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LAND OFFICE IN NEW QUARTERS

Located on Second Floor of First National Bank Building.

MANY FILINGS DURING MAY

Enormous Amount of Business in April and May. Reservation Going Fast.

The United States Land Office is now located on the second floor of the First National Bank Building. The removal from the old quarters in the Milk River Valley Bank building occurred on Tuesday, and as this was a legal holiday, there was no hitch in the work of the office, and Wednesday morning the officers and clerks were at their tasks in the new offices.

The new quarters are more commodious and everything is arranged to facilitate the work in the office. There is more floor space than in the other building and the arrangement is such that every part of the office is utilized to the best advantage.

Both Register T. R. Jones and Receiver E. C. Hargadine have large private office rooms, and a separate room has also been provided for the hearing of contest cases. A large fire-proof vault for the storing of the records, and another feature of the new office, is another room has been partitioned off for keeping the supplies.

A long four foot counter provides ample room for both patrons of the office and clerks to work on the plat books and other records without interference. Other equipment makes the office one of the finest in the state for handling the business.

That Northern Montana is the mecca of the homesteader and landseeker is evidenced by the number of homestead entries made at the local land office during the month of May. 881 applications for land were received and the receipts for the month reached the enormous total of \$81,474.44. The receipts for the month of April were \$56,000, and the business was fair to keep up during the summer months.

Many of the filings during the months of April and May have been on the Fort Peck Reservation. In April 368 filings were made on the reservation and 355 persons selected land on that tract in May. The rapidity with which this land is going may be judged from the fact that prior to April, 1916, only 1217 filings had been made on the reservation.

REVERE HILL'S MEMORY

As a mark of respect to the memory of James J. Hill, the "Empire Builder" who died at his St. Paul home shortly after 9 o'clock Monday morning May 29th, every wheel over the 25,000 miles of railroad controlled by the Hill interests, was motionless during the first five minutes of the funeral Wednesday afternoon. Agent J. J. Tattan closed the local station from 1 to 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, during the hours of the funeral. The loss of Mr. Hill will

Popular Malta Man Loses Life While Crossing Milk River

Recent reports from Malta seem to confirm the reports received here Wednesday that Ike Murphy, one of the most popular young men of Phillips county, had lost his life in the Milk River. Ike Murphy was well known locally, and was liked by everyone who knew him.

Particulars of the tragedy are that Murphy stopped at the ranch home of Carl Blanchard Monday night, leaving there about 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, and told of his intention to cross the river at Cree crossing on the John Merchant place. Mr. Blanchard told him he thought that the river was up, but Murphy replied that he had crossed there before and could do it again.

The last seen of the young man was at the Blanchard place, as his horse was found on the other side of the river several hours later. The water where the attempted crossing was made was about 25 feet deep and as young Murphy could not swim it is thought that he slipped from the horse while fording the river and perished in the stream.

The horse made its way to the J. D. Wilkes' ranch and one of the men from there rode it into Malta and notified the authorities.

be keenly felt in this city and every other town on the Great Northern, as he has watched them grow from prairie towns into thriving cities.

PLAY CULBERTSON SUNDAY
Culbertson will be Glasgow's opponent on the ball field next Sunday if Jupe Pluvius can be induced to take a rest and Old Sol favor us with some of his bright rays. Culbertson has just organized their ball team and have plenty of good material, and with the old stand-by "Ike" Slette in the box they expect to come up here and carry off the bacon. Culbertson always did have a good ball team and they expect to uphold the honors of their city again this year. Manager Fischl has his Glasgow squad in shape to meet them and local fans will see a battle royal when time is called Sunday afternoon.

SCHILLING NEW AGENT
Andrew Schilling, formerly agent for the Great Northern at Malta and Wagner, will be here next week to take the position of agent at this point, taking the place of John J. Tattan, who has resigned to enter business for himself.

SHEEP SHEARING TO START NEXT WEEK

Frazer Pens Will be Scene of Activity for Sheepmen.

The big wool clip of the J. B. Long Co. amounting to about 400,000 lbs. has been sold to the Jeremiah Williams Co. of Boston, W. E. Walker of Great Falls making the deal. Mr. Walker arrived in Glasgow Thursday and while he stated that he did not care to name the exact price paid it is thought that it was in the neighborhood of 31 cents. Only one clip has been sold for more this season, according to reports the Selway clip by Dillon having been contracted for at 31 1/2 cents.

Mr. Walker will remain in the city until the shearing season is over and will contract for other clips in this section. Most of the sheep of the J. B. Long Co. are on the Fort Peck Reservation and much of the 400,000 pounds of their clip will be sheared at the Frazer pens. They expect to start shearing on Monday, June 5th, but if the cold weather continues, it will be put off for a few days.

The sale of the Long wool at 31 cents is 14 cents a pound higher than the same company's clip brought in 1914. The Long company sold its wool last year for 28 cents.

The clip of Jamieson & Murray has been bought by Mr. Turnbull for the Dewey & Gould Co., of Boston, but the price paid has not been made public.

Owing to the extreme hard winter and the long period of cold weather, Mr. Walker stated that the wool this year would be on the average inferior to last year's clip, as the sheep were weakened in many cases by the cold and the wool is not of such high quality. He does not believe that this year's wool crop will equal that of 1915 in the number of pounds, and stated that prices this year would be much better.

TRADE TOUR WEDNESDAY

Minneapolis Merchants to be Entertained During Stop Here.

FINE PROGRAM ARRANGED

Commercial Club Will Have Charge of Entertainment. Band Concerts Will Feature.

With all plans complete, and a minimum of ninety representative business men enrolled in the party, definite announcement has been received from Minneapolis regarding the coming of the Fifth Annual Trade Tour of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association to Glasgow on Wednesday, June 7th. The party will arrive at 2:00 P. M., stopping one and one-half hours.

According to the announcement from Minneapolis this promises not only to be the most successful excursion of its kind ever conducted from that city but the most pleasurable as well. The business interests of Minneapolis are keenly interested in the development of the territory to the west, and a desire to view the remarkable forward strides of North Dakota and Montana during the past five years has operated to attract a considerable number of bank, investment and other financial men to the party in addition to the manufacturers, wholesalers and others engaged in mercantile lines generally participating in these excursions.

The visit of the Minneapolitans presents an opportunity to every community included in its itinerary. The visitors will be impressed not only by the material evidences of growth but by the numbers and enthusiasm of the people who join in the greeting given them. The excursion will be accompanied by Rossiter's First Regiment Band, one of the famous military musical organizations of the country. Several different souvenirs will be distributed among the children and there will be other surprises for some of the leaders. Every resident of the city and as many farmers as can come in, are both invited and urged to participate in welcoming the visitors, since it is important that this community make a lasting impression upon them.

The itinerary of the Trade Tour included forty-six towns and cities in North Dakota and Montana. The start will be made from Minneapolis on Sunday night, June 4th. The first stop will be made at Grand Forks on Monday morning. The main line of the Great Northern Railway will be followed from Grand Forks to Havre. The route then lies south to Great Falls, Lewistown and Billings. The return to Minneapolis will be made via the Northern Pacific railroad with stops on Saturday at Forsyth, Miles City and Glendive.

The visitors will travel in a 12-car special train embracing all the latest devices for the promotion of comfort while traveling. It will be in fact a palatial hotel on wheels. Six sleeping and two dining cars, a large open parlor car and a parlor observation car will provide both lodging and meals during the entire trip.

KATZ SUDDENLY STRICKEN

After a short illness, C. E. Katz, who has been traveling in this territory for years for Armour & Co., and postmaster at Bog Coulee, where he has a ranch, died in the hospital at Williston, Wednesday. He became ill Monday and was brought to Glasgow and from here went to Williston and placed in the hospital there. Owing to his weakened condition no operation was performed.

Mrs. Katz, her mother and two children left Monday for Williston but death had come before they arrived.

A NEW AUTO TRAILER

One of the most complete camping outfits which has recently been produced in response to the rapidly increasing popularity of the automobile as a vehicle for outing purposes, was received last week by T. A. Hauge, of this city. The following description of the outfit appears in the June Popular Mechanics Magazine: "A convertible trailer carries two double beds, a stove, table, ice box, etc. A hunting boat can be suspended on a framework above the trailer if desired. When not being used for outings, the camp equipment can be removed in seven or eight minutes and the vehicle can be used as a commer-

cial trailer; as such it has a capacity of 1,500 pounds. The two beds, which are situated either side of the trailer's box when open, have coil springs and, with their bedding, can be folded so as to lie in the bottom of the box. A part of the tentlike cover is used as a tarpaulin when on the road." Mr. Hauge and family intend to leave in a short time on a long automobile tour through the east and south, and when night overtakes them, a few minutes work and the outfit is all set up.

PIONEER EDITOR DIES

A. J. Evans, a well known resident of Dodson, and for many years editor and proprietor of the Montana Idea at that place, until the plant was purchased by C. C. Mills and Sons, passed away at his ranch home Saturday, May 20th. The deceased leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. One of the boys, Clifford Evans, has been working at the Democrat office in this city for the past year, and the other son is a musician with the Barnum & sympathy of the newspaper fraternity. The family have the sympathy in this part of the state.

ITALIAN ARMY WANTS 1000 HORSES

Will be in Glasgow This Month to Buy Stock.

Regular army officers of the Italian Government will be in Glasgow on June 14th, 15th and 16th to purchase horses to be used in the great war now raging across the Atlantic.

Mr. W. M. Love of Miles City, who has been in the city this week making arrangements for their coming, states that they hope to be able to get about 1,000 horses here on those dates and urges all ranchers to have their horses here for event.

The horses which will be purchased must conform to certain specifications. They must be 15 hands high, 5 to 10 years old and sound, barring light blemishes, such as light wire cuts and other minor defects. The horses desired are the light boned cavalry type, and the blocky type for gunners and light artillery. The horses must be halter broke, but that is all that is required.

The Italian inspectors are now at Miles City and will be here on the 13th of June.

Over 45,000 head of horses have been shipped out of Miles City to points in the war zone, according to Mr. Love. He stated that the English and French governments were not buying nearly as many horses as they were last year, due to the fact that the fighting is now confined more to the trenches, rather than open cavalry engagements. The Italian government is still buying thousands of horses in this country however, to use in their campaigns against the Austrians.

ENTRIES VALIDATED

Washington, May 31.—The senate today passed the Myers bill validating some two or three hundred homestead entries in Cascade, Chouteau, Teton, Hill, Blaine and Valley counties, Montana, which without legislation would be invalid.

Entrymen on the advice of local land officers made declarations in one jurisdiction and made entry in another, and the department now holds this technically invalidates their entries. Each would lose two years' residence unless the bill becomes a law.

The Senate public lands committee today, favorably reported Senator Myers' bill for prosecution of land locators who in any way attempt to defraud entrymen whom they locate on public lands.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Despite the mud and rainy weather, a large crowd attended the Memorial day services at the Orpheum theatre Tuesday afternoon.

Addresses by Rev. A. U. Baer and John Slatery and patriotic songs rendered by the united choirs of the city churches constituted a fine program.

OKER LEAVES LAND OFFICE

Joseph Oker, deputy state land registrar for many years has left that position and becomes registrar of the U. S. Land Office at Helena on July first. Mr. Oker is well known in this part of the state, having acted for the state in the selection of the lands in this part of Montana.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES LOWERED

Big Cut Made in Price of Juice By Council.

EFFECTIVE FIRST OF JUNE

Oil Engine Responsible for Lowering of Cost to Consumer. Operation Cost Reduced.

Beginning Thursday, June first, a new schedule of rates for electric lighting, power and heating was put into effect by the City. The new rate is much lower than has been formerly charged, and the decrease is due to the fact that the oil engine at the power plant has proven such a success, that the plant can still be operated at a profit, and yet affect a big saving to the consumers by lowering the rates.

The big oil engine has been thoroughly tested out and the low cost of operation is responsible for the cut in the rates. The scale for lights now ranges from 14 cents down to 8 and for power and heat from 5 cents to 3. Under the new rate electricity can be used for heating and cooking at prices within the reach of everyone.

The new light schedule follows:

- 1-25 KW Hours—14c.
 - 26-50 KW Hours—13c.
 - 51-100 KW Hours—12c.
 - 101-200 KW Hours—11c.
 - 201-300 KW Hours—10c.
 - 301-400 KW Hours—9c.
 - 401-over KW Hours—8c.
- For power and heating the following rates are in effect:
- 1-100 KW Hours—5c.
 - 101-200 KW Hours—4c.
 - 201-over KW Hours—3c.

SACO TAILOR A SUICIDE

of age committed suicide in a log cabin in the east end of town sometime Saturday morning. He came to Saco about two weeks ago and started a small tailoring shop. On Saturday evening "Shorty" Baker was sent to his shop to see what had become of him as he had not been seen all day. "Shorty" went to the cabin about 9 o'clock and found the body hanging in a small room or closet off the main room of the building. He immediately spread the news around town and several officials were soon on the ground. Coroner Tucker arrived Sunday morning and took the body to Malta for burial.

It is presumed that the act was due to despondency and ill health. Several weeks ago his wife left him and took the earnings of a good many years with her. This was probably the main cause of the suicide.—Independent.

MUCH RAIN DURING MAY

The monthly meteorological summary issued by the local station of the U. S. Weather Bureau for the month of May shows that rainy weather and cloudy days prevailed. The mean maximum temperature was 63 degrees, the mean minimum 36 degrees

and the mean 50. The highest temperature was 88 on the 7th and the lowest 23 on the 11th making an absolute range of 65 degrees. The greatest daily range was 49 degrees on the 5th. The total precipitation was 2.18 inches. The greatest amount for 24 hours was .70 on the 21st. Hail fell for about ten minutes on the afternoon of the 25th.

There were 14 days in which .01 inch or more precipitation occurred. There were seven clear days, 19 partly cloudy and 5 cloudy days. There were frosts on the 11th, 12th, 15th, and 17th, but these did very little damage to growing crops.

In comparison with the weather conditions of May, 1915, the mean maximum temperature was 68 and the mean minimum 42 degrees. The highest temperature was 80 on the 29th and the lowest 24 on the 6th. The total amount of precipitation was 4.57 inches. The greatest amount of rainfall in 24 hours was 1.74 inches recorded on the 15th. There were 9 days on which .01 of an inch or more of precipitation occurred. There were 11 clear, 12 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy days. Heavy frosts occurred on the 5th, 6th and 18th.

BIG INCREASE IN THIS YEAR'S VALUATIONS

Assessed Valuation of County Will be Boosted \$1,000,000.

The assessed valuation of Valley county will be increased over \$1,000,000.00 this year, according to Assessor B. H. Cottrell who bases his estimate on that part of the 1916 assessment which is already completed. The field work of the deputies will be completed this month, and two thirds of this year's assessment is already on the books.

There is a big increase in almost everything this year. Four hundred new homesteads have added over 100,000 assessable acres and the increase in the number of horses, cattle and other livestock has been remarkable. The rapidity with which the country is settling up and the improvements the farmers are making throughout the county will cause an even greater raise next year, and it is Mr. Cottrell's prediction that in two years the assessed valuation of the county will total \$10,000,000.00.

HELD FOR ADULTERY

Henry Klein, formerly a resident of this city was arrested at Dodson last week by Sheriff Powell and was arraigned before Justice L. P. Evans Monday morning, charged with adultery. Klein has been hanging out in the breed quarters north of the tracks and has been dodging the authorities for some time.

TOWN LOT SALE

The sale of lots in towns on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation will be held in Glasgow on Friday, June 9th, instead of on June 7th, as stated in last week's Courier. The lot sale on the 7th will take place at Reserve and lots in that town will be sold here. The big sale will be on the 9th, at Glasgow.

Summer Vacation Begins for Pupils of the Glasgow Schools

Vacation Days are here. The city schools closed the year's work on Friday, May 26th, and once again the "kids" are free from the struggles with their school books. During the months of June, July and August, they will not be burdened with thoughts of acquiring an education, but their hopes will be shattered when September comes, for then the long winter siege will begin.

The high school commencement was held in the auditorium Friday evening and Margaret Anderson, Doris Green, Ruby Griffith, Angie Illman, Ethel Pease and Calvin Rogers received diplomas. The hall was crowded with relatives and friends of the graduates, who enjoyed the excellent program. Dr. J. H. Underwood, professor of Economics at Missoula delivered the commencement address. His talk was on subjects of interest to everyone present and his forceful presentation of facts made a lasting impression on his hearers.

There will be many changes in the faculty of the city schools when they again open in the fall. All the teachers were highly commended by the School Board for their excellent work, but four of them were not candidates for re-election and will not return in the fall. Their decision in this was entirely voluntary and each and every

one received a vote of thanks for their efforts this past year.

Miss Bessie Dougherty, principal of the high school is among those who resigned her position, and her place will be taken by Miss Mabel Miles, who has been teaching in Sand Point Idaho, for six years and comes highly recommended.

A. W. Buckman, instructor in Manual Training and athletics has decided not to return here next year and T. W. Leedham, formerly instructor of manual training and athletics in East Grand Forks, will have charge of that work here. Mr. Leedham is an all around athlete himself, and has turned out championship teams in football, basketball, track and other athletics in East Grand Forks. He should be a valuable man in boosting athletics at the high school.

Of the grade school teachers who will not be members of the faculty next year, are Miss Berlin and Miss Johnson. Their places have not been filled yet, but their successors will be named shortly.

Supt. D. S. William has already begun to lay plans for the coming school year and numerous improvements and changes for the better will be made in an effort to raise the standard of the Glasgow schools even higher.