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NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE THEIR PLACES MONDAY JAN. 6

ENTIRE NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HANDLE AFFAIRS OF MUSSELSHELL COUNTY AFTER THAT DATE—FOUR NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL TAKE OATH OF OFFICE, WHILE SIX OF THE PRESENT INCUMBENTS WILL HOLD OVER.

FIRM OF HANDLE BROTHERS NOMORE

STOCK COMPANY CAPITALIZED AT \$150,000 IS ORGANIZED TO OPERATE THE BUSINESS.

Now Co. to Branch Out

Old Firm Originally Known as Ives & Handel Was Organized in Meridan Conn., in 1882 and Moved to Montana in 1885—is One of the Oldest Firms in the State.

Musselshell Advocate: The Handel Bros. Company, Incorporated, has just completed its organization with a capital stock of \$150,000, to take over the general merchandise business of Handel Brothers, and will begin operations on January 1. At a meeting yesterday the following officers were elected: F. W. Handel, president; G. W. Handel, vice president; and W. S. Perkins, secretary.

This new company is formed to handle the ever growing business of this large company, which has grown out of the reach of the Handel Bros., who realize that new blood is needed to carry out the large list of improvements that are contemplated. With the development that is bound to come to the Musselshell valley, since it has been proven that farming is to replace the large bands of sheep and the large herds of cattle, which means more people, more need of agricultural implements and harvesting machinery as well as supplies of all kinds, this is destined to be the trade center for a large area of country.

The services of an experienced systematic sales manager has been secured to develop the business of the new corporation, who will take active charge of the business January 1. The new company will branch out and enlarge on the lines which seem to be more in demand and also expect to operate branch stores at several points. Nearly all of the stock of the company has been placed and the stock unsold at the present time will be offered to the people of this vicinity, allowing them to co-operate in the advancement of this new institution.

With the retirement from active service in the conduct of this extensive business, it loses two men who have accomplished no end of good to this section of Montana. From a beginning of a business done in the old log buildings, to a business of thousands of dollars annually, is no small tribute to the business ability of F. W. and G. W. Handel, but they realize that with their other interests here that they cannot give the mercantile business the attention which it has grown to demand and the incorporation is the result. This will enable them to give their intention to the other interests and at the same time get new life into the old business by getting men who might see opportunities for branching out which they have overlooked in their long and constant association in this section.

The company was formed in Meridan, Conn., by G. W. Ives and F. W. Handel under the firm name of Ives & Handel in 1882, and was moved to Montana in 1885. In 1889, Mr. Ives, who had met with an accident, was forced to retire from the business, G. W. Handel buying his interest and the firm name was changed to Handel Bros., under which name it has been operated since that time. This reputation of thirty years successful business which makes this one of the oldest firms in the state and the oldest in the Musselshell valley, gives the new company a prestige which few firms have.

ROUMANIAN MINISTER ARRIVES IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 26.—M. M. Mishu, the new Rumanian minister arrived in London last night. He had an interview with Dr. Denoff, head of the Bulgarian peace delegation, at which Rumania's demands for compensation and the relations between Rumania and Bulgaria are said to have been discussed in a friendly spirit.

On the first Monday in January the new county officials chosen by the people in the recent general election will take their oaths of office and take their places in the court house. The old board of county commissioners will retire giving way to an entirely new board composed of Olaf Jensvold of Roundup, who will serve for six years; C. M. Jacobs of Musselshell, who will be a member of the board for four years; and F. C. Metzger of Rothiemay, who was elected for a term of two years. The retiring board which was named in the bill creating the county were M. M. Klein, L. C. Neace and W. C. Jenzen. The outgoing board had a hard row to hoe and no doubt some of them will be glad that the work is to be taken up by others. The old board will meet next week to clean up the whatever business remains unfinished so that the new board starts with a clean slate. On Monday, January 6, 1913, the new board will meet and organize by electing one of its members as chairman, after which they will be ready to transact any business which may come before them.

There are to be inducted into office four new county officials, while six will remain having been re-elected by the people. Fred E. Renshaw of Lavina, will assume the duties of the county clerk and recorder, taking the place made vacant by Fred W. Dralle, the present incumbent. G. J. Jeffries will be the new county attorney taking the place of Desmond J. O'Neill. T. S. O'Connor will become county coroner, displacing G. J. Krueger. Elmer B. Carter, county treasurer-elect, will not take charge of that office until March as provided by the statutes.

The six county officials who were re-elected to their respective offices are, Lou Fisco, sheriff; K. E. Park, county assessor; E. K. Parkinson, county surveyor; Maude Griffin, county superintendent of schools; W. G. Jarrett, clerk of the district court; Wm. F. Ordling, public administrator.

There will be no changes in the deputies employed in the offices where the incumbents were re-elected, and it is understood that Clerk and Recorder-elect Renshaw will retain Fred Kibble and Miss Josephine Gaughan as deputies in that office. County Treasurer-elect Carter has not yet made any announcement as to the appointment of a deputy.

DOCTOR WELSH LEAVES SUNDAY FOR EUROPE

Will Sail from New York Within a Week for Vienna Where he Will Spend One Year at Study.

T. W. Welsh, one of the prominent local doctors, will leave Sunday night for Europe, where he will spend over a year. He will be accompanied by his family as far as Iowa, where they will remain until his return. The doctor will sail for Hamburg from New York on Jan. 5th on the S. S. America. He will spend a year or more at study in Vienna and other noted European cities, and on his return will stop off at New York for a short course of study in that city. He will return to Roundup to resume his large practice which will be left in charge of Dr. Lewis, formerly of this place, during his absence.

TO KEEP ARMY SANITARY

SOFIA, Dec. 26.—King Ferdinand yesterday addressed an order to the arm exhorting it to a strict compliance with the sanitary measures framed to keep the army at the highest state of efficiency.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The annual Christmas entertainment was given at the Methodist church Tuesday night by the Sunday School. The church had been very tastefully decorated with a tree and other ornaments. A program consisting of songs recitations and class exercises was given by the little folks and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. After the program was concluded all the children were presented with apples, candy and nuts which had been provided by the school.

IF THE WOMEN OF THE COUNTRY HAVE THEIR WAY.



NO CONNECTION AT LAVINA FOR A WHILE

DEMURRER AGAINST COMPLAINT OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS REGARDING PHYSICAL CONDITION OF MILWAUKEE AND BURLINGTON AT LAVINA IS ALLOWED AND MATTER IS PUT OFF INDEFINITELY.

The matter of securing a physical connection between the Milwaukee and Burlington roads at Lavina was indefinitely put off when the district court at Great Falls last week allowed a demurrer filed by Attorney Mathews for the Milwaukee road. The demurrer of the railroad company based on the ground that the complaint of the railroad commissioners was too indefinite.

The matter of securing the connection of the two roads was taken up by the Commercial Club of Lavina, and the railroad commissioners finally issued a complaint against the two roads.

A new complaint will now have to be filed by the railroad commissioners, or an appeal taken over the action of the district court at Great Falls in finding the complaint defective.

THE STANDING OF THE CONTESTANTS

ENORMOUS GAINS MADE IN THE COUNT LAST WEEK—NO. 32 STILL IN THE LEAD.

Standing of contestants in the \$400 Piano Contest week ending December 25, 1912:

No. 1	517,780
No. 5	647,980
No. 7	858,115
No. 9	119,050
No. 12	105,420
No. 13	708,890
No. 14	482,950
No. 15	398,150
No. 16	117,370
No. 17	299,430
No. 18	286,145
No. 19	235,015
No. 20	226,760
No. 21	104,215
No. 22	306,230
No. 23	303,325
No. 24	124,610
No. 26	227,300
No. 29	114,360
No. 32	888,905
No. 34	242,935
No. 35	460,670
No. 36	112,745
No. 38	415,420
No. 39	245,375
No. 41	104,045
No. 43	123,470
No. 48	228,130
No. 49	484,235
No. 50	183,030
No. 51	115,575
No. 52	393,645
No. 53	113,510
No. 56	133,600
No. 57	119,615
No. 60	112,445
No. 69	118,235

THIS STATE TO LEAD THEM ALL

SAYS PROFESSOR ATKINSON, AGRICULTURIST FROM BOZEMAN COLLEGE.

Produced Much Flax

The People Are Just Beginning to Appreciate the Enormity of the Productiveness of the Soil of the Treasure State.

"The people are just beginning to realize and appreciate the many and undreamed of uses of the unbeatable soils of Montana," says Professor Atkinson, the agronomist of the Bozeman agricultural college. He tells how and why the soils are unbeatable.

Professor Atkinson has taught agronomy in New York, Iowa and other states and when he says this state is better fitted for the dry land farmer, the stockman, and the truck grower, he speaks with the authority born of experience.

He says that in the eastern part of the state, the flax crop has been the biggest ever raised in the state, there is a greater acreage and larger yield per acre. Between eight and nine million bushels of this crop have been harvested this year in Montana.

Some of the many reasons for this unprecedented productivity was due to the sale of railroad lands at prices which permitted the settler to invest a good amount in seed, and then this good fortune was followed by a season which helped him in every way.

Mr. Atkinson says that although Montana is not known as a corn state, a variety of that plant which is known as the Northwestern Dent, will make it one of the leading corn states.

This corn will grow in non-irrigated soil, and there will mature in sixty or ninety days. This plant will also take the place of the summer fallow.

With corn and alfalfa as Montana's chief products, which will one day be the case, more cattle will be raised on the farms in this state than was the case in the days of the big herds and the open range. This may be accounted for by the fact that each small farmer will have a small bunch of cattle always in good condition and always marketable.

With the production of more alfalfa the dairying industry will grow. Of the fall crops which have been exceptional this year was Durum wheat a dry land crop. Oats, one of Montana's staples, was also in the lead at all big land shows in the East.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY SURVEYS BRANCH ROAD INTO ROUNDUP

CORPS OF SURVEYORS NOW ENGAGED IN MAKING PRELIMINARY SURVEY FOR BRANCH ROAD INTO ROUNDUP FROM POINT ON BILLINGS & NORTHERN SOUTH OF JUDITH GAP—APPARENT OBJECT IS TO TAP ROUNDUP COAL FIELD.

Farmers living in the country northwest of Roundup this week brought to town the news that a corps of Great Northern surveyors is engaged in that section on a preliminary survey which is headed direct to Roundup. The work of the surveyors is marked by great secrecy and it was not known what road they represented until some boxes were seen with the letters G. N. painted thereon. The chief engineer in charge of the party of surveyors was in this city Monday and spent considerable time in a local law office reading up the statutes on some point of law in connection with the survey. He was not talkative, however, and very little could be learned from him.

According to information received here from various sources the survey is for a branch road of the Great Northern from a point on the Billings & Northern south of Judith Gap direct to Roundup. The survey is said to bring the road down Devil's Gulch north of the property of the Roundup Coal Mining Company, passing thru the Brit Steen homestead and Park addition and skirting the rim rocks in the western part of the city. This week the surveyors were encamped near the Bricker ranch about twelve miles northwest of here.

It has been known for some time that the Great Northern had its eye on the Bull Mountain coal field, and with the building of the new lines of that road in this state which is now under way, a new coal supply becomes most imperative. Being closely connected with the N. P. Railway, the Great Northern would have very little difficulty in securing coal lands in this field. For a while it was believed that a branch would be constructed from the proposed Mondak-Lewistown cutoff of the Great Northern into the Carpenter creek coal fields east of here, but as the business of Roundup is of considerable importance and magnitude it is conjectured that the officials of that road decided this would be the most practical point to touch.

It is not known whether the line will stop here or whether it is to be a loop connecting with the Mondak-Lewistown cutoff at some point east of here. Should the preliminary survey be found feasible and the branch constructed it will mean much to Roundup, as several new mines would no doubt be opened up. It would also place the vast territory west of here in close touch with Roundup.

NEW VARIETY OF WHEAT FOR NORTHWEST GROWERS.

Agricultural Department Has Importations of Valuable New Variety From Russia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A new variety of durum wheat which promises to be valuable for the cereal growers of the northwest has been imported by the department of agriculture. It comes from Bezenshook, Southeastern Russia, where it was originated at the Russian government's experimental station. Frank Meyer, agricultural expert explorer of the department, discovered the new wheat last summer during his trip through central Asia. He describes it as being a new and valuable variety of black bearded durum wheat, having very long open ears. It is called teiskin and is proving extremely hardy.

"MERRY XMAS" BY WIRE—LESS COAST TO COAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—For the first time in history, wireless Christmas Greetings were last night flashed from the Mare Island Navy Yard on the Pacific Coast to Washington. The message was from Captain Mayo, the commandant of the Mare Island Navy Yards, and was received by the giant radio station at Arlington. It conveyed the wishes of Captain Mayo and other officers at the Navy Yards to this city—"A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year."

LAY 1,000 MILES TRACK IN STATE

GREAT NORTHERN ENTERING THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTIVE PERIOD IN HISTORY.

Mont. Scene of Road War

Half of the Twenty-one Million Dollar Bond Issue Goes Toward Acquisition of the Montana Eastern Railway.

The Great Northern is entering one of the most important constructive periods in its history, according to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and its construction plans in Montana call for the building next year of more than one thousand miles of new line. The Pioneer Press says:

Constituting the largest financial deal that has been made in the West since the authorized issue of \$600,000,000 in bonds by the Great Northern road in May, 1911, the funds derived from the stock issue of \$21,000,000 added to the capitalization of the Hill system recently, may apply, according to the amendment to the articles of incorporation filed in the office of the secretary of state, to the following exigencies:

The construction, purchase and extension of branches, telegraph lines, shops, docks, wharves, ferries, landings, etc.

The purchase of the stocks, bonds and other securities of the Montana Eastern railway.

The purchase of the stocks, bonds and other securities of any other, the acquisition of which may be directed by the board of directors.

Other purposes in conformation with the order of the directing board of the Great Northern railway.

Altho the executive officers of the Great Northern have declined to discuss the amendment by which the capitalization of the road is increased from \$210,000,000 to \$231,000,000, it is generally admitted that the financial extension has been made to cover the enormous cost of the improvements and construction work planned by the road in the northwest next year.

It has been announced unofficially that the construction plans of the Great Northern in Montana for 1913 include the laying of more than 1,000 miles of new steel. It is undoubtedly to finance these projects, some of which are in process of building, and to cover the contemplated improvements of the road in North Dakota, at the Head of the Lakes and at the Pacific coast terminals, that the capital stock has been increased.

It is declared in St. Paul railway offices that the Great Northern is entering one of the most important constructive periods of its history. The road practically is involved in a keenly competitive, constructive warfare with the Soo and the St. Paul roads in the Montana district. It has been rumored that the Great Northern officials, fearing the invasion of the Soo in tributary territory, have threatened to parallel the tracks of the Canadian Pacific in Canada. Should this be contemplated it undoubtedly would justify an even greater increase in capital than that announced.

The acquisition of the Montana Eastern railway, the only definite purchase mentioned in the amendment, will involve, if the transaction is completed, an approximate expenditure of \$16,000,000.

The route of the Montana Eastern covers a mileage of approximately 500 miles. Its construction constitutes the most important building project under consideration in the West and it will supply one of the richest and commercially most prolific districts in Montana, long considered tributary territory to the Hill system. It is declared in local railroad circles that its direct control by the Great Northern is but a matter of formal acquisition.

A marriage license was issued on Monday to Claude Lacey of Huntley, Montana and Miss Ethel Clark of Broadview.