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## The Fourth Annual Meagher County Fair Sept. 3, 4, 5. The Big Event of the Year.

### HOOPER WANTS MONTANA LANDS

J. M. Kennedy, commissioner of agriculture and publicity, yesterday received a letter from Don L. Berry of Indianola, Iowa, confidential man of Harry E. Hooper, a millionaire timber operator of the Hawkeye state, asking the aid of the department in bringing settlers into the Judith Basin to colonize 80,000 acres of land, which Mr. Hooper proposes to purchase, says the Helena Independent.

If the deal goes through, and the interest which Mr. Berry evinced in Montana after a recent trip here indicated that it may, it will be one of the biggest land transactions ever pulled off in the state, and will involve \$2,500,000.

Mr. Berry, a month ago, made a trip to the Treasure State and after inspecting portions of the state, declared that no greater opportunities for investment could be found in any part of the United States, than in Montana. He immediately got in touch with Mr. Kennedy, securing literature on conditions here, and now asks the assistance of the department to help the company which he represents, to bring settlers into that basin.

Mr. Hopper is one of the biggest timber operators in the United States. He is chairman of the board of directors of a timber company, organized in Chicago three years ago, with head offices in Indianola, Iowa, and having a paid up capitalization of \$35,000,000.

Mr. Hopper is a millionaire several times over, and last year paid taxes on an assessed valuation of \$500,000 in Indianola alone.

Don L. Berry, his confidential man, who was thoroughly taken up with Montana, and who believes it is a bonanza as an investment, has traveled extensively over the United States and Canada and knows whereof he speaks. He will visit in Montana in the near future and expects to come to Helena for some further information on the state.

Mr. Berry formerly was in Des Moines, where he worked as a reporter on the Register and Leader, Iowa's leading newspaper. He is the son of ex-Senator W. H. Berry, who is now chairman of the state board of parole, and one of the most prominent men in Iowa. He is one of the most competent publicity men in the middle west and has been in Mr. Hopper's employ for several years.

### GOOD SCHOOL AT POLYTECHNIC

Great preparations are being made for a large enrollment at the Polytechnic Institute. Ever since this popular institution was organized near Billings four years ago, there has been a lack of accommodations for those who wanted to enter. This past year a campaign for funds, to be used in the enlargement of the institute, has been carried on throughout the East and as a result the school is able to erect a shop building and a girl's dormitory, and a dining hall. This makes it possible to double the capacity of the school, and at the same time give far better advantages to the students.

The new teachers who have been added to the faculty will mean much to the life of the school. A

director of athletics and physical training, who is a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. training school of Chicago and who has for the past year been director of athletics in one of the Chicago High schools will give a large part of his time and attention to the athletic teams and the physical welfare of the students. A teacher of domestic science will organize this department and have charge of the dining room. A teacher of shop work will have charge of mechanical engineering and manual arts.

The Polytechnic is the only institution of higher learning in a vast region including the eastern two-thirds of Montana and the northern half of Wyoming. Because of its splendid location in the center of this territory, and also because of the wide scope of the school, it is bound to become one of the leading institutions of learning in the Northwest.

In order to care for the large number who will soon be asking to enter, plans are already made to erect buildings to care for one thousand young people. The young men and women who are living in this section of the country are fortunate that such an institution is being planned for them.

### PROMINENT VISITORS IN TOWN

Among our out-of-town guests last week were Lewis Penwell of Helena, S. Stillman Berry of Redlands, and Mrs. E. C. Berry of Redlands, California, who came to attend the annual stockholders' meeting of the Winnecook Land & Live Stock Co.

M. N. Stevens was re-elected president, J. Wheeler Freeman secretary-treasurer, and Claire Wellington, ranch manager, with the main office of the company at Harlowton for the coming year.

The stockholders present seemed pleased with conditions in this vicinity and declared themselves well satisfied with the outlook.

The Winnecook is the largest of the old ranching properties remaining in the Musselshell country, their holdings comprising about 18,000 acres of deeded land, with additional land under lease.

### LAW VOID ON DUCKS AND GEESE

The Galena (Illinois) Gazette says: "Sportsmen perhaps will be surprised to learn that notwithstanding the states give the right to kill ducks and geese at certain seasons of the year, they will be forever prohibited from such sport hereafter. Under the new government law, wild ducks and wild geese are classified as migratory and a fine of \$100 and ninety days' imprisonment is provided for killing a migratory bird. The law went through as a rider to one of the appropriation bills in the closing days of the Taft administration and the law applies to every portion of the nation. The laws of Iowa, Illinois and all other states in reference to these birds was accordingly made null and void. The law does not effect Wisconsin except on the Mississippi river."

Fred Bartleson was champion fisherman of those that indulged in the sport last Sunday. He brought home a three and a quarter pound trout.

### BIG DEAL IN LAND NEAR HEDGESVILLE

#### An immense body of land to be put on the market soon--Chicago men interested

W. D. Starnes and W. A. Burch both of the Montana Wheat Land Co., of Chicago, were visitors at the News office last Wednesday. These gentlemen are interested in one of the biggest land deals that has been made in the state. They have purchased 80,000 acres east of the Billings-Northern, extending from Judith Gap to Lavina. The company will have its headquarters at Hedgesville, and the local manager will be a gentleman named Little from Chicago.

This land is all railroad land and practically every acre of it is tillable. It is such stupendous deals as this that will make this country rapidly into a farming country in the true sense of the word. The homesteader is all right but it has been the case in the past that the homesteader is not the ultimate farmer and the ultimate farmer is the man that makes a farming community.

### ROUNDUP TEAM HERE SUNDAY

There will be a game of baseball on Sunday, Aug. 17th, at 3 p. m. sharp on the local diamond between Roundup and the locals.

Roundup has been a little slow getting into the game this season, but have determined to make a hard fight for the championship of Eastern Montana, and have imported several good players.

A good game is expected.

The Empress Amusement Co. continue to put on as good picture shows every Thursday and Sunday nights as can be seen any place.

### COMMENTS FROM OTHER PAPERS

#### The Carey Land Rush Receives Attention from Other Towns--Judith Gap Evinces Doubt

The interest in the Carey lands near here is unabated and speculation rife among the would-be settlers whether or not they will get their land. It is understood that the State Carey land board appeal of their case but it is said that they waited too long. A gentleman from Lewistown and one from Harlowton went to Washington this week and it is believed that when they return they will bring with them definite information relative to the standing of the many who have taken land in this body.

There is one sure thing and that is that those who have made the start had better keep on going and see that they live on their land as much as possible.

The Carey Land Board of Montana appealed from the decision of the Interior Department which had cancelled the segregation of the land north of town.

This land has been held from entry since 1908. No work has been done towards getting water on it except making a survey for canals, reservoirs, etc.

All of this land is as good as can be found in Montana. It is high time that this land should be thrown open for entry instead of being controlled by a company not able financially to get water on it, and only holding it with the idea of getting capital interested so that they can realize a handsome profit for their trouble.

There are 21,000 acres in the tract and 16,000 acres of it is farm

decision recently handed down by Commissioner Bennett, expires on Aug. 7th. No matter what action is taken the routine at Washington will take some time. After a record of the relinquishment or the default is made on the local records, after the final decision from Washington, the land will be open to filing.

The tract was withdrawn three years ago by F. H. Ray and T. T. Black, and part of the rights were assigned to the Musselshell Development company. Mr. Bennett's decision of recent date says that there is no evidence of a water appropriation for the reclamation of the tract, although the proposers claim water from the Musselshell will be used. On account of the tract being in the railroad grant, it is difficult and expensive to irrigate, as ever other section is not in the project. Many complaints from Harlowton people who wanted to see the land restored to entry and settled. It had been idle for years, which was claimed as an injustice. No more procrastination will be permitted by the government, and the project was ordered rejected by the commissioner.

It is said about 200 squatters have already settled on the land, and that countless cabins have been built. The land is said to be very fertile and adapted to wheat growing, the average rainfall there being 16 inches, according to government reports.

The following from the Judith Gap Journal, is a fairly good indication of the jealousy that is consuming that little village. For down right envy and jealousy the following article is the limit. Brother you are out of tune. Get right with the world. Do a little boosting on your own account.

Come up to Harlowton, learn of her ways and be wise. Don't bite yourself that way. What if the Cary land was all taken by "Harlowton business men and their relatives"? Haven't they as much right to it as the business men of Judith Gap, their friends and relatives? Come, wake up and get in the game. If you can't boost don't knock.

"Last Friday night the big scramble for 20,000 acres covered by the Carey irrigation act, lying largely between Judith Gap, Harlowton and Twodot, began from Harlowton.

"For some months past the people of Harlowton and Judith Gap have taken an active interest in having this large tract of land thrown open for homestead entry. The petition was sent to Washington a little over a week ago. For a short time the citizens of Harlowton have been gathering all their friends and relatives in that town and on Friday night the word was quietly passed among the elect and the scramble commenced.

"Automobiles, drays and livery rigs were brought into service to get the inhabitants onto choice pieces of land. With practically no exception everyone of them had a tent or canvas and a few pieces of lumber. Over fifty cabins and combination tents were stuck up on the bench within twenty-four after midnight Friday.

"Clarence E. McKoin, until recently register of the Land office at Lewistown, and Attorney Smith of the same place are the men who

### SURVEYERS NEAR SPRINGS

White Sulphur Springs Republican: Northern Pacific surveyors are encamped at Willow Creek, east of town, and are working east of there. In a few days they will be engaged in running the line between White Sulphur and Willow creek. This is the final survey and the line as now surveyed is practically the same as the former survey made three years ago. It comes direct as possible from Glendive, and from here will be extended to Helena. The line is a cut-off on the present through line and will shorten the N. P. road nearly 100 miles.

The survey misses Harlowton Twodot and Martinsdale from 5 to 15 miles, but that the road will build to those towns is very plain. The surveyors at present are to work only as far as the town limits, but are cross-sectioning the line as they come, which argues construction in the near future.

The opinion is generally held in railroad circles that the Northern Pacific will try and complete this before the Panama exposition opens. To accomplish this it will be necessary to begin construction all along the line this fall or early next spring. Of course, the unsettled money market may cause the road to delay, but that is considered improbable.

The completion of the road to the Springs will mark the greatest boom that has occurred in this part of the state in several years. It is believed that at that time all the larger ranches will be broken up and sold, and the population of the town and valley increased several times.

### DUTCH VERSUS THE ENGLISH

Being as the Harlowton team did not have a game last Sunday, Harry Hogl and 3rd English got together two teams and played seven innings of what proved a very comical game. Hogl's gang of warriors winning 12 to 11.

It was a hard fought struggle, both teams fighting from start to finish as the losers had to banquet the winners. This they did very gracefully, pretzels and some of Hogl's best was served at nine o'clock, Mr. English being master of ceremony.

Jennings and McKinney pitched for the Hoglites and were given good support. They had a stone wall outfield behind them. Cap. Hogl in right, covered a lot of ground and his wonderful throwing arm turned back several daring base runners. Gerty pass the mustard. Mayor Jenizen is to be complimented on his rare judgment in securing a fast man like Musselman for nightwatchman. Fatty is some center fielder whose speed has never been witnessed on the local ground. If there had been anyone scouting for the big leagues in this part of the bushes he surely would get a chance to go up.

Cap. Hogl made a switch in his line up taking Boes off of first base and putting him on second, which strengthened his infield. Boes is a speed merchant on the infield and a good hitter, Cap Hogl is the old Fox when it comes to seeing weak places in his line up which was