

## BUILDING BILL MAY BE PASSED

Federal Building Appropriation Taken Up in Congress.

### PROSPECTS FAVORABLE

Montana Delegation Working to Get Measure Through—More Data is Furnished.

That the bill for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of a site and erection of a federal building in Glasgow is being seriously considered in Washington is evidenced by letters received recently from Congressman Stout and Senator Walsh.

Data was sent to the Montana delegation some time ago, regarding the necessity and economy of the erection of a federal building here and what action is being taken in the matter is shown from the fact that more information is desired by the committee.

In a letter to L. P. Evans of this city Congressman Stout states that "all the data available has already been submitted to the committee and every effort will be made to bring out the realization of our desires in the premises."

Senator Walsh writes: Hon. L. P. Evans

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your esteemed favor relating to a federal building at Glasgow. Will you have the kindness to write me at length about this matter, setting out the amount of business done at the post-office and at the land office, with such other facts as may have a proper bearing upon the advisability of locating at your city, a public building. I am disposed to believe that favorable consideration might be given to the project. Very truly yours,

T. J. WALSH.

Reports on the business done at the postoffice and land office have been prepared by Postmaster Herring and Receiver E. C. Hargadine.

The report of the postoffice shows the receipts by years since 1909:

Year Ending	Receipts
December 31, 1909	\$ 6,105.80
December 31, 1910	8,532.98
December 31, 1911	7,983.87
December 31, 1912	9,307.88
December 31, 1913	12,228.72
December 31, 1914	14,468.22
December 31, 1915	13,832.11

The decrease for the year ending December 31, 1915, was due to the fact that so many outlying post offices were established and supplied direct from the department, thereby taking the revenue from this office.

The Glasgow office is the distributing point for fifteen outlying offices and the mail to and from these offices is handled through here.

At the present rate of increase this office will gain back more than the deficit of last year, by the end of December 31, 1916.

The report of the land office shows that during 1915 the local office issued 1725 final certificates; that there were 12 rejected proofs not appealed; 16 rejected proofs appealed, and 10 proofs rejected and withdrawn.

Five thousand, six hundred and ten applications for land were presented and \$303,916.20 was paid in, of which \$267,962.81 was earned. The difference was repaid to those whose applications were rejected. The expenses of running the office during the year was \$14,020.62, which includes the salaries of clerks, rental, including heat and janitor service, new furniture, registration, stamps, etc.

In going over the earnings for the last four years it was found that they would amount to approximately \$700,000 for that length of time. The last two years the earnings have gone over the \$250,000 mark and there is every indication that this will continue for some time to come, as there are thousands of homesteaders in this district who have not yet made final proof.

### NEW BUILDING STARTED

The excavating for the new one story brick store building which is to be constructed by the First National bank between their building and the Emporium on Front street, began yesterday morning. Liegl and Kleppe have the contract for the erection of the building.

The building will have a frontage of 30 feet and will be 70 feet deep,

and when completed will be used for store purposes.

The large room on the second floor of the First National bank building is also being remodeled. The U. S. Land Office will occupy this space about the first of June, when they will move from their old quarters in the Milk River Valley bank building.

### COTTRELL NAMES DEPUTIES

The work of taking the 1916 assessment will soon commence and Assessor Barton H. Cottrell has selected his force of deputies who will begin their duties about April 10th. The deputies will meet with the Assessor on Monday April 3rd to receive instructions and discuss matters and receive the necessary supplies and data for carrying on their work. The appointments follow:

- F. W. Seeley of Hinsdale, District 2; Frank Ward, Hinsdale, District 1; C. T. Taylor, Nashua, District 3; F. W. Wilson, Glasgow, District 4; O. E. Burtness, Opheim, District 5; W. B. Sanders, Glentana, District 6; A. B. Rotering, Glasgow, District 8.

### INTERESTING TALK ON IRRIGATION

I. D. O'Donnell Advises Farmers How to Get Best Results.

Irrigation on the farm and how it makes for better results was very clearly demonstrated in the address given by Hon. I. D. O'Donnell, Supervisor of Irrigation of all U. S. Reclamation Projects, to the farmers at the Gibson Opera house last Friday afternoon. The attendance was not as large as was expected and this is explained by the high water along the Milk river preventing many who wished to hear Mr. O'Donnell from getting into town.

Mr. O'Donnell, in his talk, made the assertion that the farmer is the shrewdest man in the world. In fact, that he had to be in order that he might succeed in his business. That there was more diversified interests in farming than in any other business which brought the farmer into many different lines of endeavor, if he expected to utilize every part of the farm product. He took up from this point how irrigation made it possible for a farmer to broaden out his work make one part care for another and thus make a self-sustaining whole of the entire place.

Diversity and rotation of crops was one of the points which Mr. O'Donnell dwelt upon very strongly. His remarks applied to dry farming as well as to irrigated farming. The irrigator might have an opportunity of wider range of rotation than the one who did not irrigate but the same method can be applied with very good results. It tends to keep the soil in a higher state of cultivation and the returns are correspondingly greater.

Sugar beet growing in the irrigated districts was taken up by Mr. O'Donnell and he stated his opinion to be that the Milk River valley can grow them profitably.

This is one of the crops which he shows, can be grown in rotation with others, such as grain, alfalfa or some tilling crop. The rotation of sugar beets, grain and alfalfa, he stated, is sure to bring big profits to the farmer. It provides for many by-products, and the utilization of what would otherwise be wasted, in keeping up a high farming standard.

"Feeding livestock," said Mr. O'Donnell, "is one of the natural results of the rotating of crops as outlined. If sugar beets are grown the tops, with alfalfa is the greatest feeding combination obtainable. It puts stock in excellent condition for the market."

This is but a part of the many valuable points brought home to the farmer and those who heard Mr. O'Donnell expressed having received many good points which they can use this year in their work.

At seven o'clock the Commercial club held an informal luncheon at the Coleman hotel where Mr. O'Donnell gave a short talk upon the benefits a city received from having a sugar beet factory. He outlined the investment represented, the size of the payroll and the amount of cash paid out to farmers every fall showing a tremendous amount of money. Mr. O'Donnell has been raising sugar beets ever since the factory in Billings started and he stated that he has made good money every year. His average in sugar beets has been 200 acres annually.

Mr. W. W. Schlect, Project Manager of the Milk River Irrigation Project (Continued on Page Twelve)

## CAMPAIGN TO BEAUTIFY CITY

Commercial Club Backs Plan to Improve Glasgow.

### PRIZES TO BE OFFERED

Co-operation of Property Owners and School Children Urged to Make it a Success.

A "City Beautiful" campaign will be inaugurated the first of April by the Glasgow Commercial club under a competitive plan that will, if properly entered into by the householders and school children make every vacant lot in the city blossom forth as a garden and every home take on added beauty.

The plan to make Glasgow a "City Beautiful" has been under consideration by the club since early last winter and the preliminary work has practically been completed. The necessity of securing vegetable and flower seeds sufficient to carry on the work made it a difficult matter to know just how extensive the movement might be advanced. There is assurance of the Club now having sufficient of both kinds to permit of a very interesting and lively participation by the people of Glasgow in making the city a beauty spot.

Secretary S. C. Moore has been in communication with the Montana Senators and Congressman in an effort to secure a quantity of seeds from the Agricultural Department. Each of them have sent whatever seed could be spared from their allotments. Senator H. L. Meyers took exceptional interest in the plans of the Club and furnished a very large number of packages of seed out of his own quota. He also took up the matter with the Secretary of Agriculture and procured for the Club a sufficient additional amount of vegetable and flower seeds to make it possible to open the campaign at this time.

The plans outlined for conducting the "City Beautiful" campaign will be outlined and made public within a short time. Blanks will be provided upon which entries may be made by those wishing to participate. It is expected that no less than four or five hundred vegetable and flower beds will be under cultivation during the summer.

The plans contemplate dividing the entries into three classes, one for children, one for grown ups who do their own work and one for those who will employ some one to attend the garden for them. There will be appropriate prizes offered to be awarded by a judging committee composed of persons who will not know the owners of any of the gardens. It will be conducted upon its merits and every vegetable plot or flower bed will be credited according to the rules governing the contest.

Details of the plan have been obtained from Davenport, Iowa, where the campaign for a "City Beautiful" was first inaugurated in 1913, and has been continued each year with great success. Additional features are added each year which, if the movement in Glasgow is successful this year, will be incorporated into the plans here.

Mayor Kent and the City Council are co-operating in the movement and have made the start by selecting a clean up day. This will be on April 15th and every person in town ought to put in that day cleaning the refuse, ashes and every other unsightly object from the premises.

Announcement will be made next week in the papers telling how to participate in the "City Beautiful" contest and the Commercial Club hopes every one will join in and make it a success.

### COUNTY SEAT FIGHT UP

The final hearing in the Medicine Lake Plentywood county seat squabble came up before the supreme court at Helena last Thursday. The Medicine Lake people are contesting Plentywood on the grounds of fraudulent election methods. The outcome of the case will be watched with much interest in eastern Montana and the fight between Medicine Lake and Plentywood in the 1914 election was one of the hottest ever staged in the state.

### BOXCAR BURGLARS CAUGHT

Charged with breaking into several box cars in the Great Northern yards Saturday night and stealing some of

the contents, Frank Brown and Frank J. Nolan are now being held in the county jail, awaiting trial. Sam Carel is also in custody, charged with being an accomplice, in receiving the stolen goods.

When the theft was discovered, the police department and sheriff's office were notified and their search resulted in the arrest of the three men.

The stolen goods consisted of over 30 pairs of shoes, 15 or 20 boxes of candy, four or five dozen pairs of socks, shirts and other wearing apparel which was consigned to local merchants. Practically all of the stolen articles have been recovered.

The men were arraigned before Justice Evans Tuesday afternoon, at which Frank Brown waived a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court. Frank J. Nolan and Sam Carel asked for a hearing, which was set for April 1.

S. C. Yockey, J. C. Reedy and W. H. Uecker, Great Northern detectives were here to assist the local authorities on the case.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HONOR HIGH OFFICER

Grand Chancellor Elected by Local Lodge—Work Praised.

Hon. John H. Vogel, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of Montana, of Butte, Montana, paid Northern Knight Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, of this city an official visit, Thursday evening and the Knights turned out to do him honor and show their appreciation of his presence.

This was the Grand Chancellor's first visit to the Northern Light Lodge, and in order to give him some idea of the working condition of the Lodge, the rank of Knight was exemplified in full and while the Grand Chancellor comes from a lodge that won the state trophy three times in succession, he expressed great satisfaction at the manner in which the work was handled, and remarked that Northern Light lodge had given him some new ideas, which he will use and speak of when visiting other lodges within his domain.

At the proper time Brother Vogel gave an address on his conception of Pythianism, and its place in the daily affairs of life, both in a fraternal social and business way.

His explanation of the application of the principles taught in each rank was placed before the lodge in such a practical and impressive manner that every Knight was imbued with new conceptions of the possibilities, responsibilities and duties devolved upon one who has taken the obligations and listened to the beautiful word pictures contained in the lessons of the different ranks, and Northern Light Lodge will long remember this visit by our honored Grand Chancellor.

After the business of the evening was completed, an elaborate banquet was served at the Model bakery.

### "RED" ADAMS BOUND OVER.

Washington Whalebone Adams, otherwise known as "Red" is again in the toils of the law, this time for giving a check for \$25 to the Lewis-Wedum Company, to which it is alleged he signed E. W. Crutchfield's name.

At the hearing before Justice Evans yesterday afternoon, it was brought out that Adams had first attempted to cash the check at the Bank Pool room, but John Sierts turned him down and from there he went to the Lewis-Wedum Drug Co., where he bought a cake of soap and tendered the check in payment. The check was found to be worthless and "Red" was taken into camp. Judge Evans bound him over to the district court for trial after hearing the evidence.

### OFFER SPECIAL RATES

The Great Northern Railway has announced rates for homeseekers from Washington and Oregon to Montana points from those two states will be sold on the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

E. C. Leedy, general immigration agent for the Great Northern states that the reason for putting the rates in effect is that the company has had many requests about land and conditions in Montana from people living in Washington and Oregon.

You have all heard of Geraldine Farrar. Coming soon in "Carmen."

## CITY ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Four Candidates in Line for Aldermanic Honors.

### CLOSE RACE IS EXPECTED

Lebert and Matt Murray Candidates in First Ward; Grossman and McFarland in Second Ward.

The annual municipal election for the city of Glasgow will be held on Monday, April 3, for the purpose of electing two aldermen, a City Treasurer and a Police Magistrate.

Two new aldermen are to be elected in each of the city wards, neither Alderman Lezie in Ward 1 nor Alderman Markle in Ward 2 being candidates for re-election.

On the north side, petitions have been filed for U. I. Lebert and Matt Murray, placing their names in nomination for the office of aldermen from the first ward. In the second ward, Sam Grossman and B. A. McFarland will be the candidates for aldermanic honors.

Hary Magruder will be a candidate for the office of city treasurer and Harry Beverly will be up for reelection as Police Magistrate. Neither of these men will have any opposition on the ballot.

In Ward No. 1 the voting place will be in the back room of the Methodist Church. C. F. Mason, B. F. Meredith and Alfred Hendrickson will be the judges of election in this precinct and L. S. Jerrow and C. Mason will act as clerks.

On the south side, the electors will cast their ballots at Friedl's old tailor shop on Front street. G. W. Rapp, J. K. Boyd and O. P. Weber will serve as judges at this polling place and J. C. Sierts and Orval Mackenroth will act as clerks.

### SETTLERS RETURNING

The Crow colony will be one of the busiest spots in Northern Montana the coming summer and the settlers who spent the winter months in other places are now beginning to return to begin the work of putting in a crop for the coming season.

T. H. Pritchard, one of the prominent farmers in that region, writes that with the settlers are coming many others who are looking for land.

A heavy rain fell in that district on March 1st, which later turned into snow.

Those who have returned within the last week are Frank Muhler and family, who brought with them a car of stock and machinery; Martin Dea and bride; and George Stoltenberg and John Kulsey who are bringing in a Mogul tractor to do their spring breaking.

### BOYLES ENLARGES STORE.

With his store completely remodeled and enlarged, Wm. Boyles is now adding new lines and departments to his store to handle the increase in business which he has experienced during the past year. Everything in the store has been rearranged, the old shelving torn down and new shelving put in, and display space was provided for the various departments. Besides carrying a full line of Boyles and fancy groceries, Mr. Boyles now stocks hardware, tin and granite wear, dry goods, notions, confectionery and he has lately added a meat market to his store. The services of an experienced butcher have been secured and a full line of fresh and salt meats will be kept on hand.

### SCHOOL ELECTION TOMORROW.

The annual school election for this district will be held on Saturday, April 1. The North Side Grammar school has been designated as the polling place and those who desire to vote may do so between the hours of 1 p. m. and 6 p. m.

F. H. Derrig is the retiring member of the board and Chas. R. St. Clair has been the only one to announce himself as a candidate for the office, and his will be the only name on the ballot. The other members of the board are H. A. Yotter, C. C. Johnson, John Frazier, B. P. Langen.

### BAZAAR, SUPPER AND DANCE.

The first big post-Lenten event now on the calendar is the bazaar, supper and dance to be given by the ladies of the Altar society in the Gibson opera house on Monday, April 24. The bazaar will be held in the

afternoon, and a large variety of articles will be offered for sale, the receipts going into the treasury of the society.

After the bazaar the ladies will serve a supper to which everyone is invited, and those in charge are making arrangements to have this the best ever given in the city.

Beginning at 8 o'clock the remainder of the evening will be given over to dancing. It will be a Leap Year dance, the girls engaging the dances and the boys taking the parts of the bashful maidens. There will be fun galore, and opportunities which the marriageable maidens and bachelors cannot afford to pass up.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Only one marriage license was issued this week by the clerk of the district court and this one went to Fighter and Makes Cloud, both residents of Oswego on the Fort Peck reservation. Fighter, although 71 years old, probably feels that it is not good to be alone, so he again decided to take unto himself a wife.

### FILM COMPANY MAY LOCATE AT MALTA

\$500,000 Corporation Formed in St. Paul for Producing Pictures.

Northern Montana will soon have a motion picture company, with headquarters at Malta if the plans of the organizers bear fruit.

Advices from St. Paul state that articles of incorporation were filed recently for the Great West Film company, with a capital stock of \$500,000. The corporation will make its headquarters at St. Paul with a western branch at Malta, Montana.

The incorporators were: Harry K. Jones and Edmund G. Campbell of St. Paul and Wallace D. Coburn, the cowboy poet of Malta. Chicago motion picture men are interested in the company.

The object of the corporation is to produce motion pictures, particularly of a western nature. Outdoor work will be performed on a tract of land embracing nearly 250,000 acres near Malta. Offices and a studio will be established in St. Paul.

Charles W. Hitchcock, formerly of the Essanay Film company probably will be hired as director. An option has been obtained on his services. D. C. Bennet of Chicago will be associated with the company.

Mr. Coburn has been in St. Paul for the past two months making arrangements to organize the company. Several meetings of the promoters have been held at the St. Paul Athletic club.

"Charles Russel, the cowboy artist will be associated with us," Coburn said. "We intend to produce range trail, branding, roping and similar scenes. I understand Mr. Hitchcock has arranged for practically all of his company."

### DECLAMATORY CONTEST

The annual High School Declamatory Contest will be held in the High School auditorium on Saturday evening, April 1st. The winner in this contest will represent the local high school in the state contest at Missoula on May 9th. The following students will appear in the contest: Helen Baer, Doris Green, Ervin Heland, Millard Johnson, Ethel Lesie, Helen Mabee, Calvin Rogers, Wallace Yerkes.

The contestants are uniformly good and the preliminaries indicated that no person could win easily over the other competitors. The contest promises to be the best that has been held so liberal patronage is urgently solicited. The program will begin at 8:15, and the admission price will be twenty-five cents.

### MALTA MAYOR DIES

Mayor B. W. Brockway of Malta, one of the pioneers of this section of Montana, died at his home Monday morning, March 27th, from stomach trouble from which he had been long suffering. He is the second mayor of Malta to die in official harness. He was 66 years of age and a native of Iowa before settling with his family in Malta, 16 years ago. He leaves a wife and son, Clarence of Malta, and a married daughter in Milwaukee, all of whom were in Malta at the time of his death. Mr. Brockway had been police judge of Malta during his entire residence here and has held the secretaryship of the Lower Milk River Water User's Association since its formation. He has U. S. Commissioner for years and a great worker for the good of Malta.