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DEVELOPMENT OF MILK RIVER VALLEY

Rev. L. J. Christler Reminiscent Upon Changes During Past Ten Years.

GLASGOW RECOGNIZED AS REAL CITY

Manner in Which City Has Forged to the Front During Past Few Years Wins Substantial Recognition for it Throughout the Entire State.

Reminiscing on the Glasgow and Milk River Country of ten years ago, Mr. Christler said: "Why bless your soul the farmers out here on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation have so many big fields of heavy grain enclosed with barbed wire fences that you can't drive your own cow home, and the fields are now so laden with crops of corn, potatoes, and vegetation of all sorts that the 'old-timer' loses himself most anywhere within the confines of his old camping ground or 'lodge-fire.'"

In reply to an inquiry about conditions in general in the Milk River Valley Country, and its adjacent territory, he continued, "Now that the settler can take a half section instead of a quarter on the reservation, the center of interest among the many new people who come from North Dakota and even Minnesota by car seeking a location on the Fort Peck Land. The old way of locating with the assistance of a 'locator' is now largely a thing of the past in the most of this country as only the farmer from other states now seeks Montana's fertile lands and he is in position to own a car and by the 'car route' he drives over the country, takes his time, picks out his claim and quietly makes his filing. It is a matter of record that one half of the new farmers who are at this time locating in Northern Montana and the Milk River Country are men of this sturdy, prosperous type." Speaking of the Milk River Irrigation Project and of the farm lands in the Valley: "When I came down the Valley ten years ago on my first trip there were a goodly number of 'Doubting Thomases'. Plans were incomplete and the appropriations bills of Congress were moving slowly, naturally there was much impatience. But it took big visioned, optimistic fellows like Dan McKay and the late H. H. Nelson to dispell the gloom and stir the lethargy of the doubting ones. They soon had everybody getting ready for the supply of water. I recall one occasion upon which every town on the Milk River, and everybody who knew everything from Abraham Lincoln to

Fort Benton' were represented at a big meeting in Havre for the purpose of passing judgment upon the Reclamation Service because its 'mills did grind so slowly,' when Dan McKay softened the keen edges of the nails in the hands of the angry ones who were there to nail the heads of the Reclamation Department to the cross, by making the clearest, most sparkling running water speech ever heard, closing with this very clever climax, 'Oh ye impatient souls of the Valley—shame on ye. Will you crucify your country's benefactors upon the cross of impatience? Think men—yes, think of the many moons and the many snows it took the sun-crowned Egyptian to dig the greatest irrigation ditch of the world—the river Nile—and with a crooked stick too. Go you impatient, maddened fellows, and learn the lesson of patience from him!' That speech saved the Milk River Country. Water has been flowing since. Look at it ten years later, that is now. Thousands of acres are now under the completed ditch. From south of the river at Dolson to Alkali Creek and north of the river from the Dam to Wagner, 13,000 acres. From the Dam to Strater on the south side, and from Strater on the north side to a distance long past Malta to the northeast, then to Vandalia Dam, and beyond Glasgow on the south side of the river are more than 80,000 acres more. Upon the completion of new canals it is not probable that the entire area of the grain growing Valley will be irrigated by the Milk River project. The aid from this project and the uncommonly favorable weather conditions this year are growing crops of grain and corn that are indescribable in their verdure and figures. Everything is raised from a water melon to an alfalfa field from a small fry to a monarch steer. Very different from the seemingly swept and garnished plains—country of ten years ago, or when the "laws of the Missouri and Milk River Country were different from white man's law." In speaking of the City of Glasgow, Mr. Christler declared that it reminded him of a prophecy some one had made respecting the Western

City. "She grows and glows like the heart of an Ophal." Comparing the city with Havre, his home-town. Mr. Christler said, "I thought the Gas City was growing as fast as the law that safely reckons the red-blooded sturdy growth of a big boy allows, but Glasgow since my last visit here a few months ago seems to have been running neck and neck with Havre. The new stores, homes, extensions are growing like magic in the night. The Rundle Building is a monument to the marvelous energy of the promoter. That three hundred barrel flour mill matches up to our Gas City Mill except you need here the natural gas to operate it. I expect, however, with the men of the calibre you have here, and that's the sort of stuff which builds cities, you will have started for and found the natural gas, by another visit. Speaking of the 'calibre of men' it is ratifying to note in traveling over the country as I do, the way those on

the outside measure up the poise and force of a community. It is done invariably through the status of the Business Men's Association or Commercial Club. Wherever the city is found with a live club and a set of live-wires at the head of it or in it, that is the city best and most favorably known and unceasingly quoted. Both Havre and Glasgow have been particularly fortunate in this respect. No two cities have possessed the able, ever on the job, wide awake secretaries, as Secretary McCroskey of the Gas City Chamber of Commerce and Secretary S. C. Moore of the Glasgow Commercial Club, Both men are great assets to this country. Both cities have really been nailed to the topmost of the ship of progress in our Great Milk River Country. Little wonder we are so remarkably different in every way from the days of ten years ago, or when "Diamond Cut Diamond."

MIDNIGHT FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

Residence on South Front St. Burned Sunday.

CAUSE OF FIRE UNKNOWN

Tenants Moved From House Saturday. Loss Estimated Close to Twelve Hundred Dollars.

Fire from an unknown origin partially destroyed a dwelling on First Ave. south and Eighth street Sunday morning at about 2:00 o'clock. The house was owned by Wm. Boyles, was a story and half high. The damage amounted to about \$1200.00, which was partly covered by insurance. Saturday the family of Al Murdick moved out and the place was unoccupied at the time of the blaze. Sam Groosman, driver of hose truck number one arrived upon the scene of the fire almost before the first sound of the fire whistle had become stilled, here Fire Chief Dug Hall waited him and the water was soon being poured into the burning building.

Members of the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Dept. were quickly distributed about the building by Chief Hall and in a short time the fire was under control. After about an hour of fast work by the department the building was saved but the entire interior was badly damaged.

HINSDALE GIRL DIES AT FALLS

Popular Young Lady Dies Suddenly After Short Illness.

Word was received in Glasgow on Monday morning of the death at Great Falls, of Miss Mollie Monrad, aged 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Monrad of Hinsdale, after a short illness. Death was due to a severe attack of Typhoid-pneumonia and the young lady had been confined in the Columbus hospital for about two weeks. Miss Monrad was attending the Great Falls business College at the time she was taken ill.

The news of the death of this young lady will come as a great shock to her many friends in Glasgow where she was very popular among the younger people. She formally filled a position in the office of County Clerk and Recorder Shoemaker and during the time of her residence here made many friends, who will mourn her early death.

The funeral services were held at Great Falls where the interment took place at Calvary cemetery. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Dineen.

MASONS AT HINSDALE

A large delegation of Masons from Glasgow attended a meeting of the Hinsdale Lodge on last Saturday evening. The party consisted of several automobile loads who left here early in the evening returning late that night. The occasion of the visit was the conferring of the Master Mason degree upon Jas. Stevens, the well known stockman of Buggy Creek.

A lunch was served after the ritualistic work was finished and followed by an hour of sociability.

Found—Pocket-book, owner can secure same by calling at the Courier office and proving ownership. 1312

FREIGHT HOUSE NOW UNDER WAY

Contractor Here and Will Begin Construction Monday.

CHANGE PASSENGER DEPOT

Great Northern Will Expend About \$50,000.00 in Next Two Months in Local Yards and Depot.

Actual construction work upon the new freight house of the Great Northern railway will begin Monday morning when a crew of carpenters and laborers will start in, under the direction of A. J. Waller, foreman for A. Guthrie & Co., of St. Paul, who have the contract. Excavation work will be finished, the foundation will be started, and the superstructure will be carried forward as fast as a very large crew can erect the structure.

Glasgow has been in need of this additional freight house for a long time and when the order was issued this spring to the construction department to put it up the business men here were jubilant. The Glasgow Commercial Club put in nearly two years in an effort to show the officials of the railroad the necessity of the additional facilities needed here to handle the unusually large freight business at this point and the result is now being realized.

The building will be 50x150 feet with a large platform on the north side next to the new industrial track extending 50 feet east and west of the building proper. This will make the loading and unloading of freight possible in the shortest time without any \$50,000.00 and will require about two or sent out can be handled with less expense both to the shipper and the railroad. On the south side will be large doors for the receiving and delivering of freight to wagons making it possible for eight teams to be working at the same time.

The new industrial track to the freight depot is now finished and will extend a distance of 800 feet along the south side of the right of way adjacent to the west end of South Front Street and will furnish a considerable space for the erection of elevators and other industries. This will furnish the desired location for the new elevator which is planned to be erected in Glasgow this summer.

In addition to the new freight house and industrial track, the Great Northern will also remodel the passenger depot and when this work is finished Glasgow will enjoy all the modern convenience of a thoroughly up to date station. The plans call for an entire change of the arrangement of the interior, a new ladies waiting room, general waiting room, toilets, and the agent's office will be so arranged as to make the handling of passenger business much more convenient. The floor will be of tile, the walls will be renewed and the station platform will be replaced with brick. All the old unsightly features of the present depot will be removed and the station will be equal to that of those at Great Falls and other large cities.

All of this new work as well as the reconstruction of the passenger depot will mean an expenditure by the Great Northern railway company of nearly \$50,000.00 and will require about two months to complete. This increase in the investment in equipment at

GLASGOW POSTOFFICE GAINS IN BUSINESS

Receipts for Year Ending June 30th Shows Substantial Increase Over 1915.

NEARLY DOUBLE DURING FIVE YEARS

Service at Local Post Office Improved Under Administration of Postmaster P. L. Herring. Carrier Service Meets Popular Favor of Patrons.

Business at the Glasgow post office for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1916, amounted to \$14,477.78 and shows a very good increase over that done in the preceding year. The quarterly statements show larger receipts in all but that ending in September 1915, and this can be accounted for by the large amount of mail matter sent out during the same quarter in 1914 relative to campaign issues. A remarkable instance of the increasing business of the Glasgow post office is the showing made in the quarter ending June 30th, 1916, which shows nearly as large an amount as was taken in the quarter ending December 31st, 1915, which includes the heavy Christmas rush. The quarterly totals for the year just ended are for that ending September 30th, 1915, \$3,290.09; December 31st, 1915, \$4,076.57; March 31st, 1916, \$3,277.39, and June 30th, 1916, \$3,833.73.

The increase over the receipts for the year 1915, amount to \$989.38 as the total for that year was \$13,488.40. During the past five years the receipts of this office have almost doubled and show in a remarkable manner the wonderful growth of this section of the state. The following table shows the receipts for the fiscal year since 1911.

Year	Annual Receipts
1912	\$ 8,359.56
1913	10,809.94
1914	14,299.00
1915	13,488.40
1916	14,477.78

Five years ago the local post office was serving only two offices in the

then Valley County, one at Lismas and the other at Opheim while at the present time there are 17 post offices in the county that now receive their mail from the Glasgow office. In spite of the great increase of offices in the territory formally cared for through the local office, the mail has constantly increased in volume. The work of the office was handled by the postmaster and assistant with one while at the present time the force consists of the postmaster, assistant postmaster and three clerks, besides two carriers. With this addition to the force at the postoffice it is all clerk five years ago, with perfect ease most impossible to do the work and keep it up to date and Postmaster P. L. Herring and his Assistant Emery Pease often work until late at night cleaning up the late mails.

Something that many people who are getting their mail regularly do not realize is that the work of the office is all brought up and closed each day. Nothing is left over for the next day's work and this is work that is not required by the department but is done as an accommodation to the patrons of the office. One of the most noticeable features of the local post office is the big improvement in the service rendered to the patrons since Mr. Herring became postmaster.

The rapid growth of the business of this office indicates the progress of Glasgow from a small western village of five years ago to that of the most lively and busy city in northeastern Montana.

Glasgow shows that the city is recognized as the most important in Northeastern Montana by the Great Northern, and in a measure it is a tribute to the hustle and business activity of the men of the city, and a recognition of the great future development to come.

SONG RECITAL

Miss Marie McCormick the versatile and artistic vocalist of Minneapolis will appear at the Baptist church next Thursday evening in a song recital. She has appeared in Glasgow

before and her sweet and charming voice has won for her many admirers. Miss McCormick will be remembered especially for her kindness in singing at the farewell reception given the boys of Company "G" on the night of their departure for Fort Harrison. The opportunity to again hear her in song will mean that everyone in Glasgow will welcome with pleasure.

Rev. W. W. Van Orsdale will preach at the South Bench school house at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon next Sunday.

Burned Bridge Delayed Great Northern Trains

All Great Northern trains on this division were delayed from eight to 15 hours last Saturday and Sunday as a result of a bridge two miles west of Tampico being partially destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire could not be learned but when it was discovered it had burned out five bents of the bridge and left the rails hanging in the air. The local due in Glasgow at 7:00 o'clock P. M. was held at Hinsdale and the fast mail Number 28 was held at Vandalia while the Glacier Park Limited Number 3 was set into siding at Glasgow while the bridge was being rebuilt.

Fortunately the work train and crew that is installing the new concrete bridges over the entire road was at work just west of Glasgow and within a few minutes after the word was received here at half past six in the evening, of the bridge being out they were rushed to the scene in rapid time. Within an hour there were several hundred men at work and the pile driver was busy setting new supports for the timbers, the work being kept up all night without a stop and at a little before six Sunday morning the bridge was in repair to the extent of permitting light trains to pass over it. A few hours later the fast mail and through trains were ordered out.

The discovery of the burned bridge before any of the big trains were due at that point was without doubt the means of saving many lives as the road at that particular point is part of the very best of the entire line of the Great Northern. Had they come upon it in the night while traveling at full speed it is doubtful whether they could be stopped in time to prevent a disastrous wreck, which would probably result in the loss of many lives.

Last year the Great Northern began the work of installing concrete bridges over the entire line to eliminate the possibility of wrecks as a result of burned bridges. They have the work completed to within a few miles of the place where the bridge was burned on Saturday night, and would have torn out the wooden one within a week. As a result of the fire they were compelled to suffer the additional expense of building a new bridge there which will be torn out before many days to be replaced with one of concrete.

When the new bridges are installed on the entire line the risk of fires will have been entirely removed and there will be additional protection to the traveling public in that these bridges are practically indestructible.

Three Counties to Hold Big Summer School Here

The summer school for Phillips, Sheridan and Valley counties to be held in Glasgow, will open at the high school building next Monday, July 31st, and will continue until the August examination for teachers, the 24th and 25th.

D. S. Williams, Superintendent of the Glasgow schools will be principal of the summer school, and conduct classes in civics, United States History, physiology, in connection with which will be given a course in Playground work, and school management. The work in arithmetic, algebra and physical geography will be given by J. H. Atwood, principal of the Saco schools. F. H. Livingston, principal of the Medicine Lake schools, will give courses in spelling, grammar, geography, and theory and practice of teaching. Miss Johanna C. Lind, as instructor in the Glasgow high school, will take charge of the work in reading and literature. Miss Effie McGregor of Minneapolis will give primary methods. This course will include work for the first three grades, and model classes in these grades will show the theories of primary be conducted, putting into practice in work. Professor S. Lincoln Smith of the Department of Art and Design,

State Normal and Industrial School of Aberdeen, South Dakota, will give instruction in writing and art during the second week, after which Mrs. E. J. Kjellman will continue the work. Miss Nora Ebersole, of the Glasgow schools will give a course in industrial work, teaching the use of reeds, raffia, and yarn.

In addition to the regular instructors, such educators as Chancellor Elliot of the Montana University, H. A. Davee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and others will address the teachers.

It is hoped that the teachers will take advantage of the summer school, the training received, we believe, will do much toward making the rural schools, especially, more efficient factors in the different communities.

WILL APPEAR IN THE MOVIES

Jas. Aichele, formally of Glasgow but now located at Malta has become associated with the Great Northern Film Company of that city and it is reported that within a few months his friends will have an opportunity of seeing his manly figure and handsome face upon the screen. James has all the requirements of a successful movie star and should succeed.

Saturday, July 29, Is the Last Day You Can Register—Do It Now