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EXCHANGE TO BE BUILT

Telephone Lines of Local Company to be Placed in Alleys-- Entire Change.

General superintendent H. Summers of Salt Lake City of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone System, was in town Wednesday and Thursday of last week in consultation with Mr. Hinkley of Lewistown and M. H. Graham, the local manager. It has been the purpose of the company to rebuild the exchange here, but the plans as drawn up need some adjustment before the work can be commenced. Manager Graham states that the work will begin in about two weeks or as soon as the plans can be changed to meet local conditions.

The telephone lines will be taken from the main streets of the town and placed in the alleys, and will require a large outlay of capital. It is planned to improve the service, by a complete overhauling of the local exchange. The company promises to give Harlowton a most up-to-date telephone service.

The poles for the new exchange have arrived and have been unloaded.

ADOPT THE CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blethen are Now Legal Parents of Gray Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blethen returned from Lewistown Wednesday evening where they had been in attendance at the district court, on the case of the adoption of the two minor children that have been in their custody for over a year. A petition had been filed in the district court, and the case came on for hearing before Judge Cheadle on June 9th. After hearing the petition and all the evidence and after the necessary agreement had been signed by the petitioners, the judge signed the order declaring the adoption.

The father of the children, Robert Gray lives in Portland, Oregon; the mother who had abandoned her children is now residing either in Scotland or England. Efforts were made to find her, but to no avail. It is a matter of satisfaction both to Mr. and Mrs. Blethen and to the relatives of the little tots that they have been adopted.

All who know Mr. and Mrs. Blethen realize that the children will have a good home, and a good training. They will have kind treatment and will be given all the advantages of a good education. The foster parents are also to be congratulated upon getting two such bright and intelligent children. Hereafter the little boy aged seven, will be known as Boutell Albert Blethen and the little girl, who bore the name of Elizabeth, will take the name, Clara Nettie Blethen.

Base Ball Dance.

The local base ball team are giving a dance in the Harlowton opera house Friday evening, June 17th. There will be a full orchestra and the dance, like those that are generally given as a benefit for a ball team, will be the very best. Everybody come and enjoy a big time besides the boys need the money.

Thomas Hamilton came in from Piedmont Wednesday on business.

The continued wet weather has put a stop to all building for the present.

J. J. Haney, a surveyor, from Dorsey, was a business visitor Thursday and Friday.

E. H. Barrett, the railroad superintendent from Three Forks was here during the week, and spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. Kleber reports that he is compelled to purchase more beds to accommodate his numerous guests.

J. W. Van Alstine is in from Martinsdale to take in the show. He is a schoolmate of the Kleber girls.

E. L. Sheppard was a business visitor from Miles City Wednesday. He says there is all kinds of trouble east of here with washouts.

Delbert Doors, who runs a restaurant at Twodot came in Thursday evening to attend to some business matters, and took in the circus Friday.

Attorney Powell Black of White Sulphur Springs, was a prominent visitor the latter part of the week. He had some legal matters to look after at Lewistown.

WILL PREACH HERE

Rev. P. R. McMahon, Methodist Minister for Harlowton Will Arrive June 18th.

Rev. Percy R. McMahon, the Methodist minister who will assume the pastorate at Harlowton, expects to arrive here June 18th. He comes highly recommended by the district superintendent, Rev. W. W. Van Orsdel. He is a native of Indiana and has had two years experience of pastoral work in that state.

The new minister is a university graduate, and also a graduate of the Garrett Biblical Institute. He has spent two years traveling in Europe, Africa and Asia and is regarded as a man with a broad vision. He will hold services here on Sunday June 20 and from then regularly on each Sabbath. The exact time for the service has not yet been set.

Work on the new church is progressing as well as weather will permit, and it is hoped that it will be ready for services the last of this month. All who have no other ties in this vicinity are earnestly urged, not only to attend the church services, but to join in the work for the upbuilding of Harlowton and the Valley along spiritual lines.

Mrs. E. M. Jenizen has the distinction of being the first guest at the Graves Hotel. This is a note of small interest at present, but when the town is a few years old it will be a matter of more than ordinary interest.

Always the Best.

A. E. Tubbs moving picture show that was put on at the opera house last Monday night was up to the high standard of the performances generally given by the Orpheum company, of Lewistown. One thing that can always be expected in the shows put on by this company, and that is, that their pictures are always new and distinct, and do not irritate the eye. The features of the last performance were of a high order.

Williams Here.

President Williams of coast extension of the C. M. & St. P. Road with headquarters in Seattle visited us Thursday in his special train. He passed on to the Judith basin.

HAPPY FAREWELL

E. H. Churchwell of Penwell Ranch Given a Send Off Last Friday Evening.

E. H. Churchwell, manager of the Penwell ranch north of town, has been transferred to the management of the Penwell ranch near Dillon, Mont. His promotion is due to his ability and foresight in running the ranch. Mr. Churchwell is a young man and his many friends are glad to hear of his success.

Last Friday evening a large number of his friends from Harlowton and Judith Gap repaired to the big ranch home of Mr. Churchwell. C. M. Flickenger took a party from here in the big \$4000 automobile and the happy bunch say they had the time of their lives.

There was some delay before the music arrived for the dance, but the time was well spent. Miss Flossie Preston, a talented public reader entertained the guests by reading several selections, among which was the pathetic piece, "Who Killed Joe's Baby."

After the music arrived the dance began with its merry whirl. Two large rooms in the bachelor's home were well filled with merry dancers, and joy was unconfined until broad day light. C. L. McKee was the floor manager, and he didn't allow interest to flag a moment. Along about midnight a substantial lunch was served, to which all did ample justice. The occasion was truly an enjoyable one, and Mr. Churchwell may feel proud of the high testimonials paid him in the good wishes of his guests as they departed for their homes. The popular young manager, by his uniform kindness and courtesy extended to the new settlers in the vicinity of the Penwell ranch, has endeared himself to all, and their expressions of sorrow at his leaving and good wishes for his future success were feelingly sincere.

For Sale.

25x12, 12 oz. duck tent, in splendid shape, will sell cheap.

T. E. Johnson, Photographer

"A FRIEND IN NEED"



GAME WITH LEWISTOWN

A ball game has been scheduled for Sunday, June 13 with Lewistown. This will be one of the big games to be played here this season. Come out and see the new park, and a fast game.

ADVERTISE COUNTY

Commercial Club Appoints Attorney Ford as Representative at Meeting in County Seat.

President A. T. Anderson of the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association received a telegram Wednesday from Mr. Stark, an advertising agent of the Milwaukee road, requesting that the association send a delegate to White Sulphur Springs to meet with the County Commissioners now in session to discuss the advisability of appropriating a sum for the purpose of advertising the resources of Meagher County.

The executive committee of the businessmen's association was quickly called together and immediate action was taken. The time being short for a delegate to make the trip to White Sulphur Springs, it was decided to appoint a proxy at the county seat. County Attorney W. L. Ford was chosen and empowered to act for the association here.

The action taken by the legislature in its last session relative to advertising the resources of the state has awakened interest along the lines of advertising. The legislature appropriated a sum for this purpose and created a bureau to attend to the work. Other communities have fallen into line, and now the resources of the Treasure State that have heretofore been lying dormant without any notice will be quite generally unfolded to the outside world.

URNER CAFE OPENS

J. O. Matthews of Helena, is Proprietor--Is Experienced and sets Good Tables.

The Urner Cafe threw its doors open to the public last Tuesday noon. There were a large number ready to take advantage of the opening, and the increased number that assembled for supper, showed that the viands of those who came for dinner must have been satisfied.

The new proprietor, J. D. Matthews, comes to us from Helena. He is experienced in the restaurant business and is capable of giving the best of service. Mr. Matthews was the proprietor of a restaurant at Helena and also at Goulp before locating here. He expects to run the cafe here on the American plan, and says that his purpose here will be to give prompt and efficient service, and that by giving satisfaction to the public, he expects to make a success of the restaurant.

Mr. Matthews has a family that have located here and will make this their home. He may be numbered among the old timers of Montana, having been here since 1883. His long residence in this section gives him a wide acquaintanceship that will be a valuable asset in his business.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagus of Delpine came in Thursday evening to attend the Gollmar Brothers circus. Mr. Nagus is a prominent stockgrower of the Delpine country.

REAL ESTATE BOOMS

Number of Land Concerns Locate Here--Business Will be Lively During Summer.

During the past month the real estate business in Harlowton seems to have taken on a noticeable spurt, due to the fact that a number of real estate firms have located here. Land men are thick, but they are a blessing as they invariably make more business, and put new life into a community. The success of their business demands that they instill new vigor and activity into business.

The Penwell company that has been located here for some time, disposing of their extensive holdings on the Billings and Northern, has taken offices in the Graves Hotel. Louis Penwell is managing the work in person. There are four or five others, among which is Mel Stevens, that are interested in the Penwell Company.

Another firm that has located here recently is the O'Hanlon Brothers with offices in the McQuitty building. W.T.O'Hanlon comes from Sheridan, Wyoming and Joseph has been in the land business at Omaha, Nebraska. The former has been here before, and although he is not an old timer, still he was here when the Jaw Bone went through, and has a large circle of acquaintances. They are in a position to transact a large real estate business.

The Milwaukee Land Company have located here in the past week. A. D. Jones will assume the management of this concern. The company has secured offices in the Qualls building, and will dispose of property belonging to the railroad company in the town and along the line from Roundup. John Quincy Adams will be here now and then to help the work along.

Mrs. Van Cleve has also secured rooms at the Graves hotel for the summer. She has a large amount of property in town that is now on the market, and will give as much attention to the sales as she can. A new firm will also take offices in the building that is occupied by L. Swanson. Mr. J. Whalen, who has been in town for several weeks will be the manager of this concern. This firm is known as the North-Whalen Company, it will engage in the insurance and locating business as well as real estate.

COMMISSIONERS AT GAP

Railroad Commissioners Look Over the Connections Between Two Roads.

The railroad commissioners came over from Helena the fore part of last week and went to Judith Gap to look over the junction proposition between the two roads. The Milwaukee and Billings & Northern roads do not connect at Judith Gap and this has been a matter of inconvenience to all passengers. The difficulty was brought up before the commissioners with the result that an investigation has been made.

The Judith Gap Journal say of the commissioners visit:

Tuesday forenoon the railroad commissioners came in from Helena in company with the division superintendent of the Milwaukee and remained until the afternoon train for Harlowton.

The express purpose of the visit was to view the proposition of rail connection between the Milwaukee and Great Northern in this city. As is known, only about 200 feet of space lies between the two tracks and a connection of the rails can be easily and inexpensively made. Although the commissioners would not commit themselves, the general conversation would indicate that they would order a connection to be made at once.

Their future action in the premises was further emphasized by their refusal to make the trip to Cushman, where they were scheduled to go to look over the proposition of making connection between these two roads at that point. The fact that they returned to Helena would indicate that they were satisfied of the connection here and would abandon the other project. As a matter of fact, it is almost a physical impossibility to make the connection at Cushman.

While here they also took up the matter of crossing over the Great Northern tracks near the Milwaukee depot, and said they would order one put in at once.

The superintendent informed the local Milwaukee agent that the Judith Gap signs for the depot would be sent to replace those of Ubet.

A. D. Sprague of Bozeman is a guest at the Graves hotel.

HOTEL GRAVES

JUNE 19th.

J. N. Kleber Will Have Formal Opening Saturday June 19th Ball and Banquet.

The Graves hotel will be formally opened to the public Saturday, June 19th. The Harlowton band will be in attendance and will render selections during the entire festivities. J. N. Kleber the manager announces that that there will be big doings at the hotel on this occasion.

For some time guests have been entertained at the Graves hotel and sleeping accommodations have been afforded, but the dining room has not as yet been opened to the public. The festivities of Saturday evening will mark the opening of the dining room. A sumptuous banquet will be spread there and a most enjoyable time is to be expected.

The Graves hotel is a building of which the citizens of Harlowton are justly proud. Mr. Graves, the promoter, has received numerous compliments and expressions of gratitude for his push and business foresight in erecting this hotel. It is attracting attention all over the state, and is rapidly becoming popular with the traveling fraternity.

The opening has a significance that few appreciate. It marks Harlowton as a town that is capable of taking care of transients of all classes in a manner that would do credit to a much larger city.

The advertising that will result from the service that will be afforded after the formal opening will have for reaching effects upon this town and community.

J. N. Kleber, the manager, is an experienced hotel man and has the good will of a large number of the traveling fraternity. Transients still have pleasant memories of the service he gave while managing the restaurant at the Summit. His wife and two daughters are a great help to him in managing his enterprise and already they have become popular for their little attentions and courtesies around the hotel.

Houses Sold.

The three new houses in the Van Cleve addition have been sold, and were purchased by young people in town. Mr. C. N. Friday bought the one farthest east, Fred Marrs took the one in the middle, and Mr. Vernon Wilder, who is doing the bookkeeping for the light plant, is the owner of the one nearest this way. The purchasers are all young married people who are established here, and will make that section of town popular. Other lots are being sold, and the rumor that the Catholic church will be built in that addition will make it one of the best residential sections of the town.

President Earling Here.

President Earling of the Milwaukee road passed through Harlowton in his special train Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He is on his way to Butte and expects to return in a few days. The president is on a tour of inspection.

Shoulder Dislocated.

A cowpuncher from the Duffy ranch came to town Wednesday morning with a dislocated shoulder that he had sustained from a bad fall from a horse while on the range. He was suffering considerable pain. Dr. Campbell quickly attended to his injuries. He has not returned to the ranch and will be here for several days.

To the Public.

Mrs. Flora Ross wishes to announce that she is now ready to do all kinds of facial and scalp massage, either hand or electric vibrator, also hair dressing. Her prices are reasonable and all work is guaranteed.

Mrs. T. G. Harper and daughter Edith, of Burlington, Iowa, who are on their way to Seattle, are spending a few days with Mrs. Harper's brother, R. P. Johnsen.

Geo. Gannon transacted business in Lewistown Tuesday and Wednesday. He is making a strong campaign for wool, and says he is getting his share.

"Wild Bill," the sheep-herder, was corralled by the local authorities Wednesday, but was released Thursday. He has been attracting considerable attention during the past week.