

THOUSANDS FILE ON FREE LAND

Local Land Office Doing Record Business.

GLASGOW DISTRICT FIRST

More Entries and Final Proofs in This District Than Any Other. Enormous Receipts.

New records are being set by the local land office in the number of homestead entries and final proofs, and the year ending in July, 1915, will undoubtedly outstrip any former one.

That land in this district is much sought after may be judged from the number of homestead applications received at the local office. During the fiscal year ending July 1st, 1915, 5179 applications for homestead entry were received. Not all of the applications can be classed as entries, as some were rejected, but the big majority of them were acted on favorably.

During that time approximately 1600 homesteaders appeared before the officers of the land office here or before United States commissioners and made final proof. As the greater part of the land in this district comes under the enlarged homestead act, in round numbers the amount of land thus becoming assessable amounts to over 500,000 acres.

Since July first there have been 1884 filings, which is a great deal heavier than for that period last year. The big crops raised in this part of the state this year should also be a big aid in attracting new settlers here and although there is a steady influx, by next spring every available piece of government land will be sought by homeseekers.

During the last fiscal year the receipts amounted to \$229,149.83, and for the months of July, August and September of this year the receipts have been \$78,185.63.

Those who might think that land in Eastern Montana is not in great demand have but to become acquainted with the heavy business done at the land office and they will become convinced that it will not be long before free homestead land will be a thing of the past in this district.

I. W. W.'s AT PLENTYWOOD

A small sized riot occurred at Plentywood Friday when twelve I. W. W.'s boarded a Great Northern freight train and attempted to steal a ride to Bainville. The crew made the discovery of the men in the car and attempted to put them off and a merry free-for-all ensued.

Three brakemen, Bill Wyatt, A. J. Shelly and James Harvey, were pretty badly used up by the 'boes. Wyatt was hit on the head with a rock and received several scratches on the head, and other members of the crew were more or less marked up.

Deputies Cook and Matthews were called from the sheriff's office and with Chief of Police Carney took the pugilistic wanderers to the city lock-up. Several citizens appeared on the scene with shotguns.

It is thought that the men came from the Soo line, where they caused numerous fights among the threshing crews in the western part of North Dakota and Eastern Montana. When the men were searched, no guns were found, but each one had a varied assortment of bullets, knives and razors.

NOTED COMPANY COMING

When Sara Ruth Bates and her company get on the platform there is no use resisting it, there is no use fighting against the inevitable. If you try it they will sweep you off your feet. There is no escaping the jolly infection of that trio. They are a bubbling, effervescent crowd, everything wholesome, everything clean, but you have the best time of your life, and they make you think they do, too.

The violinist, Miss Josephine Curtis, has studied abroad as well as with the best instructors at home, and is acknowledged by the critics to be one of the foremost lady violinists on the lyceum platform.

The baritone, Septimus Barbour, has a well-trained voice of pleasing quality and his repertoire will please the critic as well as the music-lover. Miss Bates, the impersonator, just "grewed" like Topsy as a reader. She studied a great deal, but when all is

said and done Miss Bates just "grewed." She does not give anything like anybody else gives it. She just does it her own way, but the bureau tells us that she has never appeared in a town yet that he did not want a return date.

Even if all this sounds good enough there is one thing more: The company will present a sketch or playlet as a part of their program.

BONDING PHILLIPS COUNTY

The county commissioners of Phillips County have advertised for bids for refunding bonds in the sum of \$200,000, the bidders to file certified checks for \$10,000. The bids will be open November 14, 1915. This money will be used to pay off the present indebtedness to Valley and Blaine counties and taking up outstanding warrants.—Saco Independent.

NEW HARDWARE STORE

Glenn Maris Rents Store in the Hub Building. Nov. 6th Opening Day.

Glasgow is to have a new hardware store. The announcement was made this week by Glenn Maris that he had rented the middle store of the Hub building and would be ready to open for business by Saturday, November 6th, with a complete hardware stock.

The stock for the new store has already been purchased and is now en route, so that it will be here in plenty of time to have it unpacked and on the shelves before the opening day.

The location which Mr. Maris has picked out for his new store is one of the best in the city and the room he will occupy is 23 feet by 75 feet. The shelving for the store is now being built by the Kent sash and door factory, and when installed will be complete in every detail. Mr. Maris' experience in the hardware business has enabled him to work out his ideas on labor and time-saving devices in putting in the fixtures and he says that when everything is ready it will be the "slickest" little hardware store in Northeastern Montana.

While not starting on a tremendous scale, yet Mr. Maris feels that by a moderate beginning he will be able to build up a lucrative business. By buying for cash and selling for cash, he expects to secure his share of the hardware trade. "Bargains for everybody" is his motto, and he plans to show the people of the county that they can secure goods at home, of better quality, than they can get by sending away to catalogue houses. He expects to carry a good line of hardware, and then for people who are looking for something cheaper he will have a department for that purpose.

The store is located on one of the main business streets of the city and has two excellent window spaces which Mr. Maris expects to utilize to good advantage with displays.

A complete stock of everything in the hardware line will be carried on the shelves. While not putting in a big stock, Mr. Maris states that he has selected an assortment that will meet every demand. His bolt stock will contain everything that is ordinarily required and the stock of tools will comprise the best known and time-tried lines, and then for people who do not demand the best, there will be a stock of bargain goods.

Mr. Maris states that he intends to make his new place of business a one price store, and that the margin of profit will be in accord with conditions.

The opening date has been set for Saturday, November 6th, and by then Mr. Maris expects to have everything ready to greet the people of the county in his new location. As he gets settled in the new store, Mr. Maris expects to keep adding to his stock from time to time and in the spring he figures on building a galvanized iron shed back of the store for storing barbed wire. As there is a rear entrance to the building with easy access for teams, this will be a great advantage in loading.

For the past four years Mr. Maris has been employed by the Robertson-Yotter Hardware Co. and has gained a thorough knowledge of the hardware business. He has proved up on a homestead north of the city and from his experience in the store and on the farm has gained some excellent first-hand knowledge as to what the people in this part of the state need most in the hardware line.

BEET CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY

Commercial Club Active in Getting Farmers Interested.

GOOD RESULTS EXPECTED

Beet Sugar Manufacturers Watching Developments Here. Great Benefits Foreseen.

"Facts About Sugar," a magazine published in New York by the American Sugar Producers Association, carries of experiments made by the Glasgow Commercial Club on sugar beets a lengthy article giving the beet raising during 1915.

The article states that the report shows that a sugar beet factory located in this district would be a success and predicts the extension of the sugar beet industry in this district by the erection of a factory in the near future.

From conversations had with farmers owning land in the Valley which is under irrigation, it seems that there will be no trouble in securing contracts for growing sugar beets, as all of them appear to realize the enormous benefits to be derived, and the great financial returns which will result.

One feature of the sugar beet industry which is not taken into consideration by a great many people who are not familiar with it, is the by-products of the plant which are used in various ways.

For instance, the pulp which is discharged from the factory and is the vegetable matter of the beet, makes a very fine feed for livestock for fattening purposes. Syrups also remain after the extraction of the sugar from the beet and is an additional feeding product which, when mixed with grain, produces beneficial and gratifying results when fed to hogs and other farm stock. Other elements remain which make very fine fertilizer. All of these things will tend to bring added cash value into the district.

From a feeding standpoint alone, the sugar beet factory means instead of cattle and sheep men shipping their livestock away from this district, for winter feeding, they will feed them in the valley upon alfalfa and pulp from the factory.

This will mean an additional source of income to the community, as this stock will be fattened for the market and shipped direct from Glasgow to Chicago or Omaha. This applies to hogs. In consequence of the growing of sugar beets, the farmers will grow many times the acreage of alfalfa now being raised, as a result of which hay will be much less expensive than at the present time. Nearly every farmer in the valley will be able to contract his hay to stock men, thus assuring them of a ready market. In most cases livestock will be fed on the farm in which case the farmer benefits from the fertilizer after the livestock has been driven off.

Another feature which has developed in the Billings sugar beet district and which no doubt would follow here, is the fact that a great many of the farmers early in the fall purchase from 1,500 to 2,500 head of sheep to be delivered at the farm about the 15th of October, or immediately after the beet harvest is completed. These sheep are bought for fattening, and as soon as they are in proper condition are shipped to the market, bringing the farmer very handsome returns on his beet tops and alfalfa.

Where proper judgment has been used in buying sheep and in feeding, these farmers have never lost any money in this venture, but have always made very handsome returns.

The members of the commercial club are all working enthusiastically promoting the sugar beet proposition and Secretary Moore is devoting a big portion of his time to the work. Many letters have been received at the office of the secretary and it is believed that the big men in the sugar beet business will within a short time give us some very encouraging information. By December first the club hopes to be in a position to show at least 6,000 acres of contracts signed in the valley.

MURDER AT FAIRVIEW

Five men and two women are being held at Sidney, the county seat of Richland County, for the murder of

Nels Gjerde at Fairview on Wednesday night of last week. The coroner's jury is investigating the matter.

The body of the deceased was found outside one of the houses in the red light district and from reports it seems the men had been together at the house and had a quarrel which they tried to settle outside. A fight followed and ended in Gjerde getting hurt. He was taken back into the house in an unconscious condition, where he died some time before 5 A. M.

Pat Leonard was arrested charged with murder in the first degree for the above crime, and is now lodged in the county jail, and Joe Cassidy, Mike and Arnold Englebretsen and two women are under bond to appear as witnesses.

HARVESTING BIG CROPS

North Country Farmers Report Heavy Yields of Grain.

During the last three weeks of ideal Indian summer weather, farmers in Northeastern Montana have succeeded in getting the larger part of their crop threshed and in the granary.

In the north country, however, threshing rigs with full crews dot the landscape at regular intervals and are working at full speed to have the last bushel of grain threshed before the snow falls. Several weeks more will be needed before the entire crop is threshed, the work being much slower this year because of the heavy straw.

Reports of big yields come in daily, averaging from 20 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre. Only a few farmers have reported yields of about 20 bushels and these were caused by smut and weedy fields.

In the Opheim country E. T. Maurer reports a yield of 60 bushels of oats to the acre, 30 bushels of wheat and 17 bushels of flax. Flax on N. M. Boe's place made 24 1-2 bushels and on the Krauth place, 23 bushels to the acre.

The Opheim Optimist says that Henry and Bill Niehoff finished their shock threshing last Thursday and had a yield of 20,000 bushels of oats, wheat, barley and flax and they have over 3000 bushels left in the stack. Henry Niehoff was the happiest man in the north country when he finished threshing. He figures that it will take a year to market the crop, hauling five loads a week.

Around Baylor, C. D. Jenkins threshed 80 bushels of oats to the acre and his wheat went 28 bushels. Flax in that neighborhood is making from 16 to 20 bushels.

Probably one of the largest yields of oats in the north country was that of George Wright, of Avondale, who had twenty acres that averaged better than ninety-five bushels to the acre, machine measure.

Grain of all kinds is also making excellent yields up in the Richland country and especially is flax proving a big surprise. On twenty acres of ground which had been put in in very good shape, Ed. Fischer, of Richland, threshed twenty-three bushels to the acre. All told the Fischers got 2700 bushels of flax from 160 acres of ground.

HAS VERY OLD NEWSPAPER

Mrs. Hanks, who lives south of Oswego, has a great relic in the form of a newspaper, the Ulster County Gazette, printed at Kingston, New York, on January 4th, 1800. The paper was issued every three months, and in this issue we notice the obituary of our first president, George Washington, whose death occurred on December 14, 1799.

The following is an advertisement taken from the Gazette, which will seem rather queer to the readers of today: "For Sale—the one-half of a sawmill, with a convenient place for building, lying in the town of Rochester. By the mill is an inexhaustible quantity of pinewood and also a stout, healthy, active negro wench. Any person inclined to purchase may know the particulars by applying to John Schoonmaker, Jun., at Rochester, Nov. 13, 1799."—Oswego Reporter.

BUILDING PERMIT REJECTED

At a special session of the city council Thursday night, the petition to erect a temporary building on the corner of Fifth Street and Second Ave. South by the Rundle Land & Abstract Co., was denied by the City Council, as it conflicted with the city ordinances, being within the fire limits.

IMMENSE PARCEL POST BUSINESS

Tons of Mail Handled Monthly at Local Postoffice.

INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Packages Can Be Sent By Special Delivery and May Be Insured for a Small Amount.

During the first fifteen days of October the local postoffice handled 132 parcelpost packages. By keeping a careful check on every package received and leaving the office the above figure was arrived at, being required by the government, who twice a year, during the first fifteen days of the months of October and April, gather data on the approximate amount of business done in each postoffice in the United States.

During that time, there were 944 parcels received at the local office for delivery and of these 543 were delivered to patrons through the general delivery window. Three hundred and sixty-six of these incoming packages were distributed by the two local carriers during the fifteen days and two came by special delivery.

In the same length of time there were dispatched from this office, 384 parcel post packages, the postage on these amounting to \$42.37 and their combined weight being 1,114 lbs. and 1 ounce, so that by these figures, the local postoffice handles over a ton of outgoing parcel post matter every month, and which is probably doubled or trebled during the holiday season.

Of these outgoing packages there were eight weighing over 20 pounds, but most of them averaged from one to five pounds each. But few packages were sent outside of the fifth and sixth zones, while 172 packages were sent to points in the first zone.

The packages leaving here for points in the fifth and sixth zones were largely composed of goods being returned to mail order houses as unsatisfactory.

Figuring the number of parcels received the first fifteen days as an average for that length of time throughout the year, the local office handles between 30,000 and 35,000 parcels yearly. It would be hard to estimate what this enormous amount of packages would weigh but it would run up well into the tons.

Seventy-four parcels were sent insured during the fifteen days, which is an increase over last year of over 100 per cent.

The merchants in all parts of the country are rapidly taking advantage of the parcel post system for sending out goods and the fact that they may now be sent by special delivery by affixing a special delivery stamp and having them insured at a very low rate is opening the field to a great extent.

A package weighing up to fifty pounds may be sent from Glasgow to Opheim for 54 cents, the rate being five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound.

Farmers living on the rural routes will find that they can send in for goods and have them sent by parcel post at very nominal cost. Many times during the busy season of the year they are compelled to drive many miles into town when they could just as easily drop a card to some local firm and have the goods sent by parcel post.

The letter boxes which were to have been installed in various parts of the city have not arrived here yet, but the local office expects to have them here in a short time. One of the boxes has been put up at the depot, where mail is collected by the railway mail clerks and persons having letters to go out on the night trains may deposit their letter in this box.

LIKE THE COUNTRY

John E. Dawson, formerly of Glasgow, but now located at Great Falls, where he holds the position of vice-president of the Rocky Mountain Fire Insurance Co., accompanied by Lee McMeel, treasurer of the company, and another gentleman, who is one of the biggest financiers of the state, but is traveling over this part of the state incognito, as it were, and Thos. Dignan, of Glasgow, were in Opheim Wednesday on their way to Scooby. The Great Falls men informed us that they refused to believe John Dawson's flowery description of the North

Country before they came, but having seen it they felt that his report didn't do it justice.—Opheim Optimist.

EASTERN STAR PARTY

Once a year the local Order of Eastern Star have a big "blowout." This year the date has been set for Friday night, October 29th, and the committees in charge of the arrangements have overlooked nothing to make the event a memorable one.

Music, cards and a banquet will be the big headlines for the evening's entertainment, and under the able direction of the committee on arrangements, composed of R. E. Johnson, Frank Smith, L. E. Jones and Fred Fischl, those who attend will be assured of having a good time.

The banquet committee, headed by Mrs. Sierts, expect to have this year's feast surpass anything previously given. All visiting members of the Eastern Star are cordially invited.

ADOPT NEW TIME CARD

Railroad Commissioners Accept Winter Schedule of Great Northern.

With one dissenting vote, that of Chairman J. H. Hall, the state railway commissioners have consented to the new time card proposed by the Great Northern to be put into effect November 28th. This was submitted to the commission two weeks ago and has been under consideration since that time.

After a discussion by the board, Chairman Hall dissenting, the time card, with the exception that the Great Northern promised to make Dodson a flag stop for No. 2, and also promised to take up the question of making Nashua, Oswego and Wolf Point as flag stops for the same train.

Under the new card, there will be no change in the Oriental limited trains, Nos. 1 and 2. The local trains between Williston and Glasgow will be discontinued. Train No. 3 will run west as far as Havre, where it will tie up and run east out of Havre as No. 4. No. 3 will leave Williston at 6:35 P. M. and will do local work between Bainville and Glasgow, arriving here at midnight. It will leave here at 12:05 A. M. and make the stops as formerly to Havre, where it will arrive at 4:30 A. M. This train will handle the Butte and Helena sleeper as far as Havre, but no tourist car.

No. 4 will leave Havre at 11:45 P. M. and arrive at Glasgow at 4:20 A. M., making no additional stops from the present time card. It will leave Glasgow at 4:30 A. M. and will do the local work between Glasgow and Bainville, where it will arrive at 8:30 A. M., and will do the local work between Glasgow and Bainville, where it will arrive at 8:30 A. M.

BAD THRESHING ACCIDENT

While hauling bundles for a threshing outfit, the fourteen-year-old son of F. A. Strong, of Dooley, met with a horrible accident last week.

While unloading bundles at a threshing outfit just across the Canadian line from Dooley, the lad stepped to the edge of his rack and stood on a rotten board. The timber broke and the boy was thrown into the feeder of the separator. Before help could reach him or the machine stopped, one leg was chopped and cut almost to the knee and the other was cut in several places.

The only conveyance at hand was a wagon, and the boy was placed in this and rushed to Dooley, fifteen miles away. A doctor was summoned from Plentywood, but when he arrived the boy was dead from loss of blood.

HAVRE MAN INJURED

Thomas Kirkland, a well-known resident of this city, met with an auto accident near Inverness Monday in which he sustained severe injuries. He was driving along with a companion at a good rate of speed and his attention was diverted for a moment from the road and the machine went into a ditch, turning a couple of somersaults before it quit. The companion with whom Mr. Kirkland was riding was fortunately thrown clear of the car and escaped injury. Mr. Kirkland was caught and pinned down by the machine. When he was released it was found that he had a broken shoulder and was otherwise severely injured. He was brought to the city yesterday and is getting along as well as could be expected.—Havre Plaindealer.