first speaker. Mr. McKay set forth in detail the great injury wrought upon the counties of Sheridan and Valley and on all Northern Montana by the pretended opening of these lands to settlement. He cited that, after a trial of nearly two years, the settlement of this land has proven an utter failure, for the reason, not that it is undesirable land by any means, for it is surrounded with the best farms in the west and the soil is of the very best quality, but in the appraisal of these lands the settlers are loaded down with false values which can only be given to land by labor and development.

Mr. McKay stated that the financial condition of the Fort Peck settlers should also be considered and the manner in which they are to meet their first payments, as several of them are delinquent already. He called attention to the competition there is to the taking up of these lands, as all other prairie lands are free to settlers to the very shores of the Arctic ocean. "Now, then, we must impress upon our Senators and Congressmen," Mr. McKay added, "that there must be an appropriation made by Congress, in lieu of the proceeds from this appraisal, for the Indians, and this should be done at once, as the country is now clamoring for a billion dollar armament, and we should secure a little appropriation for the Indians before we get into the dark world-war game."

A permanent organization was suggested by Mr. McKay, which was voted and carried.

The new organization will be known as the Fort Peck Settlement Association, with C. F. Blaich president. A vice-president was elected from all the towns around the reservation, these being Dan McKay, Glasgow; John F. Cook, Wolf Point; G. T. Kelly, Poplar; Sam Smith, Scooby; P. J. Murphy, Nashua; Nels A. Levang, Homestead; John Daly, Medicine Lake; A. R. Chapman, Plentywood; G. H. Coulter, Culbertson; J. W. Schmitzler, Froid; Richard Grayson, Antelope; O. E. Lee, Oswego. J. P. Murphy, an attorney of Wolf Point, was elected secretary and A. R. Mitton, of Poplar, treasurer.

All those present were very enthusiastic over the possibilities of the settlement of the reservation under proper laws and regulations. It was decided by the association that meetings will be called at the different towns along the reservation, the next meeting to be held at Medicine Lake at a date to be announced later.

A set of resolutions to be submitted to the Montana delegation to Congress and to the Secretary of the Interior were drawn up and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the opening and settlement of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation has been a pronounced failure, we the citizens of the United States and members of the Fort Peck Settlement Association, in meeting assembled for the purpose of inducing the Honorable Secretary of the Interior of the United States, and the Congress of the United States, to so alter the laws and regulations as to the settlement of the Reservation that the same may be quickly settled and cultivated into fertile fields, and

WHEREAS, the Government's attempt to settle this Reservation has

been a failure in that only approximately five hundred entrymen have filed out of a possible six thousand on the very fertile land of this Reservation, and,

WHEREAS, the increased size of the unit of land has been no stimulus to the number of settlers on the Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the hardships in the settling of this Reservation imposed by the present laws has caused settlers to seek other lands in the United States public domain and in the fertile lands of the Dominion of Canada, and

WHEREAS, the present settlers upon the Fort Peck Reservation find the burden of meeting their payments under the present appraisal so great that many of them are unable to meet their payments thereon and to support their families, let alone improve their lands, and,

WHEREAS, the present method of appraisal has been a loss to the Indians, in that the lands have not been settled and the settlers thereon have from necessity become delinquent in their payments, all tending towards the loss of anticipated funds to the Indians, and, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED AND RESPECTIVELY SUGGESTED TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, as follows, to-wit:

1. That the appraisal as made of the land of the Fort Peck Reservation be removed and a re-appraisal be made in lieu thereof.

2. That the payments of the appraised price of the land be extended over a period of ten years.

3. That all settlers who have filed on 160-acre tracts be allowed to take additional 160-acre tracts on the Reservation, although the same be not contiguous as now required by the homestead laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. BLAICH, President,  
P. J. MURPHY, Secretary.

## LOOKING FOR OIL AND GAS

Plentywood Enthused Over Prospects of Developing New Oil Field

The oil and gas bug has struck Sheridan County. This information was gleaned from County Auditor J. F. Redmond of Plentywood, who was in the city several days this week on business.

"People in the northern part of Sheridan County are very enthusiastic over the possibilities of striking gas or oil," said Mr. Redmond, "and several experts are already on the ground making a careful investigation."

"One of these men, an expert geologist, who has been in all the oil fields of the United States and Canada has gone over the ground thoroughly, studying the lay of the land, and he believes that the vein from Calgary extends right through the Plentywood country. As soon as he has made his examination and decided where to sink the first well, drilling operations will be begun, and several drilling outfits are all ready to come there and begin work.

"A company has been formed to drill for oil and gas, of which Senator F. G. Fishbeck is president, and stock is owned by hundreds of prominent citizens in the county.

"From present indications gas can be reached at a reasonable depth and the tests so far have all been very good for oil deposits.

"The crops around Plentywood are the best ever harvested there and grain is pouring into the elevators in a steady stream."

## BANKERS PRAISE GLASGOW

In the report on the trip of the "Red Special," on which the New York bankers journeyed to the convention in Seattle in August, Glasgow comes in for a big boost for the entertainment given the bankers during their short stay here.

The article gives a few lines to the train leaving St. Paul and a stop at Willmar, Minn., and then tells of their experience here. It says:

"The next stop was Tuesday morning at Glasgow, Montana, where the Glasgow Commercial Club had made special preparations to entertain the tourists. Here again there was an automobile trip, to show the splendid natural resources of the region, and the local committee went so far as to publish a miniature newspaper called 'The Spieler,' which described various points of interest on the trip and told of Glasgow and Valley County."

## BEGIN SUGAR BEET CAMPAIGN

Commercial Club Members Start Campaign for this Industry.

## BIG BEETACREAGE NEEDED

Club Will Undertake to Get 6,000 Acres Signed Up for Growing Sugar Beets.

A general meeting of the Glasgow Commercial Club was held Friday night at which there was an enthusiastic attendance.

The possibilities of securing the erection of a sugar beet factory at Glasgow was discussed and the financial benefits to be derived by both farmer and businessman resulting from the erection of a factory here was splendidly brought out in a talk by Secretary S. C. Moore, in which he submitted figures on which he based his statements.

The figures show that the farmer can reap a very good net income from the farm and can get his cash as the beets are delivered, thus assuring him ready money to meet his bills when most needed.

It was shown that no such income can be derived from any other crop, and the farmer will make at least double the money off his year's work growing sugar beets.

The factory will also supply labor for not less than 200 men during the time it is receiving sugar beets and making sugar, so that a large payroll will be added to the city's income during the winter months.

All classes of business will be greatly benefited by the sugar beet factory from the enormous increase in business which will naturally follow in every line of merchandise.

The members present by a unanimous vote elected to secure contracts for the growing of sugar beets among the farmers whose land is under irrigation, with a view of signing up at least 6,000 acres, which it is contemplated will be easy to do; as there are 100,000 acres now being put under irrigation in the Glasgow district.

From letters received from various beet sugar interests, it is evident that they have a favorable impression of the Milk River Valley and that a factory will be built in this territory within a short time.

It remains for those people interested in the future development of Glasgow and its farming districts to assist in the work necessary to bring about the erection of a factory site at Glasgow.

All the members present at the meeting pledged their support and assistance in every way. Automobiles were placed at the disposal of those who will go out very shortly to sign up beet-growing contracts. This work will require some little time to complete and different members of the club have offered to devote a part of their time to the work.

Contracts are being printed and as soon as a sufficient number are ready, the work of securing signatures of the farmers will begin, and it will be pushed through with all possible speed. It is hoped to be able to start definitely before cold weather sets in that we will be able to furnish at least 6,000 acres contracted for the growing of sugar beets.

The printing of the contracts will be done for the club free of charge by the Glasgow Courier, and this fact, together with that of automobile service donated by other members of the club, will save considerable in the expense of completing the work.

Another meeting will be called as soon as the work has progressed far enough to make a satisfactory report and it is hoped that a larger attendance will be in evidence.

## PROPOSED NEW TIME CARD

Great Northern Suggests Changes in Schedule to be Effective Nov. 28

The Railroad Commission has been advised by the Great Northern Railway Company of its desire to get up a new time card, effective November 28th. The proposed time card will constitute the winter schedule, and there are some very important changes from the present service. The Oriental Limited trains will have no change in time, but the tourist car between Portland and Chicago will be discontinued.

Train No. 3 will leave Williston at 6:35 instead of 4:12 P. M. under the present schedule and will do local

work from Bainville to Glasgow, where it will arrive at midnight instead of 9:25 P. M. as heretofore. It is proposed to take off the present local trains between Williston and Glasgow, and trains 3 and 4 will do the local work.

Train No. 4 will leave Glasgow at 4:30 A. M. instead of 9 P. M. and will arrive at Williston at 9:50 P. M. instead of 1:40 A. M.

The present local service between Havre and Glasgow is to be maintained, but trains 3 and 4 will only run between Havre and the Twin Cities. Train 3 will arrive at Havre at 4:30 A. M. and tie up. Train 4 will leave Havre for the east at 11:45 P. M.

## RUMOR UNFOUNDED

Recently numerous papers in Sheridan county were heralding the fact that the Fort Peck lands had been thrown open to entry. There is nothing to this however, as the rumor started over the fact that the land office had sent out notices in re the restoration of certain lands coming under the Fort Peck irrigation project, off the reservation. These lands which do not aggregate more than a section or two had nothing to do with anything on the reservation.

The local land office has received many inquiries from people who seemed to be under the impression that the lands affected were on the Fort Peck reservation.

## MAY BAR FOOTBALL STAR.

Captain Solon of Minnesota Team Accused of Professionalism

For playing professional baseball the past summer with the Havre baseball team, Captain Lorin Solon of the University of Minnesota football team will probably be suspended.

It is claimed that Solon while at Havre went by the name of Stone, and it was when the Chicago baseball team was on its way west, stopping at Havre that one of the players saw Stone or Solon. When asked why he was up in the northwest he said he was on his way to Glacier Park.

The information that Solon was playing ball with Havre was sent to the faculty at Minneapolis and resulted in Prof. E. A. Harding visiting several points in northern Montana investigating the case.

Stone or Solon will be remembered by local fans, as he caught for the Havre team when they played here the latter part of August.

When E. A. Harding reached Havre he found that in every picture taken of the ball team, one face was always missing, that of Catcher "Stone." Havre baseball fans only smiled when asked why it was that their catcher would never consent to having his picture taken. He was told that Stone was very timid and did not like to get before the camera.

According to Mr. Harding, Minnesota does not intend to wait for an eleventh hour crisis but will suspend Solon.

## OLD SHOTGUN EXPLODES

An accidental shooting occurred at Dodson Wednesday morning which resulted fatally for a young man named Pfife. With a young companion, Pfife had gone to an old bunkhouse to spend the night and here they found an old shotgun, and in fooling with it, the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering Pfife's body below the heart, killing him instantly. Pfife had just returned from the harvest fields of North Dakota and was the only support of a widowed mother.

## HUB STORE TO MOVE

The construction of temporary quarters on the corner of Second Avenue South and Fifth Street is being contemplated by Reuler & Rugg of the Hub Clothing Store of this city.

As their present quarters will not be available until the new Rundel Building is completed, and in which they have rented space, they found it necessary to make arrangements to secure a temporary location until the new building was ready for occupancy.

## A. S. OF E. CONVENTION

The American Society of Equity of Valley County will hold their county convention in the court room of the Court House on Thursday, October 28th, at 8 o'clock P. M. A large attendance of members is urged as much important business will come up before the meeting and steps will be taken to further the work of the organization.