

BIG INCREASE IN SCHOOL CENSUS

Rapid Growth of Country Reflected in Figures.

NEW DISTRICTS CREATED

Over Four Hundred More New Pupils Enrolled This Year Than Last—Country Districts Increase.

The remarkable growth of Valley county during the past year is plainly evident from the figures of the school census recently completed by the county superintendent's office. Although more than one-third of the county was cut off when Phillips county was formed last February, the figures for this year show a big increase.

The large number of new settlers who have come into the county the past year to take up land may be realized from the fact that when the school term opened this fall, there were more than 400 pupils enrolled than last year, in the same districts. Hundreds of families from other states have moved into the county since last fall and the formation of several new school districts was found necessary when the fall term began, due to the big increase in the number of pupils.

Last year, with the districts now in Phillips county included in the census, there were 2852 pupils enrolled as students in the Valley county schools. With 1071 of that number cut off when the county of Phillips was created, the census for this year shows that there are 2183 school children in the county. This is an increase of 402 pupils in the districts that were left in this county. The number of pupils by districts are as follows:

District No.	Name	Pupils
1	Glasgow	1,185
2	Oswego	171
4	Hinsdale	187
5	Beaverton	82
7	Hinsdale	139
10	Gibson	16
13	Nashua	101
14	Tampico	133
17	Vandalia	56
18	Barnard	69
20	Galpin	81
21	So. Galpin	13
Total Pupils		2,183

PUBLISHER DIES.

F. G. Tuttle, aged 59 years, publisher of the Pilot of Paxton, died in Glendive last Saturday night of a complication of diseases, following an illness of about four months. The body was taken in charge by Love Bros., funeral services being conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. B. Bliss and interment was made in the local cemetery.

Mr. Tuttle came to Montana about three years ago from Minnesota, where he had been engaged in the printing business for about 30 years, located on a homestead and shortly afterward started the Paxton Pilot. He was respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and the community sustains a great loss by his untimely death.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. C. A. Anderson and Mrs. Walter Merritt of Paxton, and one son, G. R. Tuttle of Kansas City, Missouri.—Glendive Review.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE.

An automobile accident occurred south of Nashua on Friday of last week. Mr. Fisher, brother-in-law of Miley, the Lismas stage driver, accompanied by Miley's sister, were in Nashua after supplies. Mr. Fisher was driving a Ford and had gone about seven miles when the car turned over pinning him beneath. The young lady was thrown clear of the car, sustaining a sprained ankle and few bruises. Mr. Fisher, although not seriously injured, was badly bruised and cut-up. Several farmers saw the accident and hurriedly released Fisher from beneath, after which both parties were brought to Nashua and their injuries cared for.

STATE LAND SALE

Land sales conducted by the state land office netted the state nearly \$100,000 more during the fiscal year ending December 1, than during the corresponding period of 1914, as is shown by figures just compiled by State Land Register Sidney Miller for his annual report.

During the year 1915, receipts in the state land office amounted to \$1,219,602.97. In 1914 they were \$1,122,205.27, a net gain of exactly \$97,397.70. This money goes toward the support of the state institutions, the common schools and the capitol maintenance. Sixty per cent, however, goes toward the support of the common schools.

The following is a comparison of receipts for months in 1915 and 1914.

Month	1915	1914
Dec.	\$ 62,138.46	\$ 81,376.52
Jan.	34,973.29	35,588.75
Feb.	41,190.60	54,826.03
March	104,168.65	102,991.44
April	119,497.83	101,060.18
May	100,340.21	68,707.08
June	107,446.24	74,519.45
July	93,945.15	65,919.93
August	112,709.19	130,440.31
Sept.	207,732.66	209,017.31
Oct.	\$24,029.28	150,165.06
Nov.	\$1,219,602.97	\$1,122,205.27

SHRINERS AT HELENA.

Bound for the oasis of Helena, twenty-seven of the faithful of northeastern Montana heeded the call of the Muezzin from the Minarets of Algeria and started Wednesday night on a pilgrimage over the desert of Montana to be present at the annual joy feast of the Shriners of the state.

In a special car, on which had been attached a large banner painted by Fred Weigel, bearing the inscription, "Sagebrush Shriners: Glasgow to Helena," the party left, the candidates quivering in anticipation of what was to be done to them and the others happy in anticipation of what they would do to the candidates.

Those who must suffer the torture of being the "goats" and sip the camel's milk were S. C. Moore, Marvin Browning, S. E. Murray, P. E. Skjersteth of Saco, and A. S. Hanscome of Malta. Immediately after the car started things began to happen to them and every one wished they had stayed at home for they were given a "royal razing."

Those in the party were: G. R. Jamieson, S. C. Moore, T. J. Hocking, John Goode, R. J. Moore, John Hurly, S. E. Murray, Dr. M. D. Hoyt, P. E. Kent, Geo. F. Burke, Geo. Anderson, Frank Smith, R. M. Young, Marvin Browning, Fred Fischl, H. M. Cosier and R. E. Patch of Poplar, S. T. Cogswell of Wolf Point, Emanuel Sklower, Al Shaw, Dr. G. W. Clay and A. S. Hanscome of Malta, Harry Vagg and P. E. Skjersteth of Saco, Harry Rutter, Chas. Tanner and W. I. Ballard of Hinsdale, Dr. Steele of Plentywood and P. F. Ryder of Chinook.

George Anderson was appointed sergeant at arms to see that order was kept in the car, and on account of his size, it was done.

PENNY SELLS THEATRE.

It took T. C. Penny, manager of the Grand theatre of Great Falls, just one week to wind up his theatrical venture in Helena, says the Great Falls Tribune, which he did at a considerable profit, and he has returned to Great Falls again to resume his affairs in connection with the Grand.

It was a week ago last Monday that Mr. Penny took over the Liberty theatre in the capital city, the home of the Sullivan & Considine vaudeville in that place. He operated the Liberty from Monday until Saturday, when he disposed of his holdings to the Liberty Theatre company, a newly formed corporation composed of some of the men who are interested in the Orpheum and the Antlers, both amusement houses of that city.

BUYS DRUG STORE.

Louis J. Fischl, son of County Treasurer Fischl has purchased the drug store of C. E. Chatfield on Helena avenue, near the Northern Pacific depot, says the Helena Record.

Mr. Fischl has been with the Glasgow Drug company of Glasgow for the past year and arrived in the city Tuesday and took possession. He is particularly well fitted for the drug business, a graduate of the department of pharmacy of the University of Montana. He received his Ph. C. degree with the class of 1914. He has had varied experience in the business while in the employ of several concerns, besides holding responsible positions in Bozeman and Missoula.

W. C. T. U. MEETING

Every woman in Glasgow is invited to the meeting of the local union of the W. C. T. U. Tuesday, December 7, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., in Odd Fellows' hall.

HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHING

Rush Began This Week—Cooperation Urged.

MAIL YOUR PARCELS EARLY

Patrons of Postoffice Urged to Follow Instructions in Regard to the Holiday Mail.

Along with the slogan of "Do Your Christmas Buying Early," the postoffice suggests that the people of the city do their Christmas mailing early.

With the approach of the holiday season, the local postoffice is already beginning to feel the increase in the mail. This year the number of packages sent through the United States mails will be greater than ever before and in order to avoid any delay in the delivery or receipt of any Christmas packages the department has asked for the co-operation of the public in alleviating the congestion that is bound to occur at this season of the year. The amount of mail sent at this season is enormous, and it is a trying test for the regular force of clerks to have everything distributed on time.

The increased weight limit, reduced postage rates and other extensions of service the past year will cause more people to use the parcel post for the mailing of gifts than ever before, and the fact that parcels may now be insured overcomes another difficulty with which the department had to contend. While the holiday mailing has only begun, the postoffice here is rushed to keep up and in order that the Christmas mail may be handled promptly and satisfactorily, it is essential that the public co-operate with the postal service to the fullest possible extent. By observing certain conditions governing the sending of packages, the public can be of great aid to the postoffice. A few of these are:

Prepay postage fully on all parcels. Address fully and plainly. Place name and address of sender on all matter.

Pack articles carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed parcels are subject to postage at the regular rate.

Mail parcels early. They may be marked, "Do not open until Christmas."

Insure valuable parcels. Written inscriptions, such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and numbers, names or letters for purpose of description are permissible additions to parcel post mail. Books may bear simply dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other written additions subject parcels to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first class rate may be sent with parcels prepaid at fourth class rate, provided they are securely attached to outside of parcels.

The local postoffice has made arrangements again this year whereby patrons may purchase precancelled stamps and affix them to the packages themselves and thus save a great deal of work in cancelling them on a package. It has also been suggested that patrons of the local postoffice secure a small postal guide, published by the postoffice department, and giving complete information about the parcel post. With one of these guides, a person could judge for himself what amount of stamps are required for a package and save much time for the clerks in the postoffice, as well as those who are required to wait their turn to be waited on at the window.

Christmas and Red Cross seals and stickers may be affixed to parcels or mail, but they must not be on the address side, or they will be unmailable. It has been suggested that tags bearing the name and address of the person for whom the package is intended be fastened securely to the parcel as many of the tags become torn from the package and then it is impossible to find the person for whom it is intended.

BIG LIVESTOCK SHIPMENTS.

During the eleven months' period ending November 1, there was shipped from Montana, according to the record of inspections in the office of Dr. W. J. Butler, state veterinarian, a total of 495,268 sheep, 11,807 horses, 13,580 cattle and 4,402 hogs. The department inspected a total of 685,872 head of sheep, 45,019 head

of cattle and more than 21,000 head of horses.

That Montana is almost free from livestock diseases is shown by the comparatively small number of diseased animals found. Of 13,125 head of cattle inspected for tuberculosis, only 285 were found affected. For glanders, 823 head of horses were inspected. A total of 56 were reacted. For dourine, a disease that has prevailed on a number of the Indian reservations, 21,815 head of horses were inspected. A total of 372 reacted. Most of those have been slaughtered. Sheep have been high this year, and this fact, combined with the fact that the range is constantly being reduced, induced many sheepmen to dispose of their holdings. The shipment of horses was greatly stimulated by the European war.

RANGE HORSES SHOT.

Three horses belonging to County Commissioner Peter A. West were found dead this week, having been shot with a rifle while grazing on the reservation. A number of other horses that have been running with the bunch are also missing and may have met the same fate.

Concerning the affair, the Nashua Independent says:

"We were not aware of the fact that Montana harbored any individual so mean and low that he would deliberately shoot a range horse. But such is the case, however, as Mr. West was warned some time ago that they were going to get his horses if they crossed the Porcupine and went onto the reservation.

"Shooting of range horses is nothing less than a penitentiary offense, and a heavy fine may also be added. This is a free range state and homesteaders must fence to protect their property. Should the offender of the law be caught he will, no doubt, be given the fullest punishment the law provides.

"Rumors have come to Nashua several times to the effect that persons have been shooting into a bunch of horses with a 30-30 rifle, but heretofore no horses have been found dead.

"Every law-abiding citizen of the reservation should keep a sharp lookout for the offender or offenders, as this is a crime which should not go unpunished."

GIRL ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Little Josie Sowa, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sowa of Vandalia, had a narrow escape from death Thanksgiving day. One of the small Sowa boys had found a .22 calibre rifle and brought it into the house leaving it standing in a corner. One of his younger brothers began playing with the weapon and pointed it at his sister, accidentally discharging it. The bullet struck the little girl directly over the heart, but fortunately its course was deflected by striking a rib. Mrs. Sowa had stepped out to the well for a pail of water when the accident occurred, and when she heard the shot she ran into the house and saw what had happened. Dr. Cockrell was called from Hinsdale and from latest reports the little girl is getting along nicely.

HOLDING BIG MEETINGS.

No doubt the Christian church has brought to Glasgow a lecturer who is superior to the great majority of the Chautauqua speakers on the greatest themes and entertains you as much as most of the lecture courses for which you pay \$2 or \$3. How can you afford to miss this rare opportunity? The large diagram board is being used with splendid effect. There have been eight splendid additions to date and the Sunday school Sunday morning is expected to break all records. The I. O. O. F. will attend in a body Sunday night.

BAPTIST SUPPER AND BAZAAR.

On Saturday afternoon, December 4, the Baptist ladies will hold a bazaar at the church and from 5 to 8 o'clock supper will be served. An extra fine menu has been prepared by the ladies, whose reputation in this line has been established by their previous efforts. The supper will be served in the basement of the church and a big attendance is looked for. The menu follows:

Turkey with dressing and gravy, veal loaf, tongue, cranberry jelly, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, tomato and macaroni, cabbage salad, jelly, hot roll, jelly, pickles, Fruit Jello with whipped cream, cake, tea and coffee.

OIL COMPANY TO BE FORMED

Geologist Coming to Make Survey Before Drilling

LOCAL MEN BEHIND MOVE

Company to be Controlled and Run by Local Men—Enthusiasm High Over the Prospects.

For the purpose of organizing a company to drill for oil and gas here, a general meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms Monday night to hear Edward C. Cleaver, an oil man of Calgary, and who organized the oil company at Plentywood.

Mr. Cleaver is convinced that there is oil and gas in this part of the state, as has been shown by the striking of gas at Havre and Glendive and the new oil field but recently developed at Greybull, Wyoming, south of Billings. The geological formations in northeastern Montana are much the same as those in the big oil fields and the fact that there seems to be plenty of surface indications that there is oil here makes it particularly attractive for drilling.

At the meeting Mr. Cleaver explained his proposition to the club. He stated that he desired to see a company formed here to drill and prospect for oil and gas, and that the stock should be held entirely by local men. It would be a development instead of a stock selling company, and the power would be vested in a board of directors, appointed from the local stockholders, who would handle all funds and transact all the business for the company. For his part of the undertaking, Mr. Cleaver stated that he would take one-fifth of the capital stock, and would act in an advisory capacity to the company, drawing no salary whatsoever and paying his own expenses, saying that he was willing to take a chance on his time and money that there was gas and oil here. In case the well proved a failure, he would be the loser, but if it was a success he would reap the benefit, along with the other stockholders.

Before any drilling operations were commenced, Mr. Cleaver stated, that he would have an expert geologist, J. E. Rickards, come here and make a survey of the country surrounding. The entire expense of the survey, which will take about two weeks, is to be paid by Mr. Cleaver, and if the report of the geologist is an unfavorable one, and that it would be foolhardy to drill here, no well will be started. But if, after a careful geological survey, indications point to a body of gas or oil, a well will be started at the best place designated by the geologist. The geologist will be here in a few days to start his investigation.

"We may not strike gas or oil," said Mr. Cleaver, in addressing the club, "but if there is oil or gas here we certainly will find it. That there is oil and gas in this country there is no doubt, and while it is taking a gambler's chance to drill, it is certainly worth it if oil or gas is found.

"This company will not be a stock selling company like so many oil companies that are formed, who sell a big bunch of stock and never do any drilling. We propose to capitalize this company at \$150,000 with shares at \$1 par, and the first issue to be \$10,000. The management of the company and the handling of all stocks and funds will be in the hands of the local directors. In case oil or gas is struck, a provision will be made so that those who bought stock of the first issue, may buy the same amount of stock at the same price they paid for the first shares. In one oil field, after oil was struck, stock jumped from \$1 to \$125 per share overnight, and in case we are successful here, those who bought shares of the first issue will have an opportunity to add to their profits.

"It is estimated, and from the results of the drilling at Havre and Glendive, gas will be found at about 1000 feet, but it will likely be necessary to go 2500 feet to find oil. The cost of drilling will be about \$5 per foot for the first 1000 feet and as you go deeper the cost of drilling increases.

"In case gas should be struck, it would certainly be of great benefit to the city. Cheap fuel is one thing which this city certainly needs and with natural gas this problem will be solved for years to come. It would

also be the means of bringing factories and manufacturing plants here. I have heard that there is any quantity of blue shale in this district and with cheap fuel there is no reason why there should not be a brick factory here.

"In case oil or gas is struck here, Glasgow will boom as never before, and the only way to find out is to sink a well. If you don't find it, we've lost something, but if we strike oil or gas, the benefits will be so great that it will be worth the risk."

Mr. Cleaver stated that he had just finished organizing a company at Plentywood in which all local men are interested, and that drilling operations were begun last Friday on the farm of A. R. Chapman, two and one-half miles from town. The report of the geologist in that field was very favorable and the citizens of Plentywood are very enthusiastic over the prospects.

PINCHED FOR PILFERING

Steve McGowan will spend the next sixty days in jail for helping himself to property which did not belong to him. Wednesday night a suitcase belonging to Emil Mytron, an employe in Grossman's garage, was stolen from the Savoy Hotel. McGowan was sought as the guilty party and further evidence was obtained against him when it was found that he had left the suitcase in a saloon and had later called for it. About ten o'clock Thursday morning, Marshals Baynham and Jerrow arrested McGowan and he was tried at 2:30 in the afternoon before Judge Evans who, after hearing the evidence, ordered him confined to his room in the Hotel De Powell for the next sixty days.

MONSTER HEADS OF OATS.

Elmer Hake, one of the progressive farmers on the north bench, was in the city Saturday and had with him three specimens of oat heads that were raised on his farm the past season. The oats were of the Silver Mine variety and exceeded anything in weight and size that has ever been seen here. The heads were fully a foot in length, and weighed almost an ounce each. There were a great many triple kernels in the heads and on one Mr. Hake counted every kernel and found there were 314. These splendid specimens will be sent away to be put on display at the American Society of Equity meeting in St. Paul next week.

BAZAAR AND SUPPER.

Your attention is called to the bazaar and supper to be given by the Methodist Ladies' Aid society in the building formerly occupied by the Hub clothing store. Thursday, December 19, is the date. An unusually large display of both plain and fancy articles will be shown both afternoon and evening and a fine turkey supper will be served from 5:30 p. m. until 8 o'clock. Price 50 cents.

For more than twenty years this society has made their bazaar suppers a strong feature and the public may rest assured that this particular supper will not fall below the standard of excellence always maintained.

SUGAR FACTORY AT LOVELL.

W. L. Lawson, manager of the Billings Sugar company, announced Saturday that he has purchased the site for the erection of a sugar factory at Lovell, Wyoming, and contracts will be signed for the growing of 8,000 acres of sugar beets in that territory in 1916.

The factory will be operated by the Big Horn Basin Sugar company, capitalized for \$500,000 and will cost completed about \$1,000,000. Capacity will be approximately 600 tons per day. It will be owned by the same interests as the Billings Sugar company and the Great Western Sugar company. It will be the second sugar factory constructed in Wyoming, one having been finished at Sheridan this fall.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Gerald W. Greer of Sand Creek and Alice McGoerty of Arme, Iowa; Frank Melvin Brooks and Eva Lottie Lingel, both of Fraser; Ralph C. Kestin of Flaxville and Ethel E. Doughty of Scooby; Emil Engstrom and Naomi Redfield, both of Opheim; Armand Kittleson and Sarah Stephens, both of Glasgow; Lloyd Cecil Mix of Glasgow and Mattie Boltger of Clay, Kansas; Loyal Alm and Elizabeth Allen, both of Minot.