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## ANOTHER BOOST FOR HARLOWTON

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—What Secretary Fisher believes to be the forerunner of the electrification of all transcontinental railroads was marked today by a grant to the Great Falls Montana Power Company to transmit over public domain under strict government regulation, power for the electrification of 450 miles of track of the main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad between Harlowton and Avery, Ida.

## STATE BANK RE-ELECTS

Their Officers To Serve For the Ensuing Year.—Had Largest Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank of Harlowton was held Monday afternoon with the largest stock representation ever had at any meeting of the bank.

The stockholders were pleased with the report which the directors made covering the business of the year 1912, and as an expression of their confidence, re-elected the same board of directors to serve for 1913.

At the director's meeting which followed, the retiring officers were all re-elected. The directors are Benjamin Erner, Joseph Labrie, Melzer N. Stevens, Elmer E. Crawford, Dr. S. K. Campbell, Chas. F. Williams and J. Wheeler Freeman. The officers are, President, Benjamin Erner; Vice-President, Melzer N. Stevens; Cashier, J. Wheeler Freeman; Assistant Cashier, S. T. Johnson.

The State Bank, as it is known locally, is winning a name for itself on account of its careful conservative management. Before the country generally had taken up the banking questions that are now so much discussed, such as the active direction of the affairs of a bank by its directors,—having all loans passed upon by a board of more than one person, in order to get different viewpoints on a proposed loan before making it,—having examinations of banks by the directors themselves in addition to the examinations of the state examiner as required by state law,—the elimination of what has been called "the overdraft evil,"—in all these, and other matters, the State Bank of Harlowton has voluntarily adopted the policy that would protect its patrons and give to the community a safe bank for their business.

With conservatism has wisely been combined a progressive spirit which has always been ready to improve and extend the service this bank renders the public.

## A PUBLIC RECEPTION

A reception will be given to Professor Gordon the new principal of the high school and to Miss Mason the newly elected teacher, this Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, at 8 o'clock in the school building.

A delightful program consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, etc., has been prepared, and the public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy it.

Come out and greet the new teachers and make them feel welcome in our midst.

## MORE RAILROAD RUMORS

News Is Coming From All Over. Soo Surveyors are Near Harlowton Now.

The growing importance of this part of Montana is inducing the different railroad companies to fight for the control of the territory. The Northern Pacific will have their survey from Billings to Harlowton completed in a few days. The "Soo" has a large force of engineers south of Shawmut working towards Harlowton. It has been definitely known for some time that the "Soo" is going to build into Montana, but it was supposed that they intended to tap the Judith Basin country. The year 1913 promises to be an important one for Harlowton.

## FOURSCORE WEDS 84

Connecticut Couple Decide to Start the New Year Right.

Plainfield, Conn., Jan. 6.—The Rev. W. H. Ruail of Voluntown was called upon to unite in marriage two old residents who, tired of single blessedness, desired to start the New Year right and cast their lots together. They will live as one hereafter.

Henry Scranton, the bridegroom is 80 years of age, and Mrs. Philora Delight Knight, a young widow of 84, is his blushing bride. Both bride and hearty and start the New Year with blissful prospects.

## FARMERS INSTITUTE

And Agricultural College Doing Good Work for Our Farmers.

The Bozeman Agricultural school and experiment stations are doing more to improve the system of farming in Montana than they are given credit for. The railroads are a great help in inaugurating these improvements, especially the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. An agreement has been made with the company to equip and run a "Better Farming" train over the Milwaukee during the month of March.

This train will consist of about ten cars, fitted up with exhibits demonstrating better methods of farming and equipment for the farm and the farm home, live stock, poultry, veterinary appliances, dairy apparatus, pure seed exhibits, horticultural displays, potato demonstrations, insect pests, weeds and plant diseases and suggestions for their control, pure food and good water demonstrations, and home labor savers. Fifteen or twenty demonstrators will accompany the train to explain the exhibits and give talks to those who visit it. Where conditions are favorable, speakers will address assemblies before or after the train is scheduled to stop.

## Legislative Column

It is our intention to run this column during the session of the Montana legislature recording such items that we think will be of interest to our readers.

Dr. McDonald of Kalispell was elected speaker of the house.

Senator Stout of Fergus county is the leader of the democratic forces in the senate. Senator Charles S. Maffly was elected president pro tem of the senate. Robert Jennings of Ryegate was elected one of the doorkeepers of the House. Governor Stewart's message to the legislature read to joint assembly. It was short and recommended the passage of acts favoring the different planks of the democratic party.

House bill No. 1 was a "Workmen's Compensation and Employes Liability Measure" introduced by Murphy of Silver Bow. Jordan of Flathead announces intention of introducing a "Blue Sky" law. Senator Stout of Fergus county gave notice of introducing a woman's suffrage bill.

The principal features of the governor's message follows:

Tells legislature that none have been elected to office as a personal compliment or as a means of affording a holiday.

Declares that a contract exists today between the people on the one hand and the present administration on the other.

Calls for the making into laws of the reforms demanded by the voters of the state, a tax commission, public service commission, new highway law, supervision of investment companies and promotion enterprises, and a law for the regulation, appropriation and use of the waters of the state for power purposes.

Urges a law authorizing the governor to submit bills direct to the legislature and if rejected to refer to the voters and also reference of bills vetoed by the governor.

Calls for a dairy commissioner and a law dividing the department of agriculture, labor, industry and publicity.

Asks for law providing for the summary removal of officers who fail or refuse to perform their duties.

Compliance with the plank in the democratic platform providing for a referendum on the question of a constitutional amendment, granting the ballot to the women of the state.

Representation of the state at the Panama Pacific exposition in 1915 is urged.

Advocates the enactment of an automobile license law.

## NEW COUNTY IN MONTANA

Big Horn County Is Created From Portions of Rosebud and Yellowstone.

Hardin, Jan. 7.—A new county was created from the southern portions of Rosebud and Yellowstone and placed on the Montana map Monday. Big Horn county being created by a vote of 325 for and 24 against, with two precincts still missing.

Hardin the only incorporated town in the district, is made the county seat. Only one set of officers were in the field for election.

## OPIE READ TONIGHT

The celebrated lecturer will appear in the Harlowton Opera House tonight. Regular admission, \$1.00; children, 25 cents.

## MONT. CORN RAISING STATE

Future Years to See Montana a Cattle Raising State Says Atkinson.

Billings, Mont., Jan. 9.—Future years will see Montana a cattle raising state of more importance than was true in the halcyon days of the range, is the opinion of Prof. Alfred Atkinson, agronomist of the State Agricultural College, who bases his prediction on the fact, in addition to alfalfa, it is now proved that the climatic conditions and the soil are admirably adapted to the successful production of corn, and with this food combination, the cattle feeding industry is destined to become great in volume and decidedly profitable to those who engage in it.

Notwithstanding the fact that Montana is generally looked upon as a corn raising state, he is certain that it will soon be recognized as one of the leaders in this branch of farm industry, and it will be by cultivating the variety known as Northwestern Dent that this will be brought about.

This corn has for a few years been grown to a considerable extent, particularly in the eastern part of Montana, and Prof. Atkinson says that on account of the fact that it will mature within 60 to 90 days following planting, it may be cultivated with success on the non-irrigated, as well as the valley lands. The crop will also take the place of summer fallow and is doubly valuable for this reason.

In this part of the state considerable attention has been given to corn growing during the last five years, though a few farmers have grown small acreages for a much longer period; but with the steady increase in the area devoted to it, within the next decade corn will be recognized as one of the staple products of the Yellowstone Valley and the adjacent uplands. Yields ranging from 25 to 75 bushels per acre have been secured in this locality and in quality the corn is fully equal to any produced in the corn belt states of the middle west.

## MUSICAL BY M. E. S. SCHOOL

A musical will be given in the Methodist church during the latter part of January, the date not having been set yet. This entertainment will be given by the members of the Sunday School and the proceeds will be used to make the payment on the new piano.

Miss Jessie Poindexter and W. C. Husband have been appointed as a committee to look after the entertainment. Miss Poindexter, who has charge of the program will have an excellent list of musical and library numbers.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Unclaimed mail matter remaining on hand at the Harlowton Post Office for the week ending January 4, 1913.

When calling for same please say "advertised."

Halverson, Mr. Harold  
Ridgway, Mr. Harold  
Quigley, Mr. Verle  
Vangloff, Mr. Georgi  
Wonzor, May Teclan  
Benj. Urner, Postmaster

## McKOID VICTIM OF ATTACK BY CLERK

Clarence E. McKoid, the popular register of the Lewistown Land office, was assaulted by Joseph Lamb a clerk in the office, last Saturday at about 5:15 p. m. Four ugly gashes were inflicted on Mr. McKoid by a knife in the hands of Lamb, the cuts being along the back of the head, but fortunately not striking any arteries or unusually vulnerable place. While the wounds are serious, they are not dangerous, and McKoid is getting along nicely today but is not able to leave his home. Immediately after the cutting affray Dr. Attix was summoned to dress the wounds, while Lamb was placed under arrest and is now in the county jail.

County Attorney Marshall will file a charge of assault in the first degree against Lamb.

The attack was made Saturday

afternoon after all others employed at the office had left, with the exception of Mr. McKoid and Lamb. After Lamb had struck the register several times with the knife, Mr. McKoid overpowered his assailant and took away his knife. There is not a mark or a scratch on Lamb.

The trouble was over some office work, the culmination coming Saturday afternoon. It was over a trivial matter, the details of which will come out at the preliminary hearing.

Lamb was this morning suspended by the general land office, and a new clerk appointed in his place. The local office informed the general office that a full investigation was courted, as there is absolutely nothing to conceal.

Lamb and his wife came to Lewistown last July and have been employed at the land office ever since that date.

## FARMERS CONVENTION

Many Prominent Men to Address the Meeting of the Farmers Convention.

The greatest convention in the history of Montana in the interests of agriculture and country life is scheduled to be held at Bozeman, January 20-30, in conjunction with the farmers' and housekeepers' short courses at the Agricultural College. The plan of the days is as follows:

Wednesday, January 23, Horticultural day: F. H. Sheppard, of Oregon and others are on the program. In the evening Professor Elrod of Montana University will give an illustrated lecture on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Thursday, Good roads Congress: Speakers, President Howard Elliott, E. P. Mathewson and J. H. Dunston.

Friday, Co-operation day: Speakers, Hon. Oliver Wilson of the National Grange, B. B. Hare of Washington and others.

Saturday, Rural School day: Speakers, Hon. L. R. Alderman of Oregon, Miss Mary G. Deem of North Dakota, President Monroe of Dillon and others.

Sunday, Country Church day: Speakers, Dr. R. M. Donaldson of Denver, Dean Tenny of Montana Wesleyan University and others.

Monday, Better Seed day: P. G. Holden and A. F. Chamberlain will be the principal speakers.

Tuesday, Farm Homes day: Joe Wing, Mrs. Alice Peloubet Norton of Chicago University and other speakers.

Wednesday, Recreation and Health day: Hon. O. C. Gregg of Minnesota, Dr. Craighead of Montana University, State Chemist W. M. Cobleigh and others.

Thursday, Dairy day: Speakers, R. F. Flint of North Dakota, O. C. Gregg, and A. K. Resser of Washington, D. C.

Everyone is invited to attend this convention. Railway rates of a fare and a third have been secured. Rooms may be secured by writing the Registrar, Montana Agricultural College, Bozeman. Short courses for farmers and housekeepers are running the entire week. Special music will be given between the addresses. Bas

ket ball and other entertainments will also be features of the week.

F. S. Cooley,  
Supt. of Farmer's Institutes.

## LOCAL MARKET REPORT

Wheat, No. 1 Turkey	.62
" " 2 "	.59
Oats, No. 1, per cwt.	\$1.00
" feed	.95
Flax	.94
Tran, per sack 90 lbs.	\$1.05
Chicken feed, per cwt.	\$1.10
Shorts, per sack 90 lbs	\$1.15
Hay, Timothy	\$14.00
" baled	\$16.00
Alfalfa	\$12.00
Bluestem	\$15.00
Eggs, fresh	.50
Butter, dairy	.35
" creamery	.45
Apples per box	\$1.25, \$2.00
Potatoes, per cwt.	\$1.00
Flour, best, per cwt.	\$2.80
Hogs, alive	.06 to .07
" dressed	.09 1/2 to .11
Beef, dressed	.09 to .12
Chickens, each	.50
Turkeys, per lb. alive	.14

## ST. PAUL MARKET

Steers,	\$3.75, \$8.50
Cows and Heifers,	4.00, 7.00
Hogs,	7.15, 7.20
Lambs,	3.75, 8.00
Wethers,	3.50, 4.90
Ewes,	2.00, 4.50

## RESIDENCE ESSENTIAL

Case Decided By Secretary of Interior.—Improvements Not Enough.

Chinook, Jan. 5.—A case, which has been of much interest to many homesteaders, is the case of Eva J. Underwood vs. Charles Suedecor. The case was vigorously fought from the local land office, through the general land office up to the secretary of the interior.

The suit was brought on account of non-compliance as to residence of the contestee, the entryman having expended a large amount of money in improvements, but had made his home on a rented ranch several miles from his homestead.

The secretary of the interior decided in favor of the contestant, Eva J. Underwood. The decision reads: "Improvements, no matter how extensive and expensive, do not take the place of residence, which is a prime and essential requisite of the homestead law."