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## TIME FOR ACTION HAS ARRIVED

### The Time Is Ripe for People in Favor of Change in County Seat To Assert Themselves

It is the consensus of public opinion in and around Harlowton that the time is now ripe for the people of Meagher county who are in favor of either changing the county seat or organizing a new county to begin the campaign and assert themselves. Whether or not it is the best thing for all concerned to change the county seat or organize a new county we are not prepared to say, and there are sound arguments in favor of both propositions. However, we would suggest that the business men of Harlowton call a meeting, to which all people in the county who are desirous of having a change, shall be invited and urged to attend. There are so many questions of interest directly affecting the public welfare that can only be taken care of by an entire change in the map of the county that an early change is earnestly desired.

Before Harlowton can consistently ask the people of the county to make it a county seat town, its citizens must make some preparation to care for the offices that will of necessity be moved here. It has been suggested that the expense of building a court house for a new county would cause some of the taxpayers to vote against the removal of the county seat or the organization of a new county. But

to offset this argument it has also been suggested that it is not imperative that a new court house be built immediately. But in bringing these matters up for discussion, we believe a satisfactory adjustment of them can be made without defeating the object desired.

The first thing to be done, we believe, is to call a public meeting of those directly interested and discuss the matter in detail, getting the consensus of opinion and from this form a plan of campaign that will be as effective as it is possible to make it.

Our friends in the west end, particularly in White Sulphur Springs will no doubt have a strongly organized opposition to county seat removal, while they may not object to our segregation from them as a new county.

And since the change in the railroad train schedule to White Sulphur Springs from a daily to a tri-weekly service, it has become a most burdensome trip to visit the county seat, coupled with the poor hotel accommodations afforded by that burg, besides a most expensive one. The complaints coming in from all points of the county will soon compel some definite action to remedy a condition that is becoming unbearable.

## "SAFETY FIRST" MEETING AT DEPOT

Wednesday afternoon the general committee having the "Safety First" movement in charge held its regular monthly meeting in the ladies' waiting room at the depot. Mr. Smallen of Chicago, who is in charge of this movement, was in attendance as well as Supt. H. Spencer of Miles City, F. C. Dow, trainmaster at Miles City, E. C. Cornwall, trainmaster at Three Forks, J. C. Toms, yardmaster, S. C. Vanderwerker, round house foreman, M. L. Hines, car foreman, R. A. Good, district superintendent bridge and building department, W. T. Hart, agent, of Harlowton. These gentlemen constitute the general committee. Besides these there were quite a number of other employes present, the total attendance being about twenty-five.

The "Safety First" movement has been in existence about two years and has rapidly spread until today it is practically a part of the railroad life of every system in the United States. Its general purpose is to report unsafe conditions that may exist in connection with the movement of trains and in all departments connected with the operation of the railway, to safeguard the lives and limbs of patrons and employes alike.

At the meeting Wednesday a number of minor matters pertaining to unsafe conditions were brought before the meeting and committees were appointed to investigate and take whatever action might be considered necessary to remedy the evil.

It is the duty of every member of the "Safety First" movement, which includes every employe of the C. M. & St. P., to report anything of an unsafe character that may come under their observation to this committee, which takes the

matter under advisement and if found of sufficient importance, by a vote, recommendations are made to the company, or if it be a complaint against a fellow employe it is brought to his attention and every effort made to avoid future accidents.

All complaints made by employes against their fellows are kept strictly confidential.

The "Safety First" committee has found that in the past with all the safeguards they have tried to build around the employes, there still remains a great deal of carelessness and an appeal has been made to the wives, mothers and sweethearts of railroad men to plead with their men folks to be careful, and have found that this method has been very effective in lessening the percentage of accidents.

The next meeting of the committee will be held here on the third Friday in February.

## MACHINISTS ORGANIZE UNION

### Hereafter the Union of Harlowton Machinists Will Be Important Local Labor Body

The machinists of Harlowton, comprising all the men working at the round house, had a meeting December 29th and organized a union. The body will be known as Lodge No. 848, International Association of Machinists. The following officers were elected to preside over the destinies of the union for the ensuing term: President, Hershey Allen; Vice president, L. Burrows; Financial Secretary, H. L. George; Recording Secretary, E. Kellum; Treasurer, G. H. Bell; Conductor, S. Silcott; Sentinel P. Weger. The lodge will meet every second and fourth Monday of each month.

## LOCAL MAN IS MADE DIRECTOR

### In National Life Insurance Company Of Montana.

The National Life Insurance Company of Montana held its annual meeting of stockholders last Monday in the chamber of commerce rooms at Butte and elected its officers and directors for the ensuing year. We note among other men from different parts of the state, the name of James W. Norton of Harlowton as one of the new directors. Mr. Norton is a member of the ranching firm of Norton & Lyons with large property holdings about thirteen miles from here and is one of the rich men of Meagher county.

## S. W. B. C. MARKET SALE

### Sunday Dinner, Prepared on Saturday, by Members of Young Women's Bible Class

The S. W. B. C. of the Methodist Sunday School will hold a market sale, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at Carver's drug store. Pies, cake, bread, doughnuts, cream puffs, baked beans, etc., for the Sunday dinner may be obtained as well as delicious home-made candies. The proceeds are to be applied on the new parsonage.

## HARLOWTON HAS ACCREDITED SCHOOL

### Word Received That Harlowton High School Is Now on the Accredited List of Montana Schools

Professor Johnson has just received a letter from State Superintendent Davey that the State Board of Education, at its meeting on December 22nd, placed the Harlowton High School on the accredited list.

This means that students from the Harlowton high can, upon the proper showing of credits, enter any state institution of higher education without further examination. This move should be instrumental in working up a much greater interest in the school, both on the part of the students and the patrons of the school and also increase class interest.

Harlowton already has great reason to be proud of its high school and with this added advantage it will no doubt become the center of much more interest in other parts of the county.

## Presbyterian Church Notes

The Presbyterian board of trustees has inaugurated a campaign to make the church self-supporting the ensuing year.

Rev. H. G. Klemme preached in Melville on Thursday night and Glasston on Friday.

Subject for Sunday morning is "The Need of our Age." Service at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. The following new officers were elected for the coming year: Supt. J. A. Johnson; Ass't. Supt. W. A. Lynn; Treasurer; Mrs. W. Hart; Secretary, Gladys Kirkpatrick.

Sunday evening will see the beginning of a series of sermons on the Fundamentals of our Religion. The first will be on the "Bible, our Rule." Everybody most cordially welcomed. A mixed quartette will sing.

The inspector of weights and measures accompanied by his deputy, was in Harlowton, Wednesday correcting our merchants' scales and measures. He figures that he will have to spend five weeks in Meagher county. The average cost of inspection is about \$66 a month per county, for the state.

## WAS PROMINENT IN ANACONDA

### Gerald Sullivan, One of the Men Who Fell Over Bluff, Dies Of Injuries.

Gerald Sullivan, one of the two men who fell over the bluff in the rear of the Graves hotel last week, died of his injuries. His divorced wife came after him last Friday, and Saturday morning the trip to Butte was begun. At Twodot the passenger came up with a wreck and was laid out until late in the afternoon. The other man was taken to the county hospital at White Sulphur Springs.

In commenting on the accident the Butte Miner gives Mr. Sullivan a very fine reputation as will be seen from the following clipping from the Butte Miner of Tuesday morning:

"Gerald Sullivan, soldier, scholar and man of high character, who was injured Jan. 5 at Harlowton by falling a distance of thirty feet over a cliff, died at St. James' hospital yesterday morning without regaining consciousness. His companion, Edward Carney, who also fell from the cliff, sustained a broken leg.

"Mr. Sullivan had a wide acquaintance in Butte and Anaconda, as well as in other parts of the state. He was an officer in the army prior to the Spanish-American war and when that war broke out he became first lieutenant of Company M of Anaconda, performing gallant services at the front. His record in the Philippines was excellent and his brave deeds aided in winning for the Montana regiment the glory that came to it.

"From the very moment that Gerald Sullivan became one of the drill masters of Company M, it rapidly rounded into form as a splendidly competent organization and with his brother officers he deserved the praises that were bestowed on him.

"He was possessed of excellent education. His demeanor was most pleasing, his ways courteous and he was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Sullivan served as a member of the school board in Anaconda. He was also a member of the Anaconda police department.

"His demise occasioned deep sorrow among his many friends and they all spoke words of praise for the gallant, gentlemanly soldier who deserved and had the respect of so many.

"The Spanish-American War veterans of Butte are deeply interested in arranging for the last sad rites. He will be given a soldier's burial."

## W. A. Lynn Breaks Wrist

W. A. Lynn had the misfortune to break one of the bones of his wrist Wednesday afternoon while attempting to crank his automobile. The firm of Lynn & Dunn seem to be unfortunate as it has not been a great while since Mr. Dunn suffered a like accident. Their machine seems to be imbued with some of the attributes of the Missouri mule. It kicks back.

## Methodist Church Notes.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.: Preaching, 11; "For Thine Is the Kingdom," Junior League, 3.00 p. m.; Epworth League, 6.30, in charge of the pastor; Preaching, 7.30; "A Standard of Life for the New Year—What do ye more than others?"

A noteworthy feature of the Epworth League service, last Sunday evening was the formation of a club of twenty subscribers for the official paper of the League, the Epworth Herald. Mrs. R. E. McMillen and Miss Mason had charge

## FIRST NATIONAL IN FINE SHAPE

### Holds Meeting of Stockholders and Elects Officers—New Blood Enters 's

The First National bank of Harlowton held its annual meeting of stockholders last Tuesday at which were elected the officers and directors for the ensuing year. The personnel of the board is as follows: W. N. Smith, J. H. Freeser of Twodot, O. W. Belden of Lewis town, H. B. Marshall of Roundup, C. L. Hash, F. F. Goss and F. P. Marrs; The officers elected are as follows: President, W. N. Smith; Vice President, J. H. Freeser; Cashier, F. P. Marrs; Assistant Cashier, H. L. Marrs; Bookkeeper, A. C. Bergquist.

W. N. Smith succeeds A. C. Graves, there never having been a successor appointed since his death. J. H. Freeser is a new man in the bank's history having recently entered the banking field. Mr. Freeser is a strong man for the bank being quite wealthy and a prominent stockman and rancher of Meagher county. The bank is extremely fortunate in interesting Mr. Freeser. O. W. Belden was elected to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of H. L. Tierney of Shawmut.

The First National is in fine shape having practically doubled

its business during the year 1913. It has its surplus fund up to the required amount of twenty-five percent of its capital. The undivided profits were allowed to remain, there being the sum of \$2,000 in that fund.

Under the new currency law the bank's future is indeed very bright as that law will allow national banks to loan money on real estate up to fifteen per cent of their capital and surplus. This will greatly enlarge the scope of national banks' fields of action and allow them to be of much more assistance in the development of their local business contemporaries.

Mr. Marrs says in his estimation the new law is one of the best that could be devised as it will insure the safety of national banking for both the banks and the public and also eliminates panics in national banking. The First National of Harlowton at its recent meeting passed resolutions to join the regional bank system.

The people of Harlowton are to be congratulated on having in their midst such an able body of business men as that composing the roster of officers of the First National bank.

of the service. The attendance was forty-five. The topic cards, with a printed list of the leaders for the next six months, will soon arrive. These cards, together with the Herald, will add greatly to the efficiency of the League.

## REVEREND PARKER AT M. E. CHURCH

### Under Auspices of Local Odd Fellows Who Promise Us a Most Interesting Talk

Rev. J. E. Parker, of Bozeman, Grand Chaplain of the Odd Fellows of Montana, will again speak here on January 22nd at the Methodist church.

Reverend Parker addressed a Harlowton audience at the Presbyterian church in October, but the evening being Saturday, he was not greeted with as large an audience as he deserved. Reverend Parker is a fine speaker and those attending this meeting will be well rewarded for their effort.

Reverend Parker is a wit and will entertain you in a high class manner, at the same time giving you many interesting facts about Odd Fellowship.

## O'Hanlon-Giles

J. F. O'Hanlon, a popular conductor on the Milwaukee and Miss Rita Belle Giles, of Seattle, were married on January 8th, at Saint Patrick's church in Butte, Rev. erend Ready, of Harlowton, officiating.

The newly wedded couple arrived in Harlowton last Saturday and will make this place their home for the present.

Mr. O'Hanlon was for three years connected with the Order of Railway Conductors, to which he says he gave three years of his life, but some of his fellow lodge men say that he evidently must have spent a part of that three years in falling in love at Seattle.

Mr. O'Hanlon is one of the pop-

ular conductors running out of Harlowton and his fellow trainmen and other friends together with the News extend most hearty wishes for a happy married life.

## H. SPENCER TO BE MOVED HERE

### So Rumor Has It—Many Changes To Be Made In Milwaukee Division All Helps Harlowton

It is rumored, and on excellent authority, that Superintendent Spencer is to make his headquarters at Harlowton. This means that the dispatchers will probably be moved here also. It is further rumored that certain parcels of land on the flat belonging to the Milwaukee have been taken off the market, presumably because it is needed for extensive additions to the yardage and trackage at this division.

While these statements are based on rumor and may not come to pass, it is firmly believed by many sound business men that they have some semblance of truth and that Harlowton is going to become a much greater railroad center than it is at present.

Another important fact significant in itself is that a coterie of Helena business men of wealth are interesting themselves in Harlowton real estate. It is time for local men to sit up and take notice when wealth from the outside begins to look for investment in our city.

But, going back to the original subject, there is little doubt but what there will be changes in the arrangement of the present railroad situation, in view of the fact that a new division, to be known as the North Montana division from present rumors, will be inaugurated at Harlowton.

Real estate values in Harlowton are bound to respond to these rumors and prosperity prophets are to be found in large numbers right in our midst who predict a steady increase in real estate quotations.