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Many Farmers Here

Farmer's Institute Proves Successful—Farmers Benefit by Lectures by Prominent Agriculturists.

BOOSTERS TO ORGANIZE

Committees Appointed and Temporary Officers Elected—Another Meeting Tuesday Evening.

The preliminary steps towards the formation of an organization to be known as the Musselshell County Boosters' Club were taken at a meeting held in Evan's Hall Tuesday evening.

Theo. F. Archer was elected as temporary chairman, and N. C. Williams, temporary secretary.

A committee consisting of the following was appointed to draft a constitution and a set of by-laws: A. W. Eiselein, C. H. Tyler, James E. Potts, E. J. Crull and Wm. J. Jameson.

H. B. Thompson, E. E. Congdon, E. F. Parriott, C. F. Richardson and Oakley Worth were appointed as a committee to form rules for a permanent organization and order of business.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening.

CARLETON SELLS OUT

Important Change Made in Musselshell County Abstract Company.

By the changing about the ownership of a large block of stock in the Musselshell County Abstract Company, the control of that concern passed into the hands of former smaller stockholders last Saturday. F. E. Carleton, who owned 97 of the 200 shares issued by the company, transferred his entire block, while F. W. Dralle, who also held 97 shares, disposed of all but 47 shares, thus placing the control of the company entirely in new hands.

The Musselshell County Abstract Company was the first concern of its nature to be formed, being organized within a few days after the county became a reality. The incorporators were Earl Reid, M. R. Swanson, C. F. Richardson, Irwin Schneider and others. Later on another abstract company was formed by F. W. Dralle and F. E. Carleton, known as the Roundup Abstract Company, which afterwards absorbed the old company and assumed the old name.

Ed. Rousseau, sales agent for the Roundup Coal Mining Company is covering the eastern territory this week.

BOWLING SCORES

Bill Ording Leads in Bowling Contest for Fad Prize of Suit of Clothes.

Below is given the standing of the contestants for the Fad's prize of a suit of clothes to the one bowling the highest average in forty games during the present month. It will be seen that Bill Ording leads the list by 10 points, but it will also be noticed that Bill Ording has not yet finished his four work-days to do it.

Name	No. Games	Avg.
Ording	5	188
Megeath	49	173
Jesse	12	176
E. Fletcher	49	175
Munger	10	175
Lambert	40	173
Cedersten	15	176
H. Fletcher	32	169
Committ	23	160

List of high scores made this month on Case's alleys:

Ceder	247
Ording	246
Megeath	242
Lambert	242
Munger	238

VIOLATED WINE ROOM LAW

No. 4 Saloon Keeper Arrested on Charge of Violating Wine Room Law—Hearing Tomorrow.

David Henderson, a saloon keeper at No. 4, was arrested Tuesday night by Sheriff Fisco on a charge of violating the wine room law. He was brought before Judge Webb and released on \$1000 bail, which he furnished, until tomorrow when he will be given a preliminary hearing.

ALL ARE WILLING TO DO THE CARVING.



Farmers of County Will Organize

STEPS TAKEN TOWARD BRINGING THE FARMERS OF MUSSELHELL COUNTY TOGETHER IN COMPACT ORGANIZATION—MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROUNDUP FEBRUARY 14, 1912.

The farmers of Musselshell County will be organized into one compact body if plans laid at a meeting held here during the farmers' institute will bear fruit. There has been a farmers' club in existence for some time having been formed shortly after the farmers' picnic at the experimental station north of Roundup last summer, but this organization is only local in character. The object of the new organization is to spread out to include the whole county and thus to extend its scope of usefulness.

The meeting at which the plan was formally launched was held here immediately after the Farmers' Institute Tuesday evening, at which there were present a large number of representative farmers of the county. It was unanimously decided to perfect a farmers' county organization, and with that end in view the names of representative farmers from all sections of the county were suggested to act as a committee, this committee to meet in Roundup on Wednesday, February 14 at 2 o'clock p. m., to formulate a plan of organization. Letters of notification will be sent to the different communities at some later date.

THREE 20th CENTURY WONDERS

Will Be Elucidated in Lecture at Star Theatre Thursday, February 8.

Three of the greatest marvels of science and wonders of the twentieth century—radio, liquid air and wireless telegraphy—will be demonstrated in a lecture at the Star Theatre, Thursday, February 8th, by Prof. Wm. B. Patty under the auspices of the Roundup High School. It will doubtless prove one of the most interesting events of the year, and will provide an excellent evening's entertainment in the wonderland of science.

Liquid air will be demonstrated by practical experiments such as fusing steel, freezing quick sover and alcohol, boiling it on ice, and many others. Wireless messages will be sent and received in the audience. But what will no doubt prove the crowning feature of the lecture will be the experiments performed by the six tubes of radium of 1,000,000 activity (about the calibre of a Roundup booster) which he carries in his vest pocket. With this phenomena of nature it is possible to take a photograph thru a sixteen-inch pile of wood.

Men are like hens, the harder they have to scratch for a living the more useful they become.

The physiologists tell us that we have five senses, and yet some folks act as if they had none.

COAL MINE NEAR MUSSELHELL

Pennsylvania Man to Develop Coal Property—Good Quality of Coal.

On January 5th, Ben Linsebigler made formal application under Sec. 2343, Rev. Stat., for 160 acres of coal land and has thereon opened up a mine, says the Musselshell Advocate. The land lies about a mile and a half south of Musselshell on Hawk creek, in the section surveyed some time ago, but which has not been placed on the market. Mr. Linsebigler, who is an experienced mineralogist and coal expert from Pennsylvania, has already done quite a bit of development work on the mine and intends to push the work forward so that by next fall he will be in shape to go onto the market with his product. The vein is better than 30 inches at the cropping and this Mr. Linsebigler believes will become thicker farther in. The grade of coal, considering the shallow digging, is of a good quality, and which, of course will materially improve as the mine is sunk deeper. During the cold snap quite a bit of coal from the new mine has been marketed in town and users are finding it very satisfactory. This is the second mine to be opened near Musselshell and from a present indications both will share a good local business with increasing demands that will eventually supply work for a large force of men.

ROAD WILL BE BUILT OUT OF BIG COULEE

Proposed Road in West End Will Permit Lake Basin People to Come to Ryegate.

The Smith Bros., of the Big Coulee, are engineering a road building project that will be of material benefit to the people of the Lake Basin country and also to the business men of Ryegate says the Ryegate Reporter. This road will lead out of the Coulee two or three miles east of the Smith Bros. ranch and will be done at a very small cost. The farmers of that locality will donate most of the work and the Smith boys will finish it. The main object of building this road is so that they can get their threshing rig out of the Coulee up on the south bench where they can serve these farmers. Indirectly, however, it will be a good thing for the business men of Ryegate for some of the trade that is now going to other places will undoubtedly come here.

Everybody has to hustle; even the egg is compelled to scramble, often times.

Refund For Miners

Approximately \$10,000 to Be Refunded to Roundup Coal Miners Because of Unconstitutional Law.

Approximately \$10,000 is to be refunded to the coal miners of Roundup within the next thirty days on account of the unconstitutionality of the accident and total disability law which was enacted by the state legislature in 1909. Sums ranging from five cents to \$20 will be paid to about 1500 miners who have been employed in the Roundup mines since the law went into effect October 1, 1910.

The act, which has been declared unconstitutional was passed March 4, 1909, provided for accident and total disability insurance for coal miners, the fund being raised by an assessment of one cent per ton on the total output of the coal mines, this being paid by the operators, and an additional assessment of one cent on the gross monthly earnings of the miners which was deducted from their pay checks.

The test case was brought in the district court of Lewis and Clarke county last year by the state auditor vs. the Rocky Ford Coal Co. The court's decision which was rendered last November declared the law unconstitutional.

The state has already refunded the money collected under the law, and the local operating companies will refund to the miners the amount that has been deducted from their wages during the time the law has been in force. Some miners who have been employed here steadily since October, 1910, will draw as much as \$20.

The Republic Coal Company will issue the refunding checks on the next pay day, January 31, while the Roundup Coal Mining Company will do so some time during the next month.

COMMERCIAL CLUB APPOINTS COMMITTEES

Eight Standing Committees Are Appointed at Regular Meeting of Roundup Commercial Club.

At the regular meeting of the Roundup Commercial Club held in the Pioneer Club rooms Wednesday evening, President L. R. Carroll announced the appointment of the followings standing committees for the present year:

Advertising and Publicity
L. R. Carroll, A. W. Eiselein, E. F. Parriott.

Transportation and Manufacturing
M. M. Klein, M. H. Wall, E. F. Parriott, George N. Griffin.

County Affairs
D. J. O'Neil, J. C. Bogue, Fred W. Dralle, C. F. Richardson, H. P. Lambert.

City Improvement
A. A. Morris, Dr. L. H. Thurston, J. W. Newton, C. E. Wofford, A. H. Eiselein.

Finance
J. W. Anderson, I. E. Schneider, Dr. C. T. Pigot, W. N. Taylor, H. P. Lambert.

Entertainment
M. Wall, Bruce Radigan, Jr. G. O'Neil, H. B. Thompson.

Membership
J. C. Bogue, C. E. Wofford, W. N. Taylor.

Agriculture and Exhibits
Jos. L. Ashbridge, E. J. Parkinson, W. A. McGinley, Earl Reid, L. R. Carroll.

Olaf Jensvold, superintendent of the Roundup Experiment Station was elected an honorary member of the committee on county affairs. He was honored by a rising vote being taken, in recognition of the splendid work he is doing for the county.

DEMOCRATS HAVE MEETING

Permanent County Organization Perfected at Meeting Held Here Tuesday Evening.

A permanent Democratic county organization was perfected at a meeting of delegates from ten of the thirteen precincts of the county held here Tuesday evening. The delegates named the following men as members of the county central committee:

T. J. Mathews, Chairman.
H. P. Lambert, Treasurer.
Ed. F. Parriott, Secretary.
C. M. Jacobs, the wellknown Musselshell rancher, was named as the state committeemen for this county.

LOOK FOR OIL NEAR BILLINGS

COMPANY BEING FORMED TO DRILL IN VICINITY OF SUGAR METROPOLIS.

Indications Plentiful

H. J. Connolly, Experienced Oil Man, Declares Territory Has All "Ear-tracks"—Confident Not Only Oil But marks" of Great Petroleum Dis-Gas Will Be Found.

Plans are now well under way for the formation of a company to make tests for oil and gas in the vicinity of Billings, and a large part of the capital stock has been subscribed. Many of the most prominent business men in the city are interested in the undertaking and it is confidently believed that oil or gas or possibly both will be struck in great quantities.

H. J. Connolly, who is promoting the enterprise, is an old oil man of 30 years' experience, having drilled wells in all the important oil fields of the United States, and states that in none of these has he found indications more promising.

A fund of \$15,000 is being raised for the experimental work and plans are being laid for a well 3,000 feet deep. Heavy equipment will be used, so that the well may be drilled deep enough to ascertain for certain if there is any oil lying under this section. Much of the money already has been raised and other business men have signified their desire to invest in the enterprise.

"I find the ear-marks on all sides of Billings," said Mr. Connolly yesterday, "and I can't see how there can help being oil and gas in this country."

Mr. Connolly explains that he has found traces of the oil bearing strata north of Billings, and that this section has the "blanket" formation necessary to good oil fields. This strata of rock and earth lie almost in the shape of a bowl, between the ranges of hills and mountains which surround the Yellowstone valley, and the layers of rock are practically unbroken. This, in the opinion of Mr. Connolly, will give a pressure to the oil of gas lying beneath.

Gas has been struck in small quantities south of Billings, but is only in small pockets, and is found in shale. This, says Mr. Connolly, is an unnatural condition, and these small bodies of gas, must have found that way very slowly through minute apertures in the earth, from larger bodies beneath in the natural oil bed, which it is certain lies below.

"There is no use going at this thing in a half-hearted way, or making play out of it," said Mr. Connolly yesterday. "We will start with heavy machinery and drill a hole large enough so we can go down at least 3,000 feet. Many oil drillers who lack experience, get down about 1,200 or 1,500 feet and then have to stop because the hole is too small to sink farther, when probably if they could go down a few hundred feet more, they would strike oil."

"I am confident that we can strike enough gas near Billings to supply this town, and its growth for 30 years, and if we can it will double the population of the town in one year, as it has almost every other town in the United States where oil has been struck."

The company will secure a lease of not less than 10,000 acres of land before starting to operate. The oil lease on the land will not interfere with the cultivation of it, except for a few acres at the well.

Operations will start as soon as the money is raised and arrangements are already being made for the securing of machinery.