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SHAW RANCH SOLD

Big Ranch Belonging to Shaw and Elliot is Purchased By Aberdeen Syndicate.

The biggest transfer of real estate that has been made in this vicinity for some time was made the fore part of the week, when Hon. Samuel Shaw disposed of the Shaw & Elliot ranch, which lies about five miles south of town, to a syndicate from Aberdeen, S. D. The ranch comprises 13,400 acres, and was considered one of the best pieces of property in this section.

The syndicate that has purchased the ranch will immediately begin colonizing. Among those who are interested in the syndicate are J. H. Frey, immigration agent for Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound, and A. D. Jones also in the immigration service of the Milwaukee road. Already parties from Chicago, Carthage, Ill., and Mansfield have been located on the ranch. The whole tract is to be cut up into small farms, the bench lands will be farmed by the Campbell system of dry farming.

The same syndicate has also secured an option on the Fitzpatrick ranch west of town, and it is expected that this ranch will also be purchased and colonized in the same manner. The syndicates in a position to rush a large number of settlers into this section in the next few months, and some of the members state that Harlowton is going to be greatly benefited by the number of colonists that will come to this vicinity and locate on these two large tracts.

GET SOME CONTRACT WORK

Contracts for Cottages in Van Cleve Addition and New Stone Building is Let.

Wright and Kremer, the firm of contractors that has been doing so much building in Harlowton lately, have now landed several other jobs that will help their business, and also the appearance of the town. Mrs. Van Cleve, while in town the fore part of the week, let contracts to this firm for three cottages in the new Van Cleve Addition east of town. These cottages will be rented as soon as they are finished.

Wright and Kremer also secured the contract for a large two story stone building that will be erected opposite Gannon's Confectionary store on Central Avenue. This building is being erected by Mr. Isaac Tampkin of Craig, Montana. We are always glad to welcome to our little burg such enterprising men as Mr. Tampkin.

OPEN TOMORROW

McQuitty Bros. Throw Open Doors To Public.

The Harlowton Grocery Company, will open up its doors to the public tomorrow. The McQuitty brothers who are the proprietors of the concern can say without exaggeration that they have the best exclusive grocery store in central Montana. The building is neat & modern throughout. The heating plant is about completed and those who know, say it is a cracker-jack. The front part of the second story has been fitted up with offices, while in the back part there is a hall and lodge rooms, the best hall, with the exception of the opera house, in town. This hall can be conveniently used for club rooms, something that the town has been lacking ever since it started.

The interior of the building even surpasses the exterior in appearance, and will make a light, airy and convenient store room. Among the faces that will be seen behind the counter will be that of Jack Foster, formerly with the Urner Mercantile Company, and one of the most popular and best known clerks that has ever been employed in this section of Montana. Mr. Foster arrived in town some time ago.

Wait till that ball team of ours gets in motion, we are not saying much, but we have a few that can put up a first class article of ball.

A FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT



Taft—Give Her Your Utmost Consideration, Gentlemen.

STARTS TO ROLL

Meeting Monday Night Does Things for Baseball—Lewellin Elected Manager.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the Urner Hall last Monday for the purpose of organizing the Harlowton baseball team. Mort Lewellin was elected manager, and a committee of three live business men were selected to collect funds to build a park and select a site for the new baseball park.

Attorney W. C. Husband was placed in the chair, and Anthony Dreyer took the floor and gave the meeting an outline of what the band is doing and its financial condition. He asked that a committee be appointed to collect enough to purchase uniforms for the organization. After the baseball matter was disposed of, the band was given due attention. Messrs. Woods Stevenson and Plat Richardson were appointed as a committee of two to look after the interests of the band.

The first proposition that came up in regard to the ball team was the matter of grounds. Some thought, among whom was Plat Richardson, that the team could get along without enclosed grounds. Several thought that if the grounds were partly enclosed on the side from which the crowd came that it would be satisfactory. But the prevailing opinion seemed to be that the entire ground should be enclosed.

The proposition of financing the team was then discussed. The general opinion seemed to be that if a committee were appointed to solicit funds

and were to do it in a systematic manner, that enough could be collected to build a ball park and start the team out, after which the team would be self-supporting. Accordingly a committee was appointed who should have full power to select the grounds, and canvas the town. Messrs. Lewellin, Kirby and Curtis were so appointed. Mr. Anderson suggested that a list of the names of all the business men and others be prepared, and that each be assessed in proportion to his ability to pay, that way no one would be bearing too much burden. The committee have acted on this suggestion and are meeting with great success.

Mr. Mort Lewellin, who appeared to be the unanimous choice for manager, was selected to manage the team. The duties of a manager are various and burdensome, but Mort has the goods, and will give the best of satisfaction. He knows the other managers in this vicinity, and is willing to give the management proper attention.

The site for the park has not been definitely selected by the committee. There are two places in view, one just below the hill on the railroad flats little east of the road to the depot, and the other west of town on the flat beyond the old store house. The committee will make the selection today.

NOT THE CARY ACT

Land North and West of Town is Not Withdrawn Under Cary Act.

The report that a large tract of land north and west of Harlowton had been withdrawn from homestead entry is unfounded. The land has been withdrawn for a period of about 60 days until it has been classified as semi-arid land so as to be placed under the new law, allowing persons to take 320 acres instead of 160, if they so desire.

Register McKoin in an interview stated that the rumor was abroad that a large ditch was to be put in north of the big tract that lies north and west of the town, and that people generally believed that the land had been withdrawn under the Cary Act, but instead the land was being classified so as to be subject to the new homestead bill. He also stated that government employees were looking over the ground already, and that it would probably be about 60 days until the land would be ready for entry at which time the enlarged homestead law would be in effect.

A circular letter has been received by the United States land office at Lewistown stating: "No rights whatever can be acquired under the said act, either by application or settlement, prior to the time that the lists are received at the local land offices. The officials are directed to inform all applicants that they will gain no rights by filing of such applications, or by appeal from the rejection thereof."

URNER CAFE RENTED

J. O. Mathews, of Helena Will be Proprietor of Swell Cafe.

The Urner Cafe has been rented and a swell cafe will soon be in operation in the new building. J. O. Mathews, of Helena will be the new proprietor. He is an experienced restaurant man, having run hotels and restaurants in different parts of the state. He has been engaged in this business in Helena for some time, and reports from traveling men, and from those who know are to the effect that Mr. Mathews has it on them all in his particular line. It is stated that Harlowton is very fortunate in getting a caterer of such a high standard.

The Urner Cafe, as it will probably be called, will be furnished in a way that will make the traveling public sit up and take notice. Everything will be in keeping with the building as it is now finished. A large French range 10-12 feet long is to be installed, and the cafe is to be equipped so as to provide for a large number of guests. The restaurant will be in readiness for business in about a week.

W. L. Boise has just completed a new residence on his homestead north of town. Mr. Boise is one of the live wires at the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gannon returned from Lewistown Monday, where they had spent a brief outing on the McDonald ranch.

BONDS CARRY

Taxpayers of Harlowton School District Vote School Bonds by Large Majority.

Last Saturday was a red letter day for education in Harlowton. The taxpayers of the district got together at the school house and voted to bond the school district for \$21,000. The vote showed the absolute desire of the people for a first class school. When the ballots were counted the vote stood 72 for bonding and 2 against. It was anticipated that the bonds would carry, but no one was optimistic enough to expect such a decisive vote.

The action of the school board in putting the matter to a vote, and the hearty support given the proposition, shows the progressive spirit of all concerned. Harlowton is badly in need of a new school. The present building from the standpoint of sanitation and capacity is entirely inadequate. With the rapid increase of population, another year would bring on the district a condition that would be embarrassing. They would be confronted with the situation of having many more scholars than could be accommodated in the present buildings. It may be that the new building will not be built in time for the coming school year, but the crowded condition will not continue long.

The amount of the bonds voted is sufficient to erect a substantial eight-room building of brick or stone, and equip it in a manner that will not only be a comfort to the children of school age, but will be a matter of

pride and satisfaction to the citizens as well. The school will undoubtedly be an advertisement and ornament for the town.

The site for the new building has not been selected so far, but a site will be selected that will be convenient, and which will be convenient for the children of the grades and also for pupils in the high school. The building will be built with the view of establishing high school rooms and conducting a first class high school course. This will be an inducement to keep many students at home that are annually sent to high schools in Helena and Bozeman. The board will probably make provision for the vote on the site in the near future, as the patrons are anxious to see the building in the course of construction.

Get your lamps ready for the souvenir addition of the News to be published about the 4th of July.

Rex Chilton can supply you with a Saturday Evening Post every Friday. He is a fine little gentleman to meet too.

Rene Labrie was a passenger on the west bound train Wednesday morning, Rene is a chap who is continually on the move.

Patterson Hats—\$3 at Marshalls. Ceretana Flour—the best—at Marshalls.

RUSSELL ON THE ROUNDUP

Noted Cowboy Artist Will Aid in Corraling Buffalo on the Flathead Reservation.

A large bunch of cowboys are now engaged in rounding up the buffalo on the Flathead Indian Reservation. The buffalo were purchased by the Canadian government for the Canadian national park near Banff, Alberta. The government across the line has provided a pasture there for 10,000 buffalo, it is thought the herd will eventually reach that figure.

Charles M. Russell, who is rapidly coming into prominence as the cowboy who can paint western scenes in an artistic manner, is taking part in the roundup, and will make many sketches incident to the roundup. He undergoes the same difficulties in getting the buffalo into the corrals and makes the same long jaunts, as the others.

The McQuitty Bros. have recently sold their famous mule team to F. J. Cameron. This team was generally considered to be the best in the country.

MURDER AT ROUNDUP

John Black Attempts to Kill Robinson and Kuntz, Then Flees to the Mountains.

At a late hour Monday night in a saloon at Roundup, John Black, a young miner just arrived at the big coal camp made a desperate attempt to kill William Kuntz and James Robinson. The latter is a member of the firm of Martin and Robinson who carry on a saloon business at the coal city. Kuntz was shot through the shoulder, it was at first reported that he was killed, but he will recover. The bullet fired at Robinson just grazed the top of his forehead. Both men had a narrow escape.

The provocation of the shooting was a quarrel and some ill treatment that Black had received at the hands of Robinson and the bartender. Some say he was justified in retaliating in this manner.

After firing the shots the assailant fled to the hill that surround the town of Roundup, and under the cover of darkness he concealed himself. Up to Friday noon nothing has been learned of his whereabouts.

Sheriff Martin of Fergus County with two deputies and several citizens are in pursuit. The posse are well armed and provided, and there is every likelihood that Black will be run down quickly. The direction taken by the posse and the meagre information upon which to work are similar to that of the posse that captured the murderer of Sheriff Webb.

CITY DADS

CONVENE

Council Meet Wednesday Evening and Enlarge the Corporate Limits.

The city fathers men in regular session last Wednesday in the Urner Mercantile Company's Store. It was the last meeting of the old council, but not the least. The old council made itself memorable by enlarging the corporate limits of the city so as to take in that property on the brow of the hill towards the depot, and all that west along the original channel of the Musselshell. After allowing a number of bills against the city, the matter of enlarging the city limits was brought up for discussion. There had been several written objections filed with the clerk, pursuant to the notices published in the paper against the proposed addition, but the council disregarded these for the reason that objections were made by freeholders, but not "resident freeholders" as required by the statute. Attorney L. D. Glenn appeared before the council, and explained the objections. The council then adopted a resolution taking in the new territory, which includes the new hotel and adjacent property, the resolution adopted will be published next week.

Buy Furniture at Marshalls. Adlers "Collegian Brand" Clothes are sold only by Marshalls.

Mens Cravenette Coats—the Rain-Proof Kind at Marshalls.

A \$48 Studebaker Harness looks like an \$85 value at Marshalls.

E. H. Barrett, of the Milwaukee road spent Wednesday night in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schacht arrived from Waterville, Minnesota Thursday.

Wm. Barney is now running the Blue Ribbon Alley himself. His two boys are looking after the alleys in Moore.

Mrs. O. J. Stevens will accompany her sister Miss Farmer to Minneapolis next Thursday, where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

A. E. Tubbs gave one of the best moving picture shows here last Wednesday that has ever been put on here. The moving picture show is always greeted with a good sized crowd.

Divine services at Lutheran church of Lenep, Sunday May 3 at 11 o'clock and at Judith Gap Sunday evening, May 22nd. Services in Norwegian language.

Rev. A. A. Reese.