

Enterprises

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in things material during its rapid growth, Roundup has not altogether overlooked the spiritual side of life. No elaborate edifices have as yet been erected where the people might worship, although several denominations have been conducting regular services. Movements are on foot for the building of two churches, work on which will in all probability commence early in the spring.

Rev. C. N. Hurst was the first minister of the gospel to locate in Roundup, coming here in April. He was the one who started the movement to erect a Methodist Episcopal church, which will soon grace the city. Mr. Hurst is now attending school in Evanston, Ill., his place being taken by Rev. C. F. Haynes.

The followers of the Catholic faith are also making preparations for the erection of a church and have already a substantial sum subscribed for that purpose. Work on the building will commence in the spring. Father Mueller, formerly of Lewistown, has charge of this parish.

Besides these, the Congregational and Episcopal denominations have been holding services here regularly and will undoubtedly build edifices as soon as the conditions warrant it.

AUGUST SCHRUMP — PIONEER MERCHANT.

August Schrupp is Roundup's pioneer merchant, having been the first one to engage in the general merchandise business here. Mr. Schrupp is an entirely self-made man and his career reads like a romance. Born in Germany, he came to America with his parents at a tender age. The greater part of his youth up to the time he was 20 years of age he worked on a farm, diligently applying himself in his spare time to acquire an education. After leaving the farm he secured a position as grain buyer, which he retained until 1890, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Bancroft, S. D. From here he went to Edmore, N. D., and later to Lawton, in the same state, where he remained until coming to Roundup.

Little incidents sometimes change

the course of a man's life, and it was at Lawton that a little thing occurred which afterwards resulted in Mr. Schrupp moving to Montana to continue in his chosen vocation. While seated in the store one evening for a short respite after the day's work, his eyes fell on a map of the United States. Tracing westward, as has been the trend of civilization since time began, his interest centered upon Montana, and particularly upon the Musselshell valley, and the vast empire tributary to it. Isolated as it was at that time from railroads by from 50 to a hundred and fifty miles, Mr. Schrupp saw in it exceptional opportunities awaiting those who would take advantage of them. His imagination showed him a wonderful country, which surely some day would be developed and blossom forth, and he decided that now was the time to get in to grow up with a coming country. His interest once aroused, he commenced to correspond with the postmaster at Elso (who happened to be the ever obliging Henry Willis), with the result that Mr. Schrupp made a trip out here a year ago last January. He was so well pleased with what he saw that he then and there decided that Montana was the place for him.

Mr. Schrupp came to Roundup to locate the early part of January of the present year, and had his store ready to be opened to the public by March 1. As the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul had only been completed between here and Harlowton, with a gap between here and Miles City, all goods had to be shipped over the N. P. and Great Northern via Lombard, and considerable difficulty and delay was experienced in getting a stock of goods here.

Since the opening of the store his business has been increasing by leaps and bounds and he has been compelled to add to his stock until now he is carrying fully \$20,000 worth of goods. He has also built an addition to his first store and is already planning to lengthen the entire store in the spring, thereby doubling his present floor space.

H. E. MARSHALL.

H. E. Marshall, the big Musselshell valley merchant, with stores at Martinsdale and Harlowton, is also represented in Roundup. He first bought out the railroad commissary conducted by D. P. Mumbrie, which

at that time invoiced \$2,800. The stock carried by this firm now is close to \$28,000. Mr. Marshall has been enjoying a steady increase in his business and a few months ago was compelled to rent the Severson building, which is now being used for the men's furnishings and furniture departments. A 40 by 43 two-story stone building is also being put up right in front of the present building, which stands about 40 feet back from Main street. The corners occupied by Mr. Marshall are opposite each other and have been appropriately named the "Busy Corners." W. M. Ogle is manager of the store at this place and to him must be given the credit for making the business a success.

H. E. Marshall's rise in the business world has been meteoric. When he first came to Montana he was a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house of Great Falls. Leaving this position, he embarked in business for himself at Castle, a mining camp in the mountains. Castle's boom, however, did not last long, and from a city of 5,000 soon dwindled to almost nothing when the mines gave out, and in 1894 we find Mr. Marshall engaged in business at Martinsdale. His business prospered so that six years ago he opened a branch store at Harlowton, and he now has one of the largest and finest stores in this section of the state at the latter place. The first of the present year he invaded the lower Musselshell country and he will undoubtedly duplicate his former successes here also.

Besides Manager Ogle, nine salesmen are employed in this store, which gives one an idea of the large volume of business done in this establishment. With the completion of the new store Manager Ogle will have an opportunity to spread out and will have better facilities for taking care of the ever-increasing business.

F. M. WALL COMPANY.

The F. M. Wall company is one of Roundup's most enterprising and progressive business houses. The principal stockholders in this company are F. M. Wall, who is president and manager; M. H. Wall, vice president, and Noley W. Thompson of Helena, who is secretary and treasurer. This firm located in Roundup in June and opened their doors to the public Aug. 11, since which time they have been enjoying a steady growth.

They carry a complete line of general merchandise, hardware and furniture and their stock is estimated at \$50,000.

The Wall brothers came to Montana in 1887 from Vermont, settling first in Helena. Here they remained for about 13 years, during most of which time Mike served as United States marshal, while Frank was employed in one of the large grocery stores at that place. In 1899 they opened a store at Browning, in the Blackfoot Indian reservation, being very successful in their venture. They conducted this store for about eight years, selling out last January.

The Wall store is a large 30 by 100 two-story structure, besides having a store room of the same size joining it on the north. Ten clerks are employed and the store has every appearance of a metropolitan establishment. The increasing demands of the business have crowded their present quarters and another addition is now being contemplated to overcome this condition. It is the intention to just double the present capacity.

THE BOSTON STORE.

The Boston store is another one of Roundup's progressive and enterprising business places, being owned and conducted by J. C. Lohman. Mr. Lohman was formerly a prominent rancher in Meagher county, near White Sulphur Springs, and was one of the first to start up in business here.

This store makes a specialty of ladies' and men's furnishings and carries a full and complete stock in these lines at all times. Being connected with the Boston Buyers' Syndicate, it is always in close touch with the markets of the east, and is thus in a position to offer wearing apparel for both ladies and gentlemen right up to the minute.

The Boston store is located in a substantial, two-story building on Main street, and is most artistically arranged inside. Mr. Lohman carries a \$10,000 stock of goods and is enjoying a very nice business.

M. R. SWANSON CO.

The M. R. Swanson Co. conduct the only exclusive grocery store in Roundup. Their place of business is located on Second street east, one of the coming thoroughfares of the city.

M. R. Swanson, the leading light in this concern, is a North Dakota man, having been engaged in business at Granville, N. D., before coming to this place, and is a man of experience in the grocery trade. He is conducting a neat, up-to-date place, keeping his stock fresh and clean, which is an essential point in this line of business, and is meeting with splendid success. Mr. Swanson has great faith in the future of Roundup, as is evidenced by the fact that he has invested quite heavily in local real estate. His store business alone represents an investment of about \$10,000.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROUNDUP.

The First National Bank of Roundup is the first national bank to be established in the great Musselshell valley, throughout its entire length and breadth, having first commenced operations here on the 27th day of July. The first two days of its existence it received in deposits \$30,000, which has been steadily increasing, until now its deposits amount to \$65,000. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000, with a surplus of \$5,000, and connected with it are men who stand out prominently in the financial circles of Montana and the west. Roundup is fortunate indeed in having a financial institution of this substantial character locate here.

The officers of the bank are as follows: F. M. Wall, president; R. M. Calkins, vice president; C. R. Cheney, cashier; T. A. Marlow, M. M. Klein, F. M. Wall, R. M. Calkins, C. R. Cheney, board of trustees. Mr. Calkins is general freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, with headquarters at Butte. Mr. Marlow is president of the National Bank of Montana of Helena and is a prominent figure in the banking world. The other officers are prominent local men.

H. B. Earling of the St. Paul road and W. W. Taylor, general superintendent of the Republic Coal company, are also interested in the bank.

C. R. Cheney, the popular cashier, has the business well in hand and his administration of the affairs of the bank meet with universal favor. Before coming to Roundup he was connected with the Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, one of the largest financial institutions in the northwest outside of Chicago.

THE PIONEER DRUG STORE OF ROUNDUP.

Another progressive and wide-awake firm is the Republic pharmacy, conducted by the Haight-Blair company. It is the pioneer drug store of the city, having opened its doors to the public in the early part of April, and it represents a first-class apothecary shop in every detail. The original building occupied by this firm was 24 by 40, but to this there has been built an addition of 20 feet. One of the main features of this establishment is the prescription room, which is one of the most sanitary and up-to-date rooms of this nature as can be found in the state of Montana.

The postoffice is located in this store, A. L. Haight, the senior member of the firm, having been appointed postmaster.

A large \$1,000 soda fountain graces the store and it adds no little popularity to the establishment. The business of this firm represents an investment of \$5,000.

Messrs. Haight and Blair are two of the most popular young business men of Roundup. A. L. Haight, familiarly known as "Doc," made his first appearance on the scene as a machinist at the Republic coal mine on Nov. 5, 1907, coming from Milwaukee, and it was at this early stage that the new enterprise was first projected, as "Doc" already beheld the great future which awaited Roundup. He succeeded in interesting E. H. Blair, an old school chum, in the proposition, finally resulting in their launching in the drug business.

E. H. Blair, who also is a Milwaukee man, is a graduate of the Marquette School of Science and has been assistant instructor in chemistry in that institution for a number of years. Adding to this his many years' actual experience, and the fact that he passed the examination before the state board of pharmacy with the highest honors, proves that he is well qualified to take charge of the prescription end of the business.

THE ROUNDUP HARDWARE COMPANY.

The Roundup Hardware company is Roundup's only exclusive hardware store. This place of business is owned by Potter & Johnson, two young men who recently came here

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FRUITS

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