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## DONALD THOMPSON PASSES BEYOND

Donald Thompson, our deceased brother, was born at Markham, Ontario, Jan. 17, 1836, and passed from this life Feb. 17, 1912, at 10:25 p. m., aged 76 years and one month. His boyhood days were spent at Guelph, Ontario. Here he met Victoria Husband who was to become his devoted wife. The marriage was solemnized at the Niagara Falls July 24, '62, but the first year of their married life was spent at Guelph, where their daughter, Lillian, was born.

In 1863 they left Guelph to make their home in New York City. While there the deceased was in the employ of a leather establishment, binding and finishing leather. Here a son was born and buried.

After some years they moved to Illinois where Mr. Thompson was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railway company. Here too, a son was born, whose life was but for a few brief days. Percy Ernest Thomas was also born at Pana, Illinois.

In 1889 the family moved to North Dakota, from which state they came to Harlowton, Mont., in the fall of 1910.

Upon reaching Harlowton Mr. and Mrs. Thompson united with the Wilson Memorial church. The deceased had been a loyal member of the Methodist church for forty-five years, and a Mason for forty years.

He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter, besides many relatives and a host of friends to bemoan the vacant chair. Yet the effects of that cheerful companion, that affectionate father, that Christian friend are not lost. Happy is his memory, bright was his hope. Like the last autumn leaf it was his lot to see the friends of former years go, one by one, to their eternal resting place, then losing his hold to mortal life he gleefully, joyfully joined the ranks of those forever around the throne of God. They rest from their labors. Their works do follow them.

His Pastor.

The funeral services were held at the church, the Masonic lodge having the rites in charge. The pall bearers who bore their brother during the last obsequies were J. H. Anderson, A. F. Robertson, J. A. Ross, Benjamin Urner, J. H. Hawkins and Henry L. Ross. At the close of the services at the church, the body was taken to the undertaking rooms of H. E. Marshall where the body was prepared for shipment to Crystal, S. D.

## EGGS FOR SALE

For setting from thoroughbred stock. W. P. Rocks, Buff P. Rocks and R. S. Brown Leghorns, \$1.00 per 13. Special prices for incubators. Also cabbage and tomato plants at 10c per dozen, 50c per hundred. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Geo. W. Selleck.

One cake Palm Olive Soap free with each 50c worth of Galvanic Soap 10 bars, at Marshall's.

## LEWISTOWN MAN LUMBERMEN'S HEAD

The Western Retail Lumbermen's association went on record at Seattle, as opposed to the parcel post and urged its members to use their influence with congressmen and senators against the parcel post law. The resolution attacking the parcel post asserts that adequate relief can be had by the reduction of express rates and commends the action of the interstate commerce commission in investigating the express companies.

The suits begun by the government against lumber dealers or organizations in the middle west also were the subject of a resolution. The association urges that the cases be brought to an early trial, "that the American public may be fully informed that the retail lumber associations and their secretaries are, as we believe, entirely innocent of any illegal act or restraint of trade within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust law."

Other resolutions urge that American vessels in the coastwise trade be allowed free use of the Panama canal, protest against the action of the interior department in authorizing the sale of cement and lumber to water users on reclamation projects and endorse the national federation of retail merchants as a means to combat the opposition to the middleman.

The following officers were elected:

President, J. E. Lane, Lewistown, Mont.; vice-president, Robt. Anderson, Logan, Utah; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Porter, Spokane, Wash.; directors, John Kendall, Duluth, Minn.; C. W. Gamble, North Yakima, Wash.; B. J. Boorman, Great Falls, Mont.; J. P. Borie, Pendleton, Ore.

## NEW INDUSTRY IN BILLINGS

By a new industry which has just started in Billings, all of the cottonwood trees seem destined to be a thing of the past within a few years, for they are being purchased and will be manufactured into excelsior, which will be used in the making of mattresses of the cheap or sort and for packing shipments of various sorts of merchandise.

According to the company which is engaged in the business there is nothing superior to cottonwood for this purpose and orders have been placed at Huntley, Joliet, Bridger and other neighboring towns and all of the wood that can be purchased locally is being secured.

The work is being carried on at present on a comparatively small scale and the one machine installed shreds nearly one ton of the material daily. It is placed on the market at \$35 per ton and shipments are being forwarded to Butte, Helena and other cities of Montana.

**MARSHALL'S SPECIAL TAILORING is the best at the lowest prices. Hundreds of new exclusive patterns. Call and look them over.**

## THE BEST WHEAT IN THE WORLD

W. N. Smith, vice-president and head miller of the Montana Flour Mills company, (formerly the Grafton Mill) of Harlowton, spent Monday in Musselshell and bought several hundred bushels of wheat from Handel Bros. which will be shipped to the mill, ground and returned here in flour. Being an old acquaintance of the editor of the Advocate since the early '80s at Grafton, N. D., Mr. Smith made this office an especially pleasant call. Mr. Smith is, without doubt, the best posted man today in Montana on flour and milling wheat, having followed the business continuously for over 25 years and during his connection with the Grafton mill established a record that reached many foreign ports. Therefore whatever he has to say on the subject of flour or wheat may be considered the best information obtainable.

Mr. Smith told the Advocate that the turkey red wheat grown by the farmers along the Musselshell was the best milling wheat in the world, being superior in fact to the same variety grown in some portions of the state where climatic conditions do not seem so favorable in producing a high grade flour-wheat as here. "Dry land wheat is the best," said Mr. Smith, "and my mill wants every bushel you farmers can raise. We are grinding Musselshell valley wheat today and shipping the flour right back, and we would be glad to buy all the wheat any farmer along this valley has to spare."—Musselshell Advocate.

## REGISTER NOW

The time is fast approaching when the registration books will be closed just prior to the city election in April. Remember the books close ten days before a city election and thirty days before a general election. Many voters in Harlowton have not yet registered, and many will be deprived of their voting franchise unless they attend to this duty.

Voters, register now, while you have the opportunity and while you are reminded to do so. You may procrastinate until it is too late.

The coming city election promises to be an interesting one, and you will all want to vote. So register at your first opportunity.

Following are the registration agents: John McParland, W. C. Husband, L. D. Glenn, J. W. Freeman, J. V. Kelly.

## HAY FOR SALE

Have about ten tons of alfalfa hay in stack for sale, five miles south of Harlowton. Call on or write to

J. E. Foster,  
Harlowton, Mont.

Royal Male Quartette, February 23rd, Harlowton Opera House, the best entertainment of the year.

## OPPOSITION MAY DEFEAT MEASURE

Secretary Fisher of Washington, has supplemented his oral testimony given before the house public lands committee against the Borah-Jones bill to reduce the term of homestead entry to three years, by a written report which in part recites that the "proposed bill, if passed, would lead to summer excursions on the part of those who desire lands for speculative purposes and not for lands upon which to build homes. Bonafide settlers would suffer if the bill should become a law for the land he seeks would be taken up by a speculator to whom the settler would have to pay money, either in purchase of land when patented or in securing abandonment of the claim so that he might file on it."

The opposition of Secretary Fisher, it is believed, will serve to prevent the bill from passing the house.

## AT OPERA HOUSE ALL NEXT WEEK

The Chase-Lister Theatre Co. which opens a week's engagement at the Opera House, starting Monday, Feb. 26, is one of the standard stock companies which has earned the title "That Real Show" from the clever manner in which it presents its plays. Every attention is given to the staging and costuming of each and every production. The plays are new and up to date. The acting company is capable in every way and the vaudeville features are the best to be had. Two complete sets of new scenery will be added by the house. The costumes worn by the ladies of the company are a delight to the lady patrons.

Among the plays in their extensive repertoire are such successes as "The Man of Her Choice," "Carmen," "His Father's Son," "Under Arizona Skies" and "Rip Van Winkle." The bill selected for the opening is "Little Princess" in four acts, a play of today, full of heart interest and good, clean comedy, and in the hands of this capable company will be seen at its best. The vaudeville is in a class by itself. Clean and bright. No waits—feature specialties between each act, making the performance a continuous one. Popular prices 25 and 50 cents will prevail during the engagement. Seats are now on sale at Hawley's Drug Store.

## DID NOT THINK HOW IT SOUNDED

A wedding party was disturbed by the crying of a baby belonging to one of the women guests. One of the young ladies present remarked to the bridesmaid: "What a nuisance babies are at a wedding!" "I should say so," returned the latter, and added, without very full consideration: "When I send out the invitations to my wedding I shall have printed in the corner, 'No babies expected.'"

## GROWERS SHOULD HOLD FOR 20 CENTS

"Growers of Montana should hold their wool until they are offered at least 20 cents per pound for it," is substantially the advice of Wm. Rae jr., of Billings. Mr. Rae is one of the largest flockmasters of Montana and is at present wintering 350,000 wooly backs. He says that there is a shortage of the commodity and that as the big eastern buyers cannot purchase a supply from abroad they are compelled to depend upon the west for it. He calls attention to the fact that most of the southern wool has been contracted for at 16 to 18 cents and that the Montana product is always worth from two to three cents more than southern wool.

## OLDEST RAILROAD CHANGES TITLE

It is reported, and on what railway men consider good authority, that the Northern Pacific will within a short time pass from the railway map, or that that title will pass from the railroad vocabulary, and that in its place will come the "Northwestern Pacific." In other words the great transcontinental railway system, planned and executed by Henry Villard, the great German financier, after having passed through every stage of financial disaster until it was finally brought to the front and placed on a safe financial basis by C. S. Mellen and then by Howard Elliott, will pass out of existence in name only.

Strange as it may seem, this story did not emanate from the "switch shanty," the source of most of the useful information regarding the changes in railway management, but comes direct from bulletins said to have been issued by the Northern Pacific ordering that after a certain date all business for the Northern Pacific will be accepted for the "Northwestern Pacific."

If such is the case it is probably but the carrying out of a compact entered into between the two roads at the time the Northern Pacific presumably fell heir to the interests of Jim Hill in the Northern Pacific.

## NO GOLD BRICKS BUT PLAIN FACTS

No dear friends, we haven't any real gold mines to offer you near Harlowton, but we can offer you something more sure and substantial and worth striving for. We can offer you prosperity, health and happiness, and a place to bring up your families with a greater broader freedom of mind than is possible within the limited environments of the over-populated East. There is a chance for you out here. Come out and raise wheat, oats, alfalfa and flax. You might take a whirl at pork or spuds; they're winners out here.

Painted & Galvanized Wire for sale by the Montana Lumber Co.

## SHAWMUT NEWS

Mr. Fish, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Roy Wood, for a short time, left Saturday for Valier, Mont.

Mrs. D. Broadrich, of Manhattan, Illinois, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Crawford.

Mrs. Farrer returned from Oklahama last week.

Miss Winslow, who has been with her aunt, Mrs. Gifford, for some time, has accepted a position in the public school at Bozeman.

Dwight Crawford is home again after a trip to Colorado.

E. F. Burmeister returned from a trip to Wisconsin a few days ago.

Ed Bray and the O'Toole brothers were in town Saturday from the colony.

Andrew Flim is on a business trip to Wisconsin.

Guy Davis is quite sick at his home, and his mother came from Billings last week to be with him.

Roy Wood has moved his family into the hotel building.

Mrs. Dott and daughter, Olivia, Mrs. E. Crawford and mother, Mrs. Broadrich, spent a pleasant afternoon at the Tierney homestead Thursday.

Harry Adams has been taking advantage of the good roads and has been hauling straw out to his claim.

Gilbert Sheill has been digging a well on his claim and has been fortunate enough to get good water.

The unsightly old barn in front of the postoffice, which was Shawmut's first livery barn, is being torn down and we are hoping that this is being done to make room for a new one which is badly needed.

The Montana Lumber company has been building a fence around the yards, have also dug a well and intend making other improvements.

Now is the time for all who wish to vote at the school election in April, to register, as the books will be closed March 25th.

## LENTEN SERVICES

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Mass on Ash Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Religious instruction will be given every Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for the children, beginning Ash Wednesday. Parents should see that their children attend every Wednesday evening during Lent.

Lenten devotions will be held in the old school building at 8 o'clock in the evening. These devotions will consist of the Rosary, religious instructions and Stations or Way of the Cross. On Good Friday evening a sermon appropriate for the occasion will be preached at 8 o'clock.

Catholic children, seven years or over, will make their first Holy Communion on Easter Sunday.

Hereafter there will be two Masses on the first Sunday of each month, 7 o'clock and 10:30 o'clock. The 7 o'clock Mass is for the purpose of giving those who may have to work on Sunday an opportunity of hearing Mass.