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RESOLUTIONS SENT TO WASHINGTON

Harlowton Chamber of Commerce Petition for Annulment of Carey Land Grant--21,000 Acres

The petition relative to the relinquishment of the land segregated in 1908 under the Cary land act, by T. H. Ray of Helena and T. T. Black of Missoula, and which has been in circulation here for some weeks past has been forwarded to the Department of the Interior. The land in question contains approximately 21,000 acres, 16,000 of which is prime agricultural land and 4,000 grazing land. The people of Harlowton and vicinity have been very patient with the promoters of this project and in September 1912, F. H. Ray, the president of the project, entered into a written agreement with the Harlowton Chamber of Commerce that if at the expiration of nine months they did not have the project well under way, they would relinquish the land back to the government. The nine month's period has expired but no progress in the developing or financing of the project has been made neither has the land been relinquished. The prayer of the petitioners cites that they are conversant with the financial ability of the promoters, and it is a gross injustice to the business and agricultural interests of this community that this tract of land should lie in idleness without any evidence whatever of development, when hundreds of homeseekers are ready and waiting to file on this land and convert it into revenue producing farms. The only work that has been accomplished by the promoters is a preliminary survey. When I. F. McQuitty was a member of the state legislature he introduced a bill to abolish the Cary land act entirely and a bill was also introduced in the senate to relieve individual projects but these bills were defeated by men who were interested in such projects throughout the state.

The project which the Harlowton people are interested in getting annulled is very favorably situated and the annual precipitation is fifteen and one-half inches, being the average for the past twelve years. Professor Cooley of the State Agricultural College states that the precipitation is amply sufficient to produce practically all the farm crops indigenous to our soil.

The petition further states: The promoters of the project have secured little if any of the right-of-way over privately deeded lands, the securing of which will be a source of much litigation and will involve a multiplicity of lawsuits which will delay the construction of the ditches for years, providing the promoters had the ability to finance the project.

The promoters have not shown good faith in furthering the project, and have been fertile in the invention of excuses for delay. In fact, they have used every means their creative geniuses could contrive to excuse themselves, laying the blame on the department of the Interior, the Lewistown land office and the Carey Land Act board, and we do not believe they have the slightest intention of constructing this project, but are merely clinging to it for speculative purposes and sparring for time so that they might dispose of

their contract at a good figure. They possess neither the means to construct nor the ability to interest capital in the construction of the project. This statement is amply verified by the five years in which they have had to finance the project. Furthermore, they have testified to this fact before the joint investigating committees appointed by the twelfth and thirteenth legislative assemblies of the state of Montana.

The Carey Land projects as a whole throughout the state have not been successful and have worked to the detriment of the agricultural development of the state. Of the many thousands of acres of splendid agricultural lands that were segregated by the 1911 legislative assembly, less than 10,000 acres have actually been irrigated.

The water supply for this project is entirely dependent upon the flood waters of the north and south forks of the Musselshell river, and as the nominal flow of these streams has already been decreed, we do not think they will ever be able to secure sufficient water to irrigate any considerable portion of the land under the project.

The cost of the land to the settler of the Musselshell project will be excessive. The cost now estimated by the promoters is \$42.50 per acre. In view of the history of the Carey lands, private and government, in this state, the estimated cost is far too low and a conservative estimate would be at least \$60 per acre.

The land is not arid. The land adjacent, under the application of practical farming methods, are producing and have been for the past four years, abundant crops of all small grains, grasses and vegetables. This statement is verified by affidavits of actual farmers here to attached and made a part of this report.

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BIG GAME OF THE SEASON

One of the fastest games ever played here will be the game next Sunday between Three Forks and Harlowton. Both teams are anxious to win this game as it means the championship of Central Montana. Three Forks has defeated Bozeman and all other teams in the Gallatin Valley. They are a very fast aggregation under the able management of Edwards, an old leaguer.

The Harlowton club has only been defeated in one game this season when they were defeated by the Moore team at Moore. In the last five games played they have shut out their opponents four times. The last three games played here have all been goose eggs for the visitors.

The game next Sunday is costing the management a considerable sum to get the Three Forks team here. Everybody turns out and show

them that we have a good live town. The last game between Three Forks and Bozeman at the former place had a crowd of six hundred paid admissions. Surely Three Forks is no better town than Harlowton. So let us have one thousand people at the next Sunday game.

GRIVETTI WAS INVINCIBLE

In a game marked by occasional flashes of fast fielding, hard hitting and bone headed plays by both teams, Hedgesville's third baseman, Edmunds and McKinney being the principal offenders, Harlowton shut Hedgesville out 7 to 0. Grivetti was invincible at all stages of the game and should have had another no hit game to his credit this season.

Buchanan pitched elegant ball for the visitors but was given ragged support at critical stages. He pitched a much better game than the score would indicate, but any pitcher will have his troubles with the home boys especially with six of them hitting far over the 300 mark.

The following is the score:

| HARLOWTON | | HEDGESVILLE | |
|----------------|----|-------------|---|
| AB | R | AB | R |
| Moe, c | 5 | 4 | 0 |
| McKinney, ss | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Edmunds, 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| N. Husband, lb | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Grivetti, p | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Noel, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Kropp, lf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams, lf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 36 | 7 | 0 |
| HARLOWTON | | HEDGESVILLE | |
| AB | R | AB | R |
| Phares, ss | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Folsom, c | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Blankens, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Waring, 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Buchanan, p | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Ede, lf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwin, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Bean, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard, rf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 36 | 0 | 0 |

Summary: Earned runs, Harlowton 5. Two-base hit: McKinney. Three-base hit: McKinney. Home runs: Noel and Edmunds. Stolen bases: Jennings, Grivetti. Struck out by Buchanan, 10 Grivetti 5.

Notes of the Game. The feature of Sunday's game was the hard hitting of Noel, Edmunds and McKinney. Noel and Edmunds each got a home run and McKinney got a triple and double. Moe and Jennings both played grand ball, taking every thing that came their way in big league fashion.

Both teams played good ball considering the condition of the grounds.

Williams and Kropp divided the game in right field. Both look good.

Eddie Swanz played left field. He had two hits taken away from him owing to foul flags not being up.

Scoring rules can be purchased for a dime at any sporting goods house.

English Lutheran Services. Sunday, July 27, 1913, at 2:30 p. m. English Lutheran services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

REV. PAUL E. MEYER.

Harold Westgaard, college chum of W. C. Husband, was in town several days this week on a combined business and pleasure visit. He sold some of the equipment recently purchased by the school board. He was superintendent of the Red Lodge schools last year and this year goes to the Billings schools.

HARLOWTON SCHOOLS OPEN

Grade and High Schools to Open September Second--John A. Johnson, to be Superintendent

The public schools of Harlowton will open for the term of '13-'14 on September second. A full corps of instructors has been engaged, with Professor John A. Johnson, of Hillsboro, N. D., in charge as superintendent. Mr. Johnson is a B. A. man and said to be large both mentally and physically. He is a classmate of our fellow townsman, W. C. Husband, and comes most highly recommended as an instructor. In the high school, Misses Nellie Gray, Claudia Hatton and Jessie Poindexter have been engaged and in the grades, Misses Bradley Rose, Ann Gillespie, Florence Mason, Edith Woodbury and Ida Berg, will preside over the mental destinies of Harlowton's young America. Miss Gray will be principal of the high school.

Misses Bradley and Berg are new teachers, while the other ladies have previously taught here. Miss Bradley hails from Oconto, Wis., and Miss Berg is a Montana girl, living at Lenep. She taught last year in the Bozeman schools.

Quite a number of improvements have been made in the schools this year, the domestic science and manual training departments hav-

ing been enlarged and an expensive lot of apparatus added for use in the chemistry and physics department. The basement of the school building has been finished and will be used by the classes in domestic science, chemistry and manual training. About \$200 has been spent in supplies for the grade scholars and there is now no better equipped school in the northwest than the public school of Harlowton.

The board is also contemplating the erection of a school building at Oka, which lies in the northern end of this school district. It is now expected that work will begin on the structure this fall.

The Harlowton high school is also now on the accredited list of the high schools of Montana. This means that graduates of the Harlowton high school are automatically matriculated for entrance into any university in the United States, and can enter such university as they may wish without taking a further preparatory course than that received in the Harlowton high school. This is most complimentary to the progress of our school and the board managing it.

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ANOTHER MURDER AT JUDITH GAP

Pat Duffy is Shot and Killed by L. F. McLaughlin---Quarrel over Cattle the Cause of Shooting

Another murder was committed near Judith Gap last Sunday when L. F. McLaughlin shot and instantly killed Pat Duffy. The quarrel was over the trespass of McLaughlin's horses on Duffy's grain. Duffy had evidently driven over to the McLaughlin ranch to expostulate with McLaughlin over the trespass and a quarrel ensued. Duffy slapped McLaughlin's face and kicked him, whereupon McLaughlin went into the house and secured an automatic shotgun and threatened to shoot. Duffy, who had climbed into his buggy, stood up in the buggy and defied McLaughlin to shoot. Being in a towering rage, as most men would at such ignominious treatment, McLaughlin raised the gun and shot tearing the top of Duffy's head off.

Duffy was vice-president of the Security State bank of Judith Gap and an old time resident of Fergus county.

A special dispatch to the Anaconda Standard from Judith Gap, has the following to say of the affair:

P. F. Duffy, a wealthy farmer and stockman, was shot and instantly killed about nine o'clock Sunday night by L. S. McLaughlin, a neighbor. Mr. Duffy had spent the day attending church and visiting with friends in and around Garneill and had started home to his ranch in the Snowy mountains late in the evening. He stopped at the McLaughlin ranch, which is about a mile distant from his own,

and gave his neighbor instructions to pasture his stock on his own land. An altercation ensued and Duffy slapped McLaughlin in the face and then kicked him, according to the story.

The affair was apparently over for the time and McLaughlin started for the house, while Duffy and his hired man prepared to go on their way. McLaughlin emerged with an automatic shotgun and said something, which was indistinguishable to Duffy's man, but which was answered by Duffy, who said: "Yes, I'll stand up." He arose in the buggy and McLaughlin fired from a distance of possibly thirty feet, the bullet striking Duffy in the face. He toppled out of the wagon and was dead almost instantly. The hired man notified neighbors, as well as the officials.

Under Sheriff Slater of Fergus county and Deputy Sheriff Rice of Meagher county arrived at the scene and found the murderer in the house and willing to give himself up to the authorities, but he seemed to think that he should be admitted to bail without further formalities. He had sent for his brother Harvey and had told him to watch the body, which was left where it fell.

Duffy and McLaughlin are said to have had considerable trouble about ten years ago and at that time both are said to have been prepared to shoot each other on the slightest provocation.

A Lewistown dispatch to the Standard says:

According to the story told by Lawrence McLaughlin, who is in jail here charged with the murder of P. F. Duffy near Garneill Sunday night, the men had some trouble about twelve years ago over a line fence, when, according to McLaughlin, he was assaulted by Duffy and since then he has endeavored in every way to avoid any trouble. Sunday evening while he was milking near his house Duffy and a hired man drove up. Duffy stated that some of McLaughlin's horses had gotten into his field and although McLaughlin tried to pacify the man, Duffy struck and kicked him. McLaughlin says Duffy also reached into his coat pocket, whereupon he retreated to the kitchen only ten yards away. His son's automatic shotgun chanced to be standing by the door and picking it up he fired one shot, the charge taking effect in Duffy's head.

McLaughlin has resided in this county twenty-seven years and in the early days was a school teacher here. He is fifty-four years old and has a wife and three children. He has always been considered a peaceable citizen. When seen at the county jail McLaughlin expressed the deepest regret over the affair, and said he acted in self-defense.

arranged in the form of a male chorus that sang two beautiful selections. The subject of the sermon was "The Prodigal Son."

Next Sunday night the subject of the sermon will be "True Values of Life." Come and help us in our effort to make our worship acceptable to our Master.

Barber Notes

Mrs. O. B. Lovely and children of Harlowton, visited in Barber a few days.

Arthur Eklund left last Friday for Billings to assist as stenographer at the Polytechnic institute.

Edith Eklund visited at the Billings Polytechnic institute a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy entertained complimentary to their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Carothers. The porch was lighted with Japanese lanterns and delicious refreshments were served to about one hundred guests. A musical program was rendered. All present report a most enjoyable time.

The following attended the dedicatory services at the Congregational church of Ryegate: Laura Skordahl, Alberta Stageberg, Oscar Stageberg, Arthur Eklund, Richard Eklund, Emily Werness, Harry Sill, Mrs. N. C. Eklund, Hilda and Edith Eklund.

O. B. Lovely of Harlowton, was in Barber Tuesday.

C. V. Franson was in Harlowton Monday on business.

Miss Hilda Eklund is visiting with Emily Werness this week.

THE GUN CLUB WILL HOLD SHOOT

The gun club will hold a shoot at its new shooting grounds west of the school house Sunday morning. Everyone interested in this classy sport is cordially invited to attend.

Plenty of clay pigeons will be found at the grounds.

Presbyterian Church Service

Last Sunday night a large audience of nearly one hundred persons gathered at the Presbyterian church to which Rev. Klemme had returned after an absence of ten weeks. Special music had been

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Unclaimed mail matter remaining on hand at the Harlowton Post Office for the week ending July 19, 1913.

When calling for same please say "advertised."

Rosel Bennett, Henry Bodenheimer, Edd Brindley, Adaroior Kelfair, Willie Hawkins, Geo Spido, L. F. Sweet, Donnie Willis, BENJ. UERER, Postmaster.