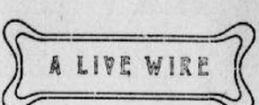


# The Harlowton News



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## BANNER YEAR FOR MONTANA

Elliot Predicts the Heaviest Immigration the State Has Ever Known. Movement Now Fairly Completed Will Continue for Many Years.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 1.—There will be a greater tide of immigration to Montana in 1910 than in any year since this commonwealth appeared on the map, in the opinion of Howard Elliot, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company. Mr. Elliot is a firm believer in the future wealth and greatness of Montana. "I have just come from the national apple show at Spokane," said he, "and while I don't know how this state came out on the prizes, it struck me that the exhibits from the Bitter Root, the Flathead and other fruit-growing regions of the state were as fine as were to be seen at the show. "Do you know that Montana will be one of the greatest apple producing states in the country? Climate and soil seem peculiarly adapted for the growing of this fruit and at the present time there are 4,000,000 apple trees set out in the state. When all of these come into bearing it will mean an immense amount of money distributed among the orchardists. "The national apple show, the dry land congress and other meetings having for their purpose the development of the resources and the up-building of the west, are all having their effect in impressing the fact upon the east that there are possibilities undreamed of in this and other states. "It takes time to build up this Montana sentiment, but every year it is being strengthened and the results are seen in the growing number of eastern settlers who are coming here and making homes. The settlers began to come in appreciable numbers four years ago and every succeeding year there has been a constant increase. "It is my opinion that the tide will be the greatest next year of any since the state was created. It will continue for many years, as the rich productiveness of Montana wheat and fruit lands become more widely known. Montana will ultimately be one of the most heavily populated states in the country." Mr. Elliott said that no plans for construction work in this state next year have definitely decided upon; that these are matters that will be worked out and decided this winter. Mr. Elliott was unable to say whether work would be resumed in the spring on the Lolo cut off or not. "It is a costly piece of work and it may probably be done a piece at a time," he explained. "Much depends upon business conditions as to whether much construction will be undertaken next year."

## IS RE-CHRISTENED

Town of Bercail Will Hereafter be Known as Nihil After Well Known Stockman.

The naming of the new town at old Bercail which was recently platted by the Billings and Northern Townsite Co. of Billings, has caused a little controversy over the name. Last week the railroad consented to change the old name of Bercail to Nihil, which is under stood is sanctioned by the government. The new town lies about 18 miles northeast of Harlowton and is in Meagher Co. It has a good country surrounding it which will make it a live town in the near future.

## ANOTHER NEW TOWN

New Inland Town to Be Platted on Old Seventy-Nine Ranch.

Another new town that promises to become of consequence and that is not on a railroad is being platted on the old Seventy-Nine ranch. The town is to be on Big Coulee Creek, about 20 miles west of Cushman, the nearest railroad point and will be in the center of what is a prosperous dry farming community, all the government land for miles around having been taken and most of it having yielded its first crop. The townsite, which will occupy 40 acres is the property of James Baily, a stockholder in the Yellowstone Land company, a corporation of North Yakimamen who own or control 30,000 acres of railroad land, and will be in the center of what was formerly the "79" ranch, one of the best known cattle ranches in Montana. It is not known what name the company will give to the town, but it is expected that an effort will be made to get the postoffice department to approve of "Seventynine." In view of the objections of the department, however, to any freak names it is extremely doubtful if the petition will be granted, and the residents of the town will have to adopt some more common name. The town is well started there being a general store, a lumber yard and several other business houses. A petition is being circulated for a post-office, which the number of new settlers living in the community will easily justify, and it is the expectation of the owner of the townsite to take immediate steps toward the organization of a school and a church as soon as the town is platted. A county road running from Cushman to the town has been petitioned for, but on account of the fact that the petition was incomplete and did not cover enough ground, it was referred back for another petition. Father Phalen will hold services Sunday morning at 10.30 a. m. in the Urner Hall.

## BIG XMAS. DANCE

Will Be Given By the Modern Woodmen of America at This Place.

At the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America in Harlowton camp No. 5914, Wednesday evening, the members of that order decided to give a dance on Xmas. evening, December 24th. The dance will be given in the Harlowton Opera House, and the music to be furnished by the Majestic Orchestra. The members of this order will spare no pains nor efforts to make the event one of the most enjoyable of the season. At this same meeting Wednesday evening the Woodmen held election of officers.

## To Give Them a Trial.

When Harry Giltinan was at the Dry Farming congress recently held at Billings, he purchased a new deep plowing outfit to try on his ranch north of the city. This plow cuts a furrow 14 inches deep. It consists of two discs placed about five inches apart. The first disc cuts about eight inches and the one following brings up the rest and deposits it on top. The plow has no tongue, but is a bit triangular iron frame weighing 1,000 pounds, and runs on wheels. The implement has very curved discs and pulverizes the ground thoroughly. If it proves a success in this region, Mr. Giltinan will purchase several more. —Hedges Herald.

## ROBISON SENTENCED

Saturday Morning by Judge Cheadle -- Given a Good Pointed Lecture by the Judge.

On Saturday morning, Judge E. K. Cheadle sentenced Peter C. Robison to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge, for the killing of Royal D. Short, on the 26th of September. In sentencing Robison the judge said in part:

"Robison, you seem to think that you played the part of a hero in shooting one of your fellow beings, but that is a mistaken idea, for you were nothing but a contemptible coward. An armed man who shoots down one of his fellow beings who is unarmed over a trivial matter is a most contemptible coward. As you go from this community you must understand that the people do not look upon you as a hero, but as a cowardly murderer. A man has a right legally to kill another in defense of his person or property, but not over the trivial matter of a dollar. It is not the act of a brave man that you committed to shoot an unarmed fellow being, a brave man always gives the other fellow an equal chance. According to the verdict of the jury you are to be delivered into the custody of the sheriff to be taken to the city of Deer Lodge there to be turned over to the proper authorities of the state penitentiary of the state of Montana, where you are to be confined for the term of your natural life at hard labor."

Piano and vocal lessons by Mrs. E. J. North. \$1.00 per lesson. 22tf

## POTATOE CROP

And say—when it comes to potatoes, Montana has the world beaten to a whisper, and can give any state in the union cards and spades and win out two to one on the official score. Montana has the best potatoes in the United States, or on the face of the earth for that matter, and the average yield per acre is something to pitch with hay. Montana potatoes have been known to turn out 400 bushels per acre. In fact such a yield is hardly astounding in certain localities, but the average yield is considerable below that. The average yield per acre for the United States is eighty-four bushels; well Montana can double that in average yield, and then some. Pennsylvania comes next to Montana in the average potato yield, at 91 bushels per acre. Montana comes near doubling that at 176 bushels. This is moving some isn't it? And the reason that Montana spuds out such a figure is the fact that potatoes have been raised in the state since the first trail blazer started to blaze up; the first man on deck happened to bury some potato peelings, and there was no chance for dispute as to the raising of potatoes in Montana. And you can raise them anywhere; in the highest mountains, in the lowest plains, in wet lands, in dry lands, in any old land Montana is the natural home of the potato, and if some other place started it first it was because the Montana Booster was an original frost, small potatoes and few in a hill. The official figures of the United States department of agriculture gave the average yield of potatoes per acre in the United States as follows:

Mont. and U. S.	Av. per acre.
Iowa.....	56 bu.
Kansas.....	58 bu.
Wisconsin.....	58 bu.
Nebraska.....	64 bu.
Minnesota.....	64 bu.
Missouri.....	66 bu.
Michigan.....	78 bu.
United States average.....	84 bu.
The Dakotas.....	86 bu.
Pennsylvania.....	91 bu.
Montana.....	176 bu.

## STORE AT NEW SHAWMUT

P. Nelson and G. H. Wilke, Two Young Men of This Place, to Open Business.

Messrs. Nelson and Wilke, two of the most prominent young men of Harlowton have just completed the erection of a two story 30 by 25 frame building in New Shawmut about 15 miles east of here on the Milwaukee. They intend to put in a general store and butcher shop at that point. New Shawmut has a good country surrounding it and a mercantile business at that point will undoubtedly make a big success. The many friends of Mr. Nelson and Mr. Wilke wish them the best of success in their new venture.

# N. P. TO TAP THIS PLACE

## To Build From Big Timber to Harlowton—Will Strike Melville.

That the Northern Pacific railway will build a branch line from Big Timber as far north as Harlowton, in the near future, is not improbable. The proposed route, along Otter creek, has been gone over by President Howard Elliott and General Manager J. M. Hannaford, in company with James Glass of this city, and the officials expressed themselves as most agreeably surprised at the reclamation work which has been done, and which promises so much for the future of the Sweet Grass country in the way of increased agricultural and horticultural output. President Elliott said that he was aware there was some work of this nature being done, but that he had idea of its magnitude, and Mr. Hannaford gave vent to similar views. Thirty thousand acres of highly fertile soil, well watered and with indications of being worked to its capacity in the immediate future, means an immense tonnage for any railroad, and this fact evidently impressed itself upon the railroad officials. Mr. Glass returned to the city yesterday, after having gone over the tract in an automobile with President Elliott and party, and he declared it was his belief that the railroad would tap the newly reclaimed district within a short time. Accompanying Mr. Glass was J. L. Marvin of Plymouth, Ind., who came here to close a deal for a quarter section and which was consummated today. In an interview with a representative of the Helena Record, Mr. Marvin said that he was well aware of the wonderful capabilities of irrigated land and that he regarded the Big Timber project as comparing most favorably with many others he had seen in the West. He is enroute to Portland for the winter, but will take up his residence in the spring on the tract. Mr. Glass announced that a large colony is to migrate to Sweet Grass from Indiana in the spring. There will also be a number from Elgin, Ill., Chicago and elsewhere, numerous deals have been closed by him while in the east.

## SCHOOL REPORT

1st and 2nd grades	Enrolled	34
Average daily attendance	30	
Per cent of attendance	99	
Visitors	1	
Those neither tardy nor absent during the month:		
First Grade—Katherine Cosgriffe, Fred Hanzlik, Benjamin Hanzlik, Ross Good, Alma Lea, Bert Labrie, Dan McCarthy, Wilson Middleton, Mary McCarthy, Mable Tobin, Mercedes Tobin, Robert Giles and Ronald Cameron. Second grade—Doris Dennis, Dora Hindman, Lloyd Lane, Dee Muggy, Helen Porter and Alice Urner.		
Mary J. Davies, Teacher.		

3rd, 4th and 5th grade	Enrollment	34
Average daily attendance	28	
Per cent of attendance	94	
Visitors	1	
Those neither tardy nor absent during the month:		
Clara Blethen, Boutel Blethen, Lucretia Mathews, Flossie Lane, Frances Turney, Laurence Lane, John McCarthy, John McParland, George Patterson, Viola Lea, Dora Turney, Berce Henthorn, Olav Roald.		
Nelly Harden, Teacher.		

6th, 7th and 8th grade	Enrolled	26
Average daily attendance	18	
Per cent of attendance	92	
Visits by trustees	1	
Visitors	10	
Those neither tardy nor tardy during the month:		
Fred Patterson, Charlotte Lane, Leora Erdman, Marie Whitney, Helen Lane, Josephine Geer, Edith Libbie, and Minnie Dreyer.		
E. P. Conwell, Teacher.		

High school	Enrolled	6
Average daily attendance	2	
Per cent of attendance	94 1-5	
Visits by trustees	1	
Visitors	10	
Those neither tardy nor absent during the month:		
Mamie Anderson and Alice Johnson.		
Laura A. Foot, Teacher.		

## DAMAGE SUIT

Wm. Shoeman Vs. Van Buskirk & Dunningham For \$9,000 Damages.

A damage suit for \$9,000 has been started by Wm. Shoeman against the contractors Van Buskirk & Dunningham, all parties from this place. Mr. Shoeman claims that his fall from the new mill building here last August was due through negligence on the part of the contractors and therefore demands the above amount for damages. L. D. Glenn is the attorney for the plaintiff and Conwell & Conwell the attorneys for the defendants.

## CITY DADS MEET

Getting Ready For the Special Election to Be Held December 10.

City Council at its regular meeting December 2, 1909 appointed the following Judges and Clerks for the Special Election to be held Friday, December 10, 1909: 1st Ward: Judges, B. L. Moody, Wm. Cameron and W. C. Qualls. Clerks, R. B. Stephenson and I. S. McQuitty. 2nd Ward: Judges, H. L. Ross, John Garner and John Kremer. Clerks, Geo. Lane and A. J. Dreyer. 3rd Ward: Judges, Joe Labrie, Ben Urner and E. E. Pitney. Clerks, D. A. Rightenour and S. E. Clark. The Van Cleve Addition, which heretofore did not belong to any ward, was added to the second ward.

## SHAWMUT ITEMS

Miss Maud Farris left for her home in Oregon Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and daughter, Bertha and Mrs. Grun were visitors at Harlowton Friday. Mrs. Guy Davis returned Friday after a week's stay in Great Falls. There is a pumping station at Shawmut now. Gilbert Shiel is building a house on his claim east of Shawmut and will soon be at home there. Wallace Giles left this week for Josephine for a few days visit. Howard Crawford returned Monday from Martinsdale, where he had been spending the past week with his uncle, R. D. Broadrick. Mr. Burbridge and family went to Miles City Sunday after spending a few days on their ranch north of Shawmut. Nicholas Jenizen returned from Chicago Tuesday. The Misses Cred and Stewart left for their homes in Big Timber last Sunday. The Crawford thrashing outfit are in after a successful run and are hauling alfalfa seed.

## JURORS RETURN

Richard Leider Pleads Guilty to the Charge of Cattle Rustling.

All the jurors that were drawn from Harlowton for the December term of the district court at White Sulphur Springs, returned Thursday evening. It was expected that the term would last longer, but in the case of State vs. Richard Leider, the defendant asked his attorney, W. C. Husband, who was appointed by the court to defend him, to have his plea changed to guilty. On Wednesday morning a jury to try the case was selected. The trial proceeded; the first witness was examined, when the state introduced as evidence the hides of the cattle, of which Leider was charged with killing and converting to his own use. Leider weakened perceptibly, and for a third time asked that he be allowed to plead guilty. Consent was given. At the afternoon session the attorney for the defense made a brief statement to the jury to the effect that Leider was now ready to change his plea, that it was evident that the testimony was overwhelming against the defendant, and that it was the part of wisdom to have the case concluded at once. Leider then plead guilty. County Attorney Ford then dismissed the other two charges pending against Leider, one for grand larceny, the other for burglary. Judge Cheadle then discharged the panel of jurors and allowed them to go home. Leider and another prisoner were sentenced Thursday.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE

Receipts of Office of Secretary of State Depicts Montana's Prosperity. Auditor Grateful With Fine Showing of His Department For the Quarter.

Helena, Dec. 1.—A. N. Yoder, secretary of state, today submitted his annual report covering the period ended November 30 to Governor Edwin L. Norris, and pleasing indeed is the showing made. Today Mr. Yoder deposited with State Treasurer Esselstym \$16,488.95, the receipts for the quarter ending today and which swells the total receipts for the year to \$65,125.45. As this sum represents the fees received almost exclusively the filling of incorporation papers, for it is to be seen that Montana is a most inviting field. Mr. Yoder said that he was highly pleased with the showing, regarding as he did the receipts of his office as a splendid business barometer, and further that the large receipts indicate that Montana's prosperity was of the most substantial nature. A recapitulation of the receipts of the year shows: Domestic corporations, \$30,124.60; foreign corporations, \$29,256.80; notarial commissions, \$3,778.00; certificates and certified copies, \$928.65; railroad ticket agents' licenses, \$72; official bonds, \$80; warrants and requisitions, \$315; trade marks, \$24; commissioners of deeds, \$10; miscellaneous, \$165; total, \$65,125.45.

## BASKET BALL TEAM

The new organization of the W. O. W. have organized a basket ball team and will begin practice as soon as possible. They have some good material in the lodge and the team that will represent the order are all old players and will no doubt put up an interesting game from the start.

## FILE ARTICLES

Two companies filed articles of incorporation with the clerk of the county yesterday. They are the Ferguson County Sheep Company and the Montana-Holland colonization company. The Ferguson County Sheep Company states that its business will be the raising of cattle, horses and sheep, the improvement of the breed of domestic animals by importation, sale or otherwise, carry on a general agricultural and ranch business, to appropriate, purchase, develop, improve, lease, sell or otherwise dispose of water, water rights, electric or other power sites, to develop town sites and handle real property, to construct, maintain, appropriate, purchase or otherwise acquire, telephone line and connections and dispose of the same. The principal office of the company is the city of Helena in Lewis and Clark county. It has seven directors all Helena people. They are P. T. McDermott, H. H. Pigott, Rudolph Horsky, C. B. Whitten, Mathias Staff and Lewis Penwell. It is incorporated for \$150,000, divided into 1,500 shares. The amount of stock actually subscribed and capital paid in is \$300. The term of its incorporation existence is 40 years and the original articles of incorporation were filed on the 2nd of September, 1909, with the county clerk of Lewis and Clark county. The Montana-Holland Colonization Company is incorporated for the purpose of carrying on a general real estate business, to develop and improve town sites, to appropriate, purchase build, water, rights and reservoirs, and sits therefore, to acquire and operate telephone lines and connections, to produce, purchase, sell, or deal in and to engage in the business of producing, purchasing and selling grains, hay, vegetables, poultry and dairy products. Raise, buy, sell cattle, horses and sheep and do a general livestock business. It has several directors, as follows: J. H. Giltinan of Bercail, Lewis Penwell of Helena, A. J. Vanden Houvel of Bercail, J. W. Norton of Big Elk, C. A. McCann of Bowman, N. D. I. S. McQuitty of Harlowton and H. H. Pigott of Helena.—Lewistown Daily News.