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NEW LINE TO HARLO

Northern Pacific May Come in From Livingston By the Way of Shields River--Fight on for Passenger Traffic.

The Great Falls Daily Tribune of the 10th has the following to say about the new project of the Northern Pacific to build a branch into Harlowton from Livingston: "Work on the Northern Pacific line up Shields river is to be rushed. The contract for the construction of the line has been let to Foley Brothers of St. Paul. More than 300 teams will be at work within ten days. The line will extend north from Livingston along the rich Shields river agricultural valley to Harlowton on the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound.

This report has not been confirmed by all of the authorities of the railroad here, and rumors of railroad construction are so prevalent at present, that nothing definite seems to be known. There is not the least doubt but that the Northern Pacific will build a branch north from Livingston, whether it will strike the C. M. & P. S. R. at Harlowton is still a matter of conjecture in business circles here.

For some time the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound have been sparing with each other for a branch that would tap some of the rich territory that lies between Livingston and Harlowton. The Milwaukee road is anxious to get a road into the park, and many surveys have been run across, but no actual work has been done. Railroad officials say that if a line is run into the park there is every reason to believe that it will run from Harlowton, as the facilities are already here for making transfers, and construction work would be as cheap from this point as any.

Both roads have made bluffs at tapping the rich Smith river valley, but outside of preliminary surveys nothing appears to be doing. Contractor D. A. McIntosh, who knows as much as any one about the plans of the Milwaukee, has no hopes that there will be any branch work done this summer unless it is done beyond the Rockies, or from Seattle south into Oregon.

SUDDITH RANCH SOLD

Illinois Syndicate Buys Big Tract at Broadview Will Continue Experimental Farm.

The biggest land deal that has been consummated in Montana for many years occurred recently when Dr. W. X. Suddith sold his immense holdings at Broadview to a party of Illinois capitalists, who will begin to colonize the big ranch in the near future. The sale includes the experimental farm, which furnished the exhibits for the dry farming congress recently held at Cheyenne. Dr. Suddith retains an interest in the syndicate, and will be in charge of the demonstration.

The buyers of the Suddith ranch are Joseph H. Ray, president of the Joliet Title and Trust Company, Joliet, Ill., J. A. McIntyre, president of the First National bank of Joliet; George W. Young and Edward Corlette, attorneys of Joliet; W. A. Powers, a business man of Wilmington, Ill., P. J. Hamler, president of the Hamler, Boiler and Iron Works, a Chicago corporation, J. Lambert, an Illinois steel magnate. It is likely Dr. Suddith and George A. Waterman both of Broadview will be the Montana representatives of the concern.

The Broadview experimental farm has already a state wide reputation for the tests made there in the way of dry land and intensive farming. Dr. Suddith has become an authority on scientific methods of farming in Montana. He has furnished from his farm nearly all the samples used by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound roads in their advertising cars.

The farm is supposed to be situated in the richest section of the country tributary to Billings and is not only a rich agriculture section but is under laid with coal, according to the reports of the United States geological survey, which covered it two years ago. Recently Dr. Suddith opened a coal mine upon it, and is now supplying the new settlers in eastern Montana with fuel. It is said to contain the only coking coal in this region and underneath the upper coal strata is a fine grade of blacksmith coal.

The country surrounding the famous farm is being rapidly settled with colonists from Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. It is estimated, from the land fillings at the Billings and Lewistown land offices, that during the past few months more than 1,000 farmers have taken claims in this district.

XXXX Coffee, 12 1-2 lb. Marshalls.

J. R. Cheney, a son of one of the Milwaukee road officials, and who is looking out for some contract work that was reported to be done near Lewistown, was in town Thursday.

W. A. Hinkley, manager of the Lewistown district of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company spent several days in town the fore part of the week.

Local People File on Claims.

The following local people have filed on claims in this vicinity before U. S. Commissioner W. O. Straight in the last 10 days. Most of these took up claims between here and Ryegate, but two have filed north of Harlowton. If the new comers do as well in proportion to their numbers as the local people, there will be a well settled community around Harlowton in the near future. The whole Musselshell country is now being explored for the best homesteads, and old timers say that there never was such a demand for homestead land.

Oscar Cass, Harlowton;
H. B. Myers, "
Fred Geisser, "
Geo. Reilly, Bercall;
Mrs. Chas. Snyder, Ryegate;
Geo. F. Cobb, Miles City;
Geo. Cornwell, "
Dwight Crawford, Shawmut;
Clarence Henton, "
Geo. F. Bell, Harlowton
John Waugh "
A. J. Dougherty "
Wm. Wickson, Shawmut;
Henry Volk, Harlowton;
F. J. Fisher "

Nellie Wilkins and her Australian Bird Circus will appear here two nights, Monday and Tuesday, May 17th and 18th in the Grandest, Most Wonderful of all bird acts. Charlot races, double bar feats, cockatoo races, the great fire act and 100 others performed by 50 Cockatoos, Giant Macaw birds, Parrots, Parakeets and Canaries.

New Arrivals in Spring Dress Goods at Marshall's.

And Some Were Stung.

A bunch of about 20 lads in town here have just experienced what many of the uninitiated have often experienced before, the experience of being stung by a clothes man. The gentleman bore some fictitious name, and went to several of the boys here and secured orders for clothes. At the time the orders were taken a deposit of \$5 to \$25 was made to guarantee the good faith of the purchaser. The last that has been seen or heard of the "foxy-quiller" was one day last week when he went merrily westward, and forgot to deliver the dry goods. This pathetic incident recalls to mind those lines of the bard that sung so well:

"Of all the words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these I'm stung again."

John Deere Plows and Harrows, "The Most Reliable" at Marshall's.
All kinds Garden and Flower Seeds at Marshall's.

Thomas Hanzlik has received word that his wife and children accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Buckley arrived in Hankinson, N. D., last Saturday, and all were well, except for the wear and tear of the trip.

Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel, the district superintendent of the M. E. church for the Great Falls district, preached here Easter Sunday and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

THE NEW SUBJECT



LIVE WOOL MARKET

Prospect For Good Business During Coming Season-- Lambing Season Begins.

From all sides comes the report that the wool market for the coming season will be very bright. According to reports from the financial centers of the east, the prospects for a good wool market are most optimistic for at least three years. This forecast is largely due to the fact that there will not be any material reduction of the tariff on the raw product or on manufactured woolen articles. Owing to the fact that in many sections the wool industry has been curtailed, there is not a supply such as will flood the market as in former years.

Sheepmen are making preparation for the lambing season, which will soon be in progress. The inclement weather of the past two weeks has not discouraged wool growers, as it reduces the likelihood that there will be stormy weather during lambing.

But Montana sheepmen have prepared for bad weather in the months of April and May, and are not in much danger of loss.

Throughout Fergus and Meagher counties the fleeces are said to be in very fine condition. The crop is heavy and the staple is likely to be very good.

The Big Sale at the E. F. Ross Co's store is still going on in full blast. Saturday will be the biggest day of the entire sale in point of bargain giving, the prices quoted in their advertisement are worthy of serious attention, we are positive that good merchandise was never sold so cheap before. Saturday will probably be the last day of this phenomenal price cutting.

Read Marshall's ad.

BAKERY CHANGES HANDS

Engineer Bostwick of the Montana Road Goes into the Bakery Business.

Peter Winter who has been the proprietor of the Harlowton bakery since that popular institution started, sold out the first of the week to Engineer Bostwick of the Montana road. Mr. Winter has gone to Helena, where he will likely go into business again.

The new bakery will be known as Bostwick and Company, and the establishment will be under the supervision of Rudolph Sghoettner, who has been employed for the past few years in the Lewistown Bakery. Mr. Sghoettner has moved his family here, and has already assumed control of the shop. He has a high reputation as a baker and will undoubtedly make good in his new location.

Use the Best--New Era Paints. Sold only at Marshall's. It

Ceretana Flour--the Best--at Marshall's.

L. D. Glenn made a business trip to Lewistown the latter part of the week.

Albert Britton came in from Shawmut Wednesday to look after some business matters.

Dr. Tice of Twodot came in from Lewistown Thursday afternoon, returning to Twodot Friday morning.

Senator C. P. Tooley passed thru Harlowton on his way to Moore Wednesday. He will visit Lewistown before he returns.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gannon went to Lewistown Friday morning and will spend Sunday at the McDonald ranch.

S. L. Hodges was a passenger to Lewistown Wednesday evening, he returned Thursday afternoon. Sam doesn't mind taking a trip to Lewistown once in a while, as he generally comes back wearing the smile

McINTOSH HERE

Is Member of Big Firm, Says Teams will all be at Work Before Very Long.

D. A. McIntosh, one of the firm of McIntosh Brothers, a big firm of railroad contractors of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spent most of week in town. He came in from Butte, where he has been making his headquarters while the last few strokes were put on the coast extension of the Milwaukee near Bozeman.

Mr. McIntosh states that there will be considerable work done all along the line west of Miles City. At present a large force is at work at Roundup. As soon as the weather permits work will start at the summit, where the grade is to be lowered, making it possible for the fast trains that will soon be running, to make much faster time than they could at present. Mr. McIntosh will probably make Harlowton his headquarters for some time.

Joe Furley was in from Fish Creek Wednesday.

F. M. Cook, a rancher and miner from Delpine, was a business visitor the latter part of the week.

Sammy Griffin, from the Linton ranch, was a business visitor Thursday.

Ben Stevens and Attorney W. C. Husband were passengers to Lewistown last Saturday. The latter had business in the district court.

E. S. Cook, United States Commissioner from Roundup made a business trip to Lewistown Sunday, and was here between trains Monday on his return trip.

Workmen have been busy the past week filling in the forms for the foundation of the new Musselshell Valley National Bank. It will take a large amount of concrete to fill up the forms as they are broad and deep.

TO HAVE A LEAGUE

Representatives From Towns in Central Montana Meet in Lewistown-- Baseball Prospect.

A meeting of representatives from the towns of Harlowton, Moore, Judith Gap, Roundup, Lewistown and Kendall will meet in Lewistown tonight to discuss the baseball situation in this section, and if possible to organize a central Montana league. Al. Houseworth who will manage the Lewistown bunch this year, has called the meeting, and is boosting for organized ball. Mort Lewellin is in Lewistown as the representative of Harlowton.

Harlowton will have a fast bunch in the field whether a league is formed or not. The weather has not permitted much preliminary work but there has been enough warm weather to induce a few of the enthusiastic ones to display their talent. Those who are in a position to judge, say that the outlook is first class, and that there is enough local players to make the neighboring teams trot a merry pace. Harlowton had a good team last year, and this year some ball tossers who have made names

for themselves in North Dakota and South Dakota have come in to make their stamping ground in the rail road town. But let actions speak louder than words. It is enough to say that Harlowton will not need to import any material, and can rely on what is here for a swift bunch.

The Daily News in sizing up the situation for a league has the following to say:

All of these towns are good ball towns. Of course Lewistown will draw the big gate receipts, and if good ball is put up, some immense crowds will turn out to witness the contests. However Moore always was a rattling good town for the national game. This year the Moorites plan to put a faster team than ever in the field. They will erect a high fence to enclose the ball grounds. Harlowton and Roundup are also good towns for the game, while Judith Gap, though young, is ambitious and expectations are that the gap town will have one of the fastest teams in this section.

Episcopal Church Concert.

There will be given under the auspices of the Episcopal church a concert at Twodot, in K. of P. Hall, on Thursday night, April 22 at 8 o'clock and the same repeated at Harlowton Opera House on Friday night, April 23 at 8 o'clock. A well selected program by competent performers will be given.

PROGRAM

PART I
Selection, by the Ladies' Orchestra of Twodot and Lewistown
Piano Solo, Mrs. G. K. Robertson
Violin Solo, Mrs. G. Welles
Cornet Solo, Miss Mabel Baker
Whistling Solo, Mrs. P. J. Anshutz
Vocal Solo, Mr. S. L. Hodges
Piano Solo, Mrs. H. B. Tice
Vocal Duet, Mrs. W. W. Coates and Mrs. G. K. Robertson
Piano Duet, Mrs. H. B. Tice and Mrs. G. K. Robertson.
Vocal Solo, Mrs. G. K. Robertson

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Violin Solo, Mrs. G. Welles
Cornet Solo, Miss Mabel Baker
Piano Duet, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Tice.
Vocal Duet, Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Robertson
Grand Finale by Ladies' Orchestra

Following the program, those who wish to do so may remain to dance, the music for which will be rendered by the Ladies' Orchestra.

SHAWMUT.

F. S. Webster is home from Bozeman, where he has spent the winter with his family.

School in District No. 20 has opened, with Miss Hays of Wisconsin as teacher.

Mrs. Words made a trip to Miles City last week, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Will Jenizen and Mrs. Gustad made a trip to Harlowton Friday. Miss Julia Scholten is back in our neighborhood again, after a visit in Dakota and Big Timber.

E. E. Crawford's plowing outfit is at work now.

The country north of Cruse is being settled fast, and little homes are beginning to break the monotony of stretches of bare hills.

The new section house at Shawmut siding is completed and one of the section crews at Cruse have been transferred there.

Incubators are coming to the front in this vicinity, with a "Mandy Lee" on the Webster ranch, an "Ideal" on the Rossman, and a "Jewel" on the Crawford.

B. H. Erickson, of Viroqua, Wis., has been in town during the week looking over the town, and getting information in regard to a good location for a hardware store. He will go from here to Spokane, and will return to Harlowton before going back east.

SIMS RANCH SOLD

Fargo Firm Buys Ranch Near Ryegate and Will Soon Colonize.

The Sims ranch near Ryegate has been sold to Wheelock and Wheelock, a real estate firm of Fargo, N. D. This firm will at once begin on a colonizing scheme which will fill up the country in the vicinity of Ryegate and Lavinia. The Fargo concern are connected with large companies of the east and think they will meet with success in their new venture. B. A. Wheelock stated in an interview:

"The place consists of a little over 26,000 acres, about 3,000 of which is said to be irrigable. We will divide the land into small farms at once and hope to bring a large number of settlers from eastern states, principally the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin, this summer.

"These Montana lands are far superior to the best lands in our section of the country and it is hard to describe the general 'going west' spirit that prevails in some parts of the middle states. The people are not discontented with where they are located, but they have heard so much about Montana and dry land farming that they want to see for themselves."

N-BAR RANCH SOLD

Colonel Cruse Sells His Famous Ranch in Fergus County.

The largest undivided tract of land in Fergus county, and one of the biggest stock ranches in Montana, the N-Bar ranch, belonging to Colonel Thomas Cruse of Helena, has been sold and will soon be cut up into small farms. The following is from the Great Falls Tribune of April 13th:

W. J. Cruse has just returned from Fergus county and he announces that a deal has been practically closed for the sale of the property to J. H. Ray, W. A. Powers and E. A. Torlett of Chicago. The consideration is in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The transfer will be made in a few days and then the new owners will take steps to immediately colonize it.

The N-Bar ranch is located in the Flatwillow country, and is well known throughout this section as the big stock ranch of the country. It is stated that 1,000 horses, 8,000 cattle and about 10,000 sheep roam over the ranch. The disposal of these large holdings marks an epoch in the history of Montana. The old cowboy days are on the wane and the new era of the homemaker and small rancher is dawning. It is the natural evolution of agriculture in the treasure state.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Duffy returned from Helena Wednesday. They had been visiting at the capital.

J. S. Bullard, the piano man and one of the best musicians in this country, spent Thursday in town. Birds of a feather flock together, and so Bullard and Dreyer are pals.