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BIG RANCH DEAL

Fitzpatrick Ranch Sold to Wisconsin Parties—Will Open up Real Estate Office.

The Fitzpatrick ranch lying west and northwest of town has been sold to Wisconsin parties. The buyers are James P. Corry, of Madison, Wisconsin and Joseph Liberty, of New Lisbon, Wis. These parties will open up an office here, and sell the ranch in small tracts. They are husslers and will undoubtedly transact an extensive real estate business at this point. They have purchased other large tracts in the Judith Basin, and expect to get a hold on more land in this vicinity. With their headquarters at Harlowton they will have the advantage of the best railroad facilities, besides being centrally located.

The Fitzpatrick ranch is one of the choice pieces of land that has been sold this spring. It lies about four and one-half miles west of Harlowton and extends to the north. It has a name for having a large amount of level and tillable land, besides having about 1,000 acres under irrigation. There are over 9,000 acres in the

ranch all lying in range 14, with the greater portion in township 8, there being 320 acres in townships seven and nine.

It was upon this ranch that Professor Shaw of the University of Minnesota made his famous test of the soil for wheat growing possibilities. In his report he showed that there were the right properties in the soil to make it the best of wheat land. He also thought that the fact that sheep had ranged over the land for many years was a big benefit. The soil is deep with a slight sprinkling of lime stone on the surface, none of the stones however are so large as to give trouble.

Mr. Liberty thinks the Fitzpatrick ranch will be a quick seller, owing to the fact that it lays well and is so close to town. He says that he is in a position to put a number of farmers on the land during the summer, and that the ranch will be well settled in the near future is a certainty.

A FINE RESIDENCE

Van Cleve Will Erect a \$40,000 Mansion on Ranch—Interesting Visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Cleve and Mr. John Scarlet of Melville spent last Sunday in town, and among other business matters made arrangements to build a splendid \$40,000 residence on the Van Cleve ranch near Melville. It will be the most elaborate mansion ever erected on a ranch in Montana. Mrs. Van Cleve's son-in-law is doing the architectural work, and the new residence promises to be a beauty. In the Van Cleve party there was a visitor that attracted considerable attention, it was master Harry Dugrow, a grand son of Mrs. Van Cleve and also of Judge Dugrow of the Supreme Court of New York. Besides being a handsome little chap, he is also noted for having been born with a golden spoon in his mouth, and is the heir to several millions.

Cowpuncher Gets Curious.

Miles City Journal: A cowpuncher who came in to the stockmeeting got inquisitive concerning a gasoline engine which was running in front of Claud Cole's plumbing establishment, and as a result has a broken foot. He was dead used to bucking bronchos, and all other kinds of wild and "onery" livestock, but the engine was a matter of curiosity to him. He started in by touching the fly wheel, monkeying with the governor, and other parts, when he was warned by Mr. Cole to let it alone. He came back offering to bet a V that he could ride the thing and to show he was a sport started to mount. The bed plate seemed to him to correspond with stirrup, so he accordingly placed his foot thereon. The piston rod came down with its usual regularity, and it does not require a fertile imagination to picture the result. It is said that his courage was screwed up to the point where he believed he could easily have ridden the fly wheel of a 90 horse-power, compound, triple expansion engine, running at 1,000 revolutions per minute, by the quantity of liquid joy producer which he had taken on since hitting the metropolis. He will not be on the roundup this spring.

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At a meeting of the board of school trustees of School Dist. No. 16, Wednesday of this week to consider applications for High School teachers they decided upon J. H. Kent of Butte as the architect for the new \$21,000 stone school building in Harlowton. Work will be vigorously pushed on the building as soon as the contract is let. The location will be decided upon in a few days.

Fishing tackle—a large and varied assortment at Marshalls.

A Dandy Line.

The Montana Lumber Company has just received several cars of lumber that are remarkable for their quality. Besides what has been unloaded, there are four cars on the track at the present time. In the consignment was a car of inside finish materials, and some very handsome doors. Lee Hash claims it is the best line ever put on the market in this part of Montana.

S. P. Stigen, of Irene, was a business visitor the fore part of the week. The Orphan Company will make their appearance at the local opera house next Monday evening, May 10th. They will present to the theatergoers of Harlowton a program that is far superior to anything yet shown in the city. All who witness this performance next Monday night need fear no disappointments as they guarantee two hours of solid fun and amusement. This company is owned and controlled by the Peoples Associated Amusement Company of Montana.

JOY AND SORROW

Fred Marrs and Miss Eula Franklin are Married—Death of Mr. Marrs Sr. Follows.

Fred Marrs sprung a surprise on the people here when he stepped off the train Sunday with his bride, who is a Kentucky belle. He was married on the 11th day of April to Miss Eula Pauline Franklin, of Flippin, Kentucky. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Franklin was reared in Kentucky, and received her education on her native soil. Fred will be able to sing with considerable feeling the familiar song, "She was Bred in Old Kentucky." Mr. Marrs for some time has been assistant cashier in the Musselshell Valley National Bank, and has the respect of all the business men in this community. He bears a splendid reputation, and his industry will be the means of putting him on one of the top rungs. He is a native of Tompkinsville, Missouri, where his relatives still reside.

On Sunday evening the young couple were chivalved by a large crowd of young fellows, in the midst of the din of the serenade could be heard the shrill notes of the bag-pipes. The bride will soon become accustomed to this wild, care free hospitality of the west, and it is hoped by all that she will enjoy her new life in Harlowton. All join in wishing the happy couple the fullest measure of joy and success. It is unfortunate that Mr. Marrs honey-moon should be impaired by the sad news of his father's death. On Monday news came that Mr. Marrs had passed away at his home in Tompkinsville, Missouri. The friends here wish to extend their sympathy to Fred in his sad loss.

The stone work on the new Robertson jewelry store is being hurried. When completed the building will be one of the beauties of the town.

C. C. Dimock, of Three Forks, transacted business in town Wednesday and Thursday.

Moline "Iron Clad" wagons, always reliable—Marshalls.

MILL A SURE GO

Mr. A. E. Tamm, the agent for the Milwaukee road at this point received a telegram from a party, who is in a position to know, in which he states that the flour mill for Harlowton is a sure go.

HARLOWTON WILL CELEBRATE

Business Men Decide That the Pride of the Musselshell Should Have Rousing Celebration.

At the meeting of the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association held in the Urner Hall Monday night, it was decided that Harlowton should celebrate in a "Bang-up" American style. There was some expression of dissatisfaction with the celebration of last year, and it was hoped that the same would not occur again. The motion in favor of the celebration was carried almost unanimously, which showed that the spirit of the business men were heartily in favor of having a big time here on the nation's birthday.

A motion was also put through empowering the chair to appoint a committee of three to supervise the celebration, this committee in turn to have power to appoint other committees on decorations, music, sports, finance and arrangements. In this manner it was thought the work could be more effectively carried out, by reason of it being centralized. The chair appointed on this committee, Ben Urner, chairman, W. C. Husband and O. J. Stevens.

It appeared to be the sentiment of the meeting that the city prepare for a big celebration. Among those who were highly in favor of a home celebration were Anthony Dreyer, B. B.

Blethen and L. Swanson, the latter making an address that had enough genuine patriotism and enthusiasm for a Fourth of July speech. The idea of spending money in other towns when the majority of the people here seem willing to pay for a home celebration, did not strike home with any degree of enthusiasm.

There were several other matters of importance that were freely discussed, among them was the matter of setting apart a day for cleaning up the town. The association passed a motion to the effect that the secretary be empowered to draft a memorial to the town council representing the sentiment of the association, that a day be set apart to clean up the town, and that it be suggested that on that day all business houses close and make it as much of a holiday as possible.

It was also decided to send a delegate from this vicinity who should be a practical farmer, to act as a member of the board of control of the Dry Farming Congress to be held in Billings. This action was taken after a communication had been received from the Billings secretary requesting that Harlowton be represented on the board.

BLACK STILL AT LARGE

Koontz's Assailant Makes Clean Get-away—Koontz in Improving.

No trace has yet been found of James Black, who on April 20th, shot and wounded Wm. Koontz in a saloon at this place, although his description has been telegraphed to all neighboring towns, and the surrounding country thoroughly searched. It is believed that Black was in Forsyth several days after the shooting, but his movements could not be followed up.

Koontz returned from Billings Wednesday morning, where an ineffectual attempt to remove the bullet was made. The bullet is lodged in the right shoulder back of the shoulder blade, and it is impossible to locate it definitely. All danger of blood poisoning, it is believed has passed, and he will not lose the use of his arm as has been thought.—Roundup Record.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Report of Grammar room for the month ending, April 30 1909.

Enrollment 19
Average membership 15
Average attendance 16
Percentage attendance 90

Those neither absent nor tardy: Sixth grade, Wilhelmina Galvin.
Fifth grade, Geraldine Galvin.
Eighth grade, Mame Anderson.
L. L. LAUGHLIN, Teacher.

Report of primary room for month ending Apr. 30, 1909.

Enrollment 35
Average membership 31
Daily attendance 30

Those neither tardy nor absent: First grade—Helen Porter, Dee Muggy, Danie McCarty, Floyd Lane, and William Turney.
Second grade—Mary Galvin, Flossie Lane, and Bessie Blethen.

Third grade—John McParland, Ernest McDonald and John McCarthy.
Fourth grade—Viola Lea, Dora Turney and Laurence Lane.
Visitor—Prof. Howell, of Roundup.
MARY J. DAVIES, Teacher.

Mrs. Hiding Halbert from White Sulphur Springs paid us a visit the first part of the week.

Mel Stevens made several trips to town from the ranch during the week.

See Marshalls window display of Paints.

SHOT IN THE LEG

Leo Simonton, Twelve-Year-Old Brother of Mrs. Rossman, Shot in Thigh—Taken to Lewistown.

Yesterday shortly after 1 o'clock Leo Simonton, who is staying with Mrs. Rossman on the ranch near Cruse, was acclenely shot by the discharge of a 38 caliber revolver. Mrs. Rossman and Leo were sitting on the porch, Mrs. Rossman had the revolver upon her lap, when it was suddenly discharged in some unaccountable way, the bullet entering Leo's leg in the heavy part of the thigh. Dr. Campbell was summoned but was unable to locate the bullet. Leo will be taken to Lewistown this afternoon where an X-ray will be used to locate the bullet. Dr. Campbell is of the opinion that it may have entered the bone.

Leo showed strong nerve when the doctor was probing for the missile, and hardly winced. He requested that nothing be said about the matter to his mother who is now living in Minneapolis, and when it was that best that he be taken home, he pleaded not to be taken to his mother.

Mrs. Rossman was also placed in a trying circumstance. She was alone at the time of the accident, and is still compelled to use crutches on account of her lameness. But she carried the wounded boy bodily to the track about three quarters of a mile, and a tramp coming down the railroad carried him the rest of the way to Cruse, a distance of about a mile. Mrs. Rossman came in this morning on the train with the boy and will accompany him to Lewistown.

Mrs. Wellington and her little son from Winnecook were in Tuesday to attend to some business matters.

P. J. Carter, F. J. Ruse, H. C. Ryeland and J. O. Currl were a Helena party that registered at the Urner hotel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Robinson, of Columbus, Montana, attended to several business matters in Harlowton Wednesday.

J. H. Kent, of Butte, has been selected as the architect for the new school house. He will begin on the plans immediately.

Mr. Isaac Tamplin, of Craig, who will erect a large two story stone building on Central avenue, was in town the latter part of the week.

Ladies fancy Hosiery at Marshalls.

NEW COUNCIL ACTS

Makes May 25th Civic Holiday to Clean up Town—Some Other Matters.

The new council of the town of Harlowton have had their initial session. The council met in regular session last Monday night and after all the council men had qualified, the meeting was adjourned until Thursday evening to enable the members to attend the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association held in the Urner Hall.

On Thursday evening the council met with all present. Several matters of importance were disposed of. May 25th was set apart as the day upon which the city will clean up all the rubbish on vacant lots and back alleys. It will be made a civic holiday, and all business houses are requested to close from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. on that day. This is a most progressive step toward making the town more attractive.

The matter of approving of the Van Cleve addition was laid on the table until such a time when Mrs. Van

Cleve and A. C. Graves will be able to attend a meeting. Then a special meeting will be called and the matter discussed. The only objection to approving the addition at the present time is the fact that the city is not in a position to open Main Street to that section of the town.

The council also made provision to have three more lights placed upon Central Avenue. When these lights are installed it will light the street from end to end.

D. C. Dreyer, who is interested in the Stevens, Dreyer Hardware Co., who is living at Glendive at the present time, will build a home here and move his family in July.

Joseph Liberty, of New Lisbon, Wisconsin, one of the purchasers of the Fitzpatrick ranch, spent Sunday on his Judith Basin ranch, where he had some fun with the fish. He returned to Lewistown Monday morning.

Ben Urner Home.

An agreeable surprise was sprung upon the town Monday afternoon, when Ben Urner, who is so much interested here, stepped off the train. It was quite generally known that Mr. Urner was returning home, but few thought he would get here so soon. Those who know him say that he is looking well, and he says himself that he has enjoyed the winter. He attended the meeting of the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association Monday evening, and took an interest in the discussions.

Dr. Holloway drove his auto into town Thursday, and says that the roads are fine for ten miles on this side of his ranch, but from there in the roads were very muddy, and that it was difficult to make a good run.

About 10,000 sheep are at the sheep pens a few miles north of town on the line to Lewistown. There will be some wool there in the near future.

ANOTHER BOOST

Milwaukee Road Publishes a Booklet on "Montana, it's Resources and Opportunities."

The Milwaukee road is certainly "going some" in the advertising line, and the Musselshell Valley is receiving some benefit from what the company is doing. The latest advertising is a neat and artistic booklet on "Montana, It's Resources and Opportunities." The booklet is not ready for general distribution, but when it gets into the hands of eastern people it will be an eye-opener.

On the outside cover is the famous ad. of the Milwaukee, the western plainsman plowing up the gold dollars in the valley of the Musselshell. The picture is well colored, and very artistic. The names of Harlowton, Lavinia, Musselshell and Roundup stand out prominently, thus giving the towns along the line a good boost even if the reader should not read the contents.

The booklet gives an accurate description of the state, touching on its climate, soil, rainfall, crops and their yield, markets and industries. There is nothing exaggerated, everything contained in the book is the truth, and actual statistics are given to prove statements that would otherwise appear exaggerated. In the matter of yield for instance there is nothing claimed that is not a matter of common knowledge of every person in this section who knows any thing about the yield of grain, it states that the average yield of wheat is 30 bushels to the acre, and gives cuts of fields that actually produce that much.

The Musselshell Valley comes in for its share of advertising. There are four cuts of rural scenes taken from the Musselshell valley. There is one taken on the ranch of Lewis Penwell, another from the ranch of Catlin Bros. near Dorsey, and one in the vicinity of Harlowton. Each of the pictures are clear and distinct and are the best proof of the statements made relative to the productivity of the soil in this valley.

5TH OF JULY PICKED

As Date of Celebration, Advisory Board Selects Various Committees.

The supervisory committee for the Fourth of July celebration appointed by the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association met Thursday evening and started, what is likely to be the biggest celebration ever held in this section of Montana, by appointing the various committees to look after the work. The 4th of July this year comes on Sunday and since Lewistown is likely to celebrate on Saturday, the committee thought it expedient to have the celebration here on Monday the 5th. Plans have been made to have that day set apart to commemorate the nation's birthday. The following committees were then selected:

Committee on Finance—W. O. Straight; chairman, C. N. Friday and I. S. McQuitty.

Committee on Entertainment—W. C. Husband; chairman, H. E. Hawley, O. J. Stevens, A. T. Anderson and H. E. Marshall.

Committee on Advertising—A. H. Eiselein; chairman, Grover Perkins and Mr. LeClair.

Committee on Decorations—Ben Urner; chairman, E. F. Ross, Dick McQuitty, Mrs. C. N. Friday and Mrs. L. W. Curtis.

Committee on Fire Protection—B. B. Blethen, chief and the chairman each of the other committees.

Committee on Music—Anthony Dreyer; chairman, E. E. Pitney and S. L. Hodges.

Committee on arrangements—L. D. Glenn; chairman, Mort Lewellin, C. L. Hash, E. A. Tamm and Dr. S. K. Campbell.

Committee on Fireworks—L. Swanson; chairman, George Gannon and H. Hogli.

Committee on Order—Subject to the approval of the mayor, M. J. Johnson; chairman, Jake Karnop, J. J. Hall, J. Buckley, Len Weber and W. C. Qualls.

It was the sentiment of the supervisory committee that the advertising be distributed as soon as possible and that they get out posters for the neighboring towns by about the 20th of this month. It will also be necessary for the committee on finance to act in the near future, as a great deal will depend upon the success of that committee.

Richard Raw, of Bercail, was a visitor the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hartwell, Davis and Mrs. Will Jenizen spent one day this week in Harlowton.

Mrs. W. C. Jenizen of Cruse, expects to leave in a short time for Portland, Ore., where she will spend the Summer.

R. B. Lea is drawing the plans for the Tamkin's block to be located across the street from the Gannon Confectionary Store on Central Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jenizen at the Shawmut ranch, have gone to house keeping at the OK—Ranch. They have closed their St. Paul, Minn. home, and will probably spend the summer in the west.

Mont's Library