

Doings of Commercial Club for 1915

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president; Mr. Martin, comptroller; C. E. Leverich, general superintendent, and M. Nichols, assistant general superintendent, J. M. Doyle, division superintendent and many others. Many matters of importance to both the city and the Great Northern have been considered at these meetings and desirable improvements have been made.

Free Employment Bureau.

Many men and women have secured positions on farms and in the city during the past year through the establishment of a labor exchange bureau. It proved most useful and beneficial, especially to the farmers during the rush of spring and fall work. This department will be extended considerably the ensuing year.

New Business Interests Brought to the City.

On February 18, the first straight car of oranges ever shipped to this point was delivered in Glasgow. This car, bought by a local merchant, was the opening delivery of the Capitol Commission company, wholesalers of fruit, candies and tobaccos, who established a branch office and warehouse in Glasgow. The Commercial club devoted considerable effort during the year to drawing attention of various jobbers and wholesale houses to the advantages of Glasgow for the location of branch warehouses. The Capitol Commission company was the first to respond. Others are planning to and within the coming year one, and possibly more, wholesale grocery houses will have a branch office in this city.

Farmers Free Exchange.

The Commercial club has made an attempt to assist farmers in disposing of and buying such products as they might require; this department has met with but partial success owing to the lack of co-operation by the farmers themselves. It is hoped this work will be more fully appreciated by the farmers the coming year and that they will list with the club any articles they may desire to dispose of, or whatever they need to purchase for their farming purposes; livestock, grain and seeds, especially, should be purchased by farmers from each other. This department wishes to assist in bringing buyer and seller together.

Special Train Advertising City.

In June the club secured a special train, on which a large number of the members traveled to Malta, advertising the city and calling attention to plans for a Fourth of July celebration. The trip was a most successful one, the Glasgow ball team defeating the Malta team on their home grounds the same day.

Shriners' Special Train Entertained.

July 6 to 10, inclusive, two and three special trains of Shriners each day passed through Glasgow. All trains were met by members of the club and literature advertising the city was distributed. During the short stops made by each train extensive missionary work was done conveying to the visitors from the eastern and southern states the virtues of northeastern Montana.

Irrigation Project Receives Attention.

Congressman J. J. Fitzgerald and his congressional appropriation committee arrived in Glasgow on July 14 at 2:30 p. m. Members of the Commercial club met the special train with autos and conducted the visitors upon a tour of inspection over the irrigated district of the Milk River valley in the Glasgow district. The committee expressed appreciation of the courtesies shown and stated they had witnessed more evidence of irrigation possibilities here than during any other portion of their trip on this project. Very favorable legislation for the project is anticipated as a result of the visit of this committee.

On the evening of July 14, Senator H. L. Myers, Senator T. J. Walsh, Congressmen Evans and Stout of Montana, and Congressman Mondell of Wyoming were informally entertained in the club rooms.

Minnesota's Governor Made Welcome.

Governor Hammond of Minnesota and party arrived in Glasgow on No. 3 July 15. The club made arrangements for a short stop here, met the train with the Glasgow band and Dr. Hoyt made a short introductory speech. Governor Hammond responded, paying a flattering compliment to the enterprise of the Commercial club.

Complimentary Supper.

Friday evening at 7:30 p. m., in the Model cafe, the club tendered Senator Myers and Congressman Evans an informal supper. It was most successful and proved a pleasing event.

Bankers' Convention in Glasgow.

The northern group of the Bankers' Association of Montana held their annual meeting in Glasgow on July 3. After the business session the club members provided autos and a trip into the agricultural district about the city was given the visitors. All were highly impressed with the wonderful resources of the city.

Eastern Bankers Shown Resources.

Special trains carrying bankers from every eastern and southern state, on their way to the National Bankers' association meeting at Seattle, were met at Glasgow by members of the club with automobiles. Arrangements had been made with the Great Northern officials to hold these trains here for one hour, providing time to show the visitors the agricultural resources and development of the Glasgow district. Many unbelievers among the bankers were brought to realize the wonderful productivity of this section and all left filled with enthusiasm and confident that this section of Montana offers safe investments. The club delivered a wagon load of vegetables at the dining car of each train. Literature calling attention to the city and to the farming district was distributed among the visitors and its uniqueness received very favorable comment.

Good Roads Boosted.

The club members devoted considerable money and time toward improving the roads of the entire county. A sum of money was raised and placed in the hands of the county treasurer to help cover the expense of reducing the objectionable grade at Behner hill, between Glasgow and Baylor and Opheim. This road is now one of the best in the county. Early in the spring an Automobile club was formed by members of the Commercial club and one day each week was devoted to actual work on roads leading to Glasgow, with very satisfying results.

Protection for Business Men and Residents.

Owing to the large number of beggars, peddlers, itinerant repairmen and parties with all kinds of propositions to sell, the club passed a resolution that no member would contribute anything to

any of the above, unless the vendor carried a card or indorsement from the secretary. In refusing cards to unworthy solicitors, the secretary has been called most cruel and unjust, but the business men of the city have been relieved of some unnecessary inconveniences.

Advertising Glasgow and Vicinity.

Advertising the city has been promoted in many devious ways and good results obtained. Investors have been attracted here and a large portion of credit is due the club for the placing of outside money here for investment. Farm land has been advertised through the Breeders' Gazette, Scientific Farmer, The Dakota Farmer, The Montana Farmer, and by reading matter in many daily, weekly and monthly papers and magazines. Lately articles upon sugar beet possibilities have appeared in the New York publication, "Facts About Sugar," and a Chicago magazine called "Sugar."

Exhibit Sent to National Corn Show.

A large box containing eighteen varieties of grain and two varieties of corn was shipped by the club to the First National Corn show at St. Paul to be put on exhibition. The shipment was composed mostly of grain that won premiums at the State fair and every package was marked, showing the grower's name and address. This is but another instance of where the club advertised the city and county to the eastern landseeker and investor.

Developing Our Resources.

The past summer the Commercial club devoted time and expense developing sugar beet growing in the Milk River valley. Seed was purchased from the Billings Sugar company and distributed among farmers for growing. The results proved so satisfactory that a movement was put on foot to establish a factory at Glasgow. Prospects appear to indicate that a plant will be established in Glasgow within a short time, as it has been demonstrated that sufficient irrigated acres can be secured within a proper distance from the city to operate a plant of good size.

Get the Facts.

The member or a citizen not a member of the club, who reads the short synopsis given of the work done during the past year and thinks the club has not been active in promoting the best interests of Glasgow—if you think the officers of the club who serve without pay (except the secretary) are not entitled to commendation rather than criticism—in a word, if you do not think Glasgow may well be proud of its Commercial club—then your case is hopeless. Everything done by the club for the best interests of Glasgow has not been written—just those more important items are given—and should you not understand them all, or wish any further knowledge about the work of the club, go to the secretary's office. A welcome awaits you.

Remember—"If you can't push—Pull; if you can't pull; get out of the way."

Now then, if there is anything on your chest you wish to unload—do it now. Get into the club, attend its meetings and speak your mind where it should be spoken. Or tell your board of directors what you want and give them a chance to discuss your viewpoints or desires. The club wants your good will, your support and your valuable suggestions or criticisms.

So, then, EVERYBODY FOR GLASGOW.

didn't take, for the lure of the locomotive bell called him. Being a strong believer in the old adage, anent the "preambulating pebble ne'er accumulating any fungus growth," he stuck to the rails for eight long years, going through the mill from news agent to conductor. Then, as he naively puts it, "about this time the railroads commenced to enforce 'Rule G' good and strong, so I thought there would be more money in selling peanuts, pool games, stogies and soft drinks (get the soft drinks) than there was in juggling box cars for Jim Hill, so I opened a cigar store at Great Falls."

The investigating committee reports that they have dug into Mr. Bishell's past and unearthed the following:

Shortly after opening up a temple to the Goddess Nicotine our applicant contracted a chronic case of showshopitis. He sold the palatial home of the two-fers and invested in the old Theatorium at Great Falls and launched upon the motion picture ocean. Shortly afterwards a periscope was reported on the port bow. It proved to be the submarine Imperial with Captain T. C. Penny in command and a torpedo was launched that put the Theatorium out of business right there and then—and Bishell went over to the enemy.

He was given command of the new Orpheum theatre at Malta as Penny's first lieutenant. He ran that house successfully for two years and then formed the Milk River Amusement company, which started in to buy out Penny. Three times did our hero perform this trick. When Mr. Penny built his new \$25,000 theatre at Glasgow, Bishell was tendered the management and after a few months bought it. Later he purchased the house at Chinook, and if T. C. Penny builds a few more it is safe to bet that the Milk River Amusement company will step in and take command when they commence to start going good.

If there is no dissenting vote the

keeper of the outer portals will now escort our nominee into the lodge room for A. J. Bishell is a member in good standing of the Fraternal Order of Paramount Boosters.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of advertised letters remaining in the post office at Glasgow, Montana, for the week ending December 16, 1915.

Ackeridge, Dotte
Alexander, Gertrude.
Burke, E. C.
Bloomer, Morgan.
Boll, A.
Blasnich, Tony.
Bloomer, Elizabeth.
Burgess, Ralph, Mrs.
Deled, P. W.
Bowling, Tom (3).
Eckland, Mrs. Lillian.
Frey, Chas. H.
Glenn, B. G.
Hollipetter, Bill.
Hesselgesser, Thomas.
Jorsted, Hans.
Kaithain, Itch.
Ludwick, Edward.
Moore, Margaret.
Murphy, R. H.
Myers Bros.
Owings, Mrs. J. F.
Reamer, John.
Reid, Mrs. E.
Sand, Cyrus H.
Simpson, John.
Willis, C. L.
Young, C. L.
Youtas, Y. A.

P. L. HERRING,
Postmaster.

It Wouldn't Interfere.

"Want a job, eh?" asked the prospective employer to the shrewd-looking applicant for the position as errand boy. "Well, do you know how far the moon is from the earth?"

"Now, sir," said the youth, "I don't know. But it ain't close enough to prevent me from runnin' your errands."

He got the job.

HAVE YOUR OWN HORSE AND CATTLE HIDES MADE UP INTO ROBES AND COATS.

No better coats or robes were ever made than can be made from your own horse or cattle hides. Tanned by our own original process, they will always remain soft, pliable, wind, water and moth proof, and will last a life time. We repair and make over old furs; also make new furs from your own skins.

Write for price list and tags; they are free.

THE WESTERN FUR & HIDE CO.
TANNERS, FURRIERS and TAXIDERMISTS.
BILLINGS, MONTANA.

MONTANA'S LEADING PICTURE HOUSE

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when you come in, seems to feel glad you're there and when you leave he is as obliging as a kid before Christmas. He asks your opinion of the picture, and if you didn't like it he wants to know. It's the public he wants to satisfy, not himself, and any complaints about the pictures or the theatre are heeded by him. He is one of the real live wires in the city, a good booster for everything that will tend toward civic development, well liked by everyone—in fact, he's the "real Peruvian doughnuts."

In a recent issue of "Real Reels," a spicy little publication of one of the film exchanges there appeared a write-up of the manager of the local Orpheum. A copy of it strayed into our hands and we reproduce it in these columns. It follows:

"The Man With the Hot Name."

Hail! Hail!

Look who's here.

Mustn't say that naughty word.

Mustn't say that naughty word.

Hail! Hail!

Look who's here.

Mustn't say that naughty word, now.

The keeper of the outer portals, after the singing of the opening ode, will admit the applicant for immortality in the gallery of Paramount exhibitors in the person of one, A. J. Bishell (which is not pronounced the way you think it is), secretary and treasurer of the Milk River Amusement company, Glasgow, Montana, and incidentally, general manager of three Orpheum theatres in as many cities.

The official Etymologist begs to report on this name now before you to the effect that bi-shell and Bishell are both barred in polite society, the prefixes respectively denoting half and twice. In the proper pronunciation of this sterling name, the "h" is silent as in "it 'im on the 'ead with a 'ard 'ammer."

Mr. Bishell's claims to membership in the Fraternal Order of Paramount are that he has made good and, like other great men, he came west before he was old enough to get inoculated with the dreaded bacilli superciliosity of the effete east.

At the tender age he came to Montana 25 years ago, wore red top boots and was a star scholar at school. After finishing school our nominee was vaccinated for a drug clerk, but it

Stop At COLEMAN'S Road Ranch

On your way to or from the north country. My new barn is now completed and I can furnish ample accommodations for one hundred and fifty horses. Everyone is invited to make my place their traveling headquarters when traveling on the north country road.

Wishing one and all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Tom Coleman