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FATAL ACCIDENT LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Gerald Sullivan and Edward Carney Fall Over 30 ft. Embankment Into Stone Quarry. One Time Leader of Coxy's Army.

Gerald Sullivan and Edward Carney were out for a good time last Monday night which ended up disastrously to both of them. After trying to drink up all the liquor in town they wandered around and finally brought up at the brink of the stone quarry. Carney felt himself slipping over the edge and grabbed Sullivan and both went over the cliff dropping about 30 feet. They were both unconscious for some time, Carney gaining consciousness about two hours after the fall, at 1 o'clock in the morning. He yelled for help but they were not found until 8 o'clock a. m. Donald Boufeuillet heard him yelling and went down to find out the trouble. He immediately got help and they were taken to the jail.

Dr. S. Campbell was summoned and found that Carney had a broken leg and a bad cut over the left eye. Sullivan was still unconscious but did not seem to have any bones broken, only badly bruised and a cut on the back of his head.

Both of them had been working

on the bridge crew and had been laid off on account of lack of work. Sullivan is well known in Butte and was one of the leaders of the Coxy's Army, in 1894, when they took charge of a train and started east getting as far as Billings before being captured.

Carney has been around Three Forks since 1909 and is well known there.

Mr. Sullivan was still unconscious yesterday. He seems to rest easy but has never gained consciousness since the accident. The officers here communicated with the officers of Butte. It is supposed Sullivan has a family there, but, if so, no word has been received from them yet. He should be sent to some hospital where they have proper facilities to take care of him. It is not the fault of the local authorities that this has not been done, as they have no authority to do so.

Mr. Carney is getting along as nicely as can be expected considering the severe shaking up that he received.

FIREMEN'S BALL SUCCESS

One Could Not Help But Dance When That Cahalan Orchestra Played.

The Firemen of Harlowton gave their second annual ball in the Opera House on New Years' night. It was a grand success. The music was furnished by the Cahalan Harp Orchestra Co. and was of very high class, and, as one of those present remarked, you had to dance when hearing that music.

The committee in charge did everything to make the dance a success, and deserve great praise for their efforts. There were about one hundred couple present, a number coming from outside towns.

LOCAL MA- SONS INSTALL

Musselshell Lodge Has Most Impressive Installation Ever Held Here.

Musselshell Lodge No. 69 F. and A. M. installed its officers for the year 1914 last Monday night. There was a large number of members present. A. J. Dreyer Past W. M. was the installation officer. The following are the officers that were installed.

J. V. Kelly, W. M.; S. K. Campbell, S. W.; R. N. Jones, J. W.; Geo. H. Bell, Sec; B. T. Stevens, Treas; O. F. Dreyer, S. D.; G. C. Moore, J. D.; C. Tintman, S. S.; H. L. Marrs, J. S.; L. Burrows, T.; H. G. Klemme, Chaplain.

MONTANA LAND IS GOOD INVESTMENT

R. H. Dunn Makes Reply to Article Appearing in Financial World Making Known That Montana Land Is Good Surety.

The following was written by R. H. Dunn, of Harlowton, and published in the Financial World. It was written in answer to an article that appeared in another issue of the same paper, claiming that Eastern Montana lands are not a safe surety for loans.

"It has been urged that loans in a new country are not so stable and that the security is less likely to continue good, than those on lands in an older farming country. That the land is new and rich and when it has been farmed as much as in the older countries the production will fall. That the loan is largely made on account of the large yields the new lands produce and those making the loans do not look ahead to the time when these lands will be producing much less than when they are new and strong.

At first thought, this view would seem logical and in some sections may be, to a degree, true. As to central and eastern Montana, it is not true, as other and more weighty factors enter in. The most important of these is that most of the farms of this section, at least for the first five or six years, are not farmed, but are the temporary stopping places of people who have taken up homesteads that they might secure a stake. They are clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers, school teachers, old men and old women, who come out to make a home for their children while they are homesteading, and while here they think they, themselves, had as well take up some of Uncle Sam's domain. Most of these know nothing about farming and never will, as they are interested only in getting as much money as they can from their holdings and as soon as they can.

Such people, while good citizens when permanent, and good neighbors, are mighty poor people to make the land produce. Aside from not knowing the farming business, they have not the money to get proper equipment to farm with. And yet in spite of this condition Montana's average production of the staple crops is larger per acre than all other states. And this production is largely the work of people who are not farmers. Don't get the mistaken idea that there are no good farmers in Montana, for there are some as good as one will find anywhere.

The first holders of these lands are gradually quitting and real far-

mers are securing them. So Montana is not yet at its best in production. Among the first class there are some who have seen that their present holdings are better than anything they can get elsewhere and are staying with it and making good farmers. The real farmers and these ambitious ones in the making, are the very best kind of moral risks for loans, as they are making good.

"It is not an uncommon sight in eastern Montana to see two fields side by side, where every condition is identical, except the man behind the plow, where one field will produce 40 bushels of wheat per acre, and the other only 10 or 12.

"For the good of the state and for those who are loaning in this field, we are securing many of the best farmers of the middle west, and it is only a question of time till all of the farming lands of Montana will be farmed by those who know how.

"Another important factor that enters into production of the newer lands of eastern Montana for future years is that of rainfall. We have plenty of rain for all crops, but most of it comes during the growing season, April, May and June, and is taken up by the growing crops. The torrential rains that are not uncommon to most other farming sections do not prevail here, and the soil is not leached of its plant food elements year by year.

"Geologically this is a newer country than the states east of us and the soil is strong in all elements of plant production, and it will be many years before there will be an appreciable diminution in the producing value of the land. There are lands in eastern Washington, similar to those of eastern Montana, that are producing more today than they did 40 years ago and during all this time they have been continuously cropped. It is a well known fact that a farm in this section that has been farmed for a number of years will sell for more than a newer one, all other conditions being the same.

"Our conclusion, then, is that one who loans in this region is loaning on a basis of continually increasing value of the land on which he loans. Not because of any land boom, but because the land is actually getting better with use and producing more as it is farmed more. This, plus a better class of farmers and a country old enough to be proved, makes eastern Montana a most desirable farm loan field.

Farmers Institute

Harlowton, Monday, Jan. 12, 1914, 10:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Yourselves and family are invited. Speakers of wide reputation, rich in successful farm experience and in knowledge of agricultural science, will discuss the production of better crops and animals, better markets, better places to live and better people. Bring any questions you desire to ask.

Bozeman, Montana F. S. COOLEY, Supt. of Farmers' Institutes.

LOCAL MARKET REPORT

Wheat, No. 1 Turkey	.66
" " 2 "	.64
Oats, No. 1, per cwt.	\$.90
" feed	\$.85
Flax	\$1.23
Bran, per sack 90 lbs.	\$1.05
Chicken feed, per cwt.	\$1.19
Shorts, per sack 90 lbs.	\$1.15
Hay, Timothy	\$14.00
" baled	\$16.00
Alfalfa	\$12.00
Bluestem	\$15.00
Eggs, fresh	.35
Butter, dairy	.35
" creamery	.40
Apples per box	\$1.75 to \$2.75
Potatoes, per cwt.	\$1.00
Flour, best, per cwt.	\$2.70
Hogs, alive	.06 to .07
" dressed	.09 to .11
Beef, dressed	.09 to .12
Chickens, each	.50
Turkeys, per lb. alive	.16

ST. PAUL MARKET	
Steers,	\$5.50, \$7.75
Cows and Heifers,	4.50, 6.60
Hogs,	7.75, 7.80
Spring Lambs,	5.75, 7.75
Wethers,	3.75, 5.25
Ewes,	2.50, 4.00

MELSTONE A COUNTY SEAT

Proposed New County has met with no Opposition and It seems assured

The latest county division plans contemplate the segregation of portions of Musselshell, Yellowstone, Dawson, Fergus and Rosebud counties at the point where the five join, and it is proposed to make Melstone the county seat. Petitions are being circulated and will be presented to the board of commissioners of Rosebud county, from which the larger portion of the new county is to be taken.

Because of the unevenness of the county lines in that locality, it is not unusual for residents to own

property in two, and in some instances all of the counties, causing great inconvenience in paying of taxes and proving unsatisfactory in securing of public improvements. In some cases homesteads lie in two counties and have been entered in to two land districts.

The territory which it is proposed to segregate has a valuation of about \$5,000,000 and contains a population in excess of 2,000. It is being rapidly settled by farmers who follow dry farming methods and has been remarkably productive in the past two years. So far no opposition to the division has developed.

TWODOT'S WEDDINGS

One Takes Place On New Years Night and Another On January Third.

A very pretty home wedding took place Saturday morning, January 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred VanCamp, of Twodot, it being the marriage of their son, Alfred Thomas VanCamp and Miss Louise Kennedy Orcutt, of Delphine.

The house was prettily decorated with Christmas greens and candles. Miss Ethel VanCamp was maid of honor and Mr. John Orcutt, best man. Rev. E. A. Swain of Twodot officiated. The bride's gown was white silk crepe-de-chine over silk with lace trimmings. She carried a shower bouquet of brides roses. Miss VanCamp wore pale yellow messaline and carried yellow chrysanthemums.

A wedding breakfast was served after which the bridal couple left on the noon train west. They will make their home at Martinsdale. On New Years night at the parsonage, Rev. E. A. Swain united in marriage Mr. William Kelly and Miss Sadie F. Goner, both of Twodot. They will make their home in Twodot.

CAME BACK TO HARLOW

A lady went to Ringling last Saturday intending to go to White Sulphur Springs, when she arrived at Ringling she found on account of change of service on the branch line to the county seat she would have to remain in Ringling until Monday. Rather than to do that she returned to Harlowton to stay over Sunday and bought a ticket for White Sulphur Springs on Monday. She could have walked to the county seat in less time. No wonder the people are clamoring for county seat removal.

BROTHERHOOD HOLD SUPPER

Banquet on New Years Night to a Number of Railroad Boys well Attended

The Presbyterian Brotherhood gave a dinner on New Years' night to fifty of the railroad boys. Dinner was served at 6 p. m. and all seemed to enjoy the repast which consisted of Roast Turkey, Potatoes, Pickles, Salads, Buns, Apple and Pumpkin pies and coffee. After the dinner they listened attentively to a splendid address by the Rev. Thomas. He chose for his subject "Manhood." This was the big treat of the evening. Rev. Thomas is a very powerful speaker and his address at this meeting will long be remembered by those present. He was interrupted many times during his address by applause.

W. N. Smith was toastmaster and he called on several of the members of the brotherhood to respond to toasts. As "Toastmaster" Mr. Smith is a decided success and he kept the crowd in a continuous roar of laughter with his funny anecdotes.

There were 63 present to enjoy the banquet and all went away saying it was one of the most enjoyable affairs they ever had the pleasure of attending. The meal was served by members of the brotherhood, not a lady being present.

HARLOWTON IS VICTORIOUS

Defeat the Speedy Stanford Team in a Close and Hotly Contested Game

In one of the fastest basket ball games ever played here, the locals defeated the fast Stanford team by a score of 21 to 11. This is the first defeat for the Stanford boys for two years. They have met all the fast teams in Central Montana including Great Falls and Lewistown and up to last Friday night had nothing but a string of victories to mark their trail.

The game was fast from start to finish and while several fouls were made by both teams, they were generally due to over-anxiousness on the part of the players. Stanford started with a rush and had scored five points before the locals located the basket. Harlowton played in hard luck in the early part of the game. They had several easy chances but the ball refused to drop through the net, generally running around on top and dropping outside. The score at the end of the first half was 11 to 8 in favor of the locals. In the second half the Harlowton team played rings around the visitors scoring 10 points to 3, the final score being 21 to 11.

For the Harlowton team all the boys played good, clean, fast ball. It would be unfair to mention any one of the team as being the star player.

R. N. Jones was the official of the game and gave general satisfaction. He showed that he was thoroughly acquainted with the rules of the game.

The following is the score for the Harlowton team by the individual players.

	F. G. Fouls Tot.
H. G. Klemme	3 4 10
Jack Stallord	2 4 4
Norman Good	2 1 5
Earl Shook	1 2 2
	Total 21

The visiting team consisted of the following: W. R. Henderson, J. P. McDonnell, Guy Waddell, Douglas Gaylord, R. Galt and C. Grady.

HAY STACK BURNS

Mr. C. C. Hopkins lost 100 tons of hay by fire last Tuesday. The fire was started by a passing locomotive and burned 300 acres of grass as well as the hay.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Shows a Large Increase Over Last Year in All of the Departments.

The annual financial statement of Meagher county was published

last week. The statement shows a balance on hand for all funds of \$233,125.80 against a balance in 1912 of \$173,699.03, an increase of about \$60,000. The total assessed valuation of the county is \$9,630,573, about \$800,000 more than last year.

The following are the amounts paid out in the different funds for the year 1913.

General fund,	\$22,064.35
Contingent fund	27,376.85
Road fund	17,640.12
Institute fund	506.70
State General fund	26,318.95
State Band fund	2,105.83
State Bounty fund	4,123.20
Poor fund	9,293.27