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## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### Friends Surprise Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Berg of Lennep, on the Occasion of Silver Anniversary

Mindful of the fact that the 6th of September was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Berg of Lennep, the people of that community, as well as a large number of friends from other parts of the state, assembled unbidden at the Berg ranch on the following Sunday. A long line of carriages and automobiles speedily invaded the place and took absolute possession. A long banquet table was constructed in the grove of shady silver poplars adjacent the Berg residence, and soon it was evident that the ladies of the community had been very busy in the kitchens the day previous. The surprised Mr. and Mrs. Berg and family were escorted to the places of honor to enjoy with the visitors a splendid repast.

A. C. Grande, acting as toastmaster, announced the purpose of the visit and informed Mr. and Mrs. Berg that their neighbors had selected a set of silverware as a present which was to remind them of the day in years to come. The writer is informed that this set cost the neat sum \$115.00. Knut Haugan, representing friends in Carbon county, in well chosen and expressive words extended greetings and good wishes, and recalling memories of twenty five years ago, spoke of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Berg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Grande. Toasts were also given by the following: Ole Eggen, James Hoyem and S. G. Hoyem, the latter expressing the sentiments of the neighbors who wished to congratulate Mr. and

Mrs. Berg on their wise choice of a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Berg, in behalf of himself and Mrs. Berg, then expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation and invited all to have an enjoyable afternoon.

Various hearty games were enjoyed in the open air in the afternoon and music was furnished by an orchestra. A very good time was enjoyed and shortly after sunset the merry party departed for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Berg continued happiness and prosperity in the future as in the years of the past.

The following were present from other parts of the state:

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Olson and family of Helena, Mrs. Kleven and Miss Minnie Kleven of Bozeman, O. Eggen and daughter, James Hoyem and wife, Knut Haugan and wife, and O. Olson all of Carbon county.

There were present, a total attendance of one hundred and fifty of Mr. Berg's friends. Twenty friends living at Absarokee each sent him a silver dollar. Mr. Berg, who was in Harlowton Tuesday, was one of the happiest men living. He said he did not know he had so many friends and it made him very proud to know that he was held in such high esteem by so many estimable people.

The News joins with the host of his other friends in wishing him a continued happy life and hopes that he and his estimable wife may live to enjoy another quarter century of uninterrupted married felicity.

## CEMENT BRICK PLANT PROPOSED

There has been a gentleman here for some time past endeavoring to interest our citizens in the organization of a company to establish a cement brick plant here. It is proposed to install machinery and get control, either by purchase or by lease, of a piece of land somewhere along the river, where there is a quantity of gravel, and convert this gravel into cement bricks, blocks, etc., which would then be placed on the market for building purposes.

The scheme is a practical one and is being successfully operated in many Montana cities. There is not the slightest doubt but what this material is the future building material almost exclusively, where strength and permanency is the object sought.

It is understood that Mr. Murphy, the gentleman who is promoting the scheme, has been quite successful in interesting a number of our citizens, and while the scheme is at present in the air, there is a strong probability that it will be brought to a successful issue.

It is a well known and established fact that Harlowton has, within its confines, a most valuable deposit of the best building stone to be found anywhere, but cement is still better and it is hoped that Mr. Murphy will succeed in his scheme, which will mean one more enterprise that will help put Har-

lowton on the business map of the state.

### Oka Notes

We notice quite a number of land seekers in our neighborhood this week. Our crops speak for themselves. The land agent should have an easy job now in selling land in this district, as well as all others adjacent, as we have both the soil and climate which are gilt edge.

All the farmers in this neighborhood are busy threshing their own grain and helping their neighbors with their threshing. They are all wearing good large smiles as the general acreage yield is very satisfactory although the price of wheat could be better. A number have sold at top notch prices at the Oka elevator and some are holding for better prices.

We wish to correct the name, Walter Unit, which appeared in our last items to Walter Witt and to state that his wheat yield was 28 bushels per acre. Mr. Witt has a splendid equipment for the handling of large crops.

C. R. Stone is now threshing his 320 acres of oats which will yield about 40 bushel per acre.

The market and the farmers have been doing some dodging the past week. The markets have been very uneven. Some of the farmers are holding for better price and some have sold. However the majority are holding.

Mr. Dawes is now threshing on the Churchwell farm north of Oka. He will then move to the McKee ranch to thresh a fine 100-acre crop. The McKee ranch has the best

prospect for a larger yield than any ranch of similar size in the neighborhood. Mac will surely get the grapes this year. Go to it, Mac, we hope you do as well next season.

Over the hills and far away, George he entered a protest.

**Miss Nichols Gets Position as Pianist**  
Miss Vivian Nichols left Sunday morning for Mandan, North Dakota, where she has accepted a splendid position in a theater in that city. Miss Nichols will be greatly missed in the musical circles here, as she is an excellent pianist. While in Mandan she will stay with her aunt, Mrs. Mackin, who visited here during the summer.

## RESERVOIR FOR IRRIGATION

Billings, Mont., Sept. 18th. Taking advantage of the topography of the region, engineers on the Musselshell Irrigation Project have overcome a difficulty which has for years been thought insurmountable, in supplying water to the 25,000 acres included in the district, during the irrigation season.

The river from which the water is taken, the Musselshell, is so small during the months of July, August and September, that it is impossible to take enough water from it to irrigate the district.

A short distance from the upper end of the project is a natural reservoir known locally as the "Devil's Basin," and into this the waters from the river are diverted during the spring months when the melting snow in the mountains converts the Musselshell river into a formidable stream. To do this it is necessary to build a canal from the river to the reservoir, about ten miles long, from which the water is turned back into the river, through a short tunnel and a canal about half a mile long through a deep cut.

When the irrigating season opens the water is allowed to run out of the reservoir back into the river, and from there is taken out into the irrigation ditches. The reservoir will hold 100,000 acre feet, or sufficient water to cover 100,000 acres one foot deep.

The district extends about 80 miles down the Musselshell Valley and varies in width from one-half to one mile. According to the engineers, the possibilities of irrigation in the valley are almost unlimited, as by means of pumps the water can be lifted a comparatively few feet, on to a number of fertile benches scattered the length of the valley, and it is expected that eventually all the water the reservoir can store will be utilized in this way.

## REV. BALL'S MOTHER DIES

Rev. John R. Ball was called to Seattle Sunday morning by the death of his mother, who has been suffering from a lingering illness for years.

Rev. Ball hopes to be back in time for next Sunday's services. He has the sympathy of the community in his bereavement.

### Presbyterian Church Service

If all our townspeople could realize how fine the services at the Presbyterian church really are the attendance would soon double its present satisfactory number. The music of the men's chorus is inspiring and has added a great deal to the stimulation of these meetings. Everybody is made to feel at home at the worship and the spirit of good fellowship in the Master's cause is scattered abroad. Come and be helped by the ser-

mons, entertained by the singing and blessed by the worship.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11 a. m., and evening worship at 8 p. m.

### Masonic Delegates off to Grand Lodge

The Masonic fraternities of Harlowton were all well represented at the various grand lodge bodies meeting in Helena this week. The Blue Lodge appointed the following brothers as delegates and alternates: A. J. Dreyer, J. V. Kelly, Dr. Campbell, delegates and G. C. Perkins, G. C. Moore and R. N. Jones, alternates. The Eastern Star was represented by Mrs. A. F. Robertson and Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

## NEW FRONT FOR OPERA HOUSE

Harlowton will soon have another stone block added to the large number it has at present. H. B. Myers will add a two story front and re-enforced concrete walls to the Opera House. The building will be 30x50 feet with a basement. The first story will be rented for a business block and the second story for offices.

This with the other buildings in the course of construction, will make four fine stone buildings erected this fall.

George Clendenning has completed the excavation for his business block. The building will be 25x100ft. and will be one story.

## ANCIENT LAND PATENTS

It would seem strange that an owner of a quarter section of land would be interested in his land sufficiently to see that his title was perfected from the time it was deeded by the government to the original entryman until the land finally passed into his hands, says the Fergus County Democrat. Or it may be that the original entryman still faithfully tills the soil where he spent many hard days of pioneer life, and has such implicit faith in the United States government that he has accepted his final certificate when he made proof and supposed there was nothing further to do as long as he paid his taxes, to perfect his title to the land in the county in which the land was located.

However it may be, it is a fact that there are something over two hundred government land patents that have never been claimed and are still being held in the local land office awaiting a claimant. For instance, there is a patent there to one Patrick Morrissey, of Meagher county, Montana, signed by President Grover Cleveland on the 11th day of May, 1893, over twenty years ago.

Still further back is a desert land patent issued to one Charles W. Baylies of Fergus county, Montana, signed by President Benjamin Harrison on the 11th day of February, 1893. There are quite a few patents signed by President William McKinley during his first term of office and, coming down to more recent times, there are many patents signed by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, and now a large number of patents are being received almost daily bearing the signature of Woodrow Wilson.

Register Harry J. Kelly states that these patents will be held as long as the office is in existence unless claimed by the owners of the land, and while they are safely kept in the fireproof vault, it would complete the records of his office, as well as the county clerk and recorder, if delivery of these patents could be made. In the event the register's final certificate is lost, an

## CAREY LAND BOARD MEETS IN HELENA

### Harlowton Citizens Attend Meeting to Remonstrate against Further Time Being Granted

The State Carey Land board met in Helena this week to canvass the situation relative to the status of the Carey tract adjacent to this city. Present at that meeting were J. S. McQuitty, J. V. Kelly, W. N. Smith, and W. C. Husband, who went there for the purpose of remonstrating against the Board asking the government to extend the time further, of the original segregators of this land. The time has been extended time and again and the same dilatory tactics have been pursued each time that the segregators have

been favored and now that the matter has gone thus far the local representatives will leave no room for doubt in the minds of the board that they will be doing a great injustice to this community as well as hundreds of honest homesteaders if they do not cease their contention for the continued withholding of this land.

W. C. Husband will make a plea for the citizens of Harlowton and vicinity and it is hoped and believed that the board will be convinced of the unfairness of further dallying in the matter.

affidavit of ownership will be accepted as authority for the delivery of these patents, and in view of the fact that many of the patents are for land that has been sold for townsite purposes, it seems strange that the records of the county have never been completed as to the deeding of the land from the government.

We might cite the case of the new quarter section of section 22, township 8n, range 15e, upon which patent issued to one Archie McEachnie. This land is apparently covered by the town of Harlowton, or is just adjoining thereto.

## KIRKLAND FOR REVENUE SOLICITOR

Washington, Sept. 15.—I. B. Kirkland of Lewistown, Mont., has been recommended by Senators Myers and Walsh for appointment as solicitor of internal revenue in the treasury department to succeed Fletcher Maddox of Montana, who has held the office for five years. This position pays \$5,000 per annum, and is important, as the solicitor is the legal advisor of all matters affecting the internal revenue laws, and probably will increase in importance if the collection of income taxes is entrusted to the revenue bureau. Mr. Kirkland has been called to Washington for a conference with the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue, and if the conference results satisfactorily his early appointment is expected to be announced.

## THRESHING ON IN FULL SWING

The farmers are threshing as rapidly as they can get machines to do the work. The following have threshed and their grain turned out as follows:

C. L. Hash, 40 acres wheat, 20 bushel.

W. C. Tucker, 50 acres, 20 bushel.

Miss Jones, 40 acres wheat, 20 bushel.

Jess Langston, 100 acres wheat, 35 bushel.

August Pullman, 80 acres wheat, 22 bushel.

Donald Boyd, 25 acres, 19 bushel.

Very few have threshed and some of the best is still in the stack. This country is practically new and a large percentage of the wheat the first crop which is always the poorest. Donald Boyd's and L. C. Hash's crops were disced on ground that had a wheat crop last year. W. C. Tucker's wheat weighs 64 lbs. to the bushel.

## NEW SECURITIES CORPORATION

The Banking Corporation of Montana, located at Helena, with a capital of \$500,000, organized last December, is out after business. It will deal in Montana securities, purchasing Montana mortgages and bonds issued by Montana cities, selling them to those who have money to invest in that class of securities. There are a large number of Montana men of financial lines interested among whom we find the names of Sam Phillips of Lewistown and C. P. Tooley of Twodot.

The president of the corporation is George L. Ramsey of Helena.

The new corporation starts out under the most favorable auspices and no doubt but what under the able management of Mr. Ramsey and his associates will do an immense business.

## TOM THUMB'S WEDDING TONIGHT

Tom Thumb's wedding will be presented by the little tots at the auditorium of the school house tonight. Great care has been taken in training them for this play and you cannot afford to miss it.

The children taking part in the caste are all under ten years of age and some of them only three years of age. Each is costumed for their different parts, the girls in long dresses and the boys in frock tail coats, white shirts and standing collars. They will be very amusing in their quaint costumes. Ethel Urner will be the bride and Shelly Stevens the groom. Several solos and choruses will be given by the little tots.

Do not miss it as it will be very amusing and also instructive to those contemplating matrimony.

## FREE BISCUITS AND COFFEE AT URNERS

The Urner Mercantile Company will hold a demonstration of the baking and cooking abilities of the Quick Action range which they are now making a leader in their stove department. W. L. Casler of Denver, is here and will superintend the demonstration which will be held all day tomorrow. It is the intention to have fresh hot biscuits, good country butter and perhaps honey or maple syrup. Don't that combination just make your mouth water? And all in the interest of advertising a new wrinkle in fireboxes. The firebox on the Quick Action is adjustable to the kind of cooking one wants to do. But you can all see for yourselves tomorrow just how it works.