

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bell Telephone Company Buys City Hello Line

Local Concern Sells to Mountain States---New Company Plans Improvements---Stipulation Not Stated

One of the most important transactions recorded in recent years in the city of Glendive is the sale of the entire telephone branch of the Glendive Heat, Light & Power company, to the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company, of Denver, Co., a subsidiary of the great Bell Telephone System, the holding corporation. While all the arrangements for the transfer of the property to the new concern were made on Tuesday, the actual possession will be recorded as of January 1, 1916. The purchase price was not made public.

All Details Attended to. The details of the transaction on the part of the new concern were attended to by C. G. Cotton of Helena, the commercial superintendent of the company, and J. C. Owens of Billings, the visiting manager of this division, known as the Northern division of the system, with headquarters in Helena. Others connected with the new concern who were in town during the fore part of the week are: G. E. Berggren, traveling auditor; J. W. Gailey, manager of the Miles City office, and Carl C. Hill, division plant chief. Manager Frank C. Hughes represented the Glendive company, the authority for the sale having been given him at several recent meetings of the board of directors and stockholders.

New Concern Plans Extensions. It is understood that a new local plant chief will be appointed and that he will take charge by the first of next week. Two or three other new men will also be employed and they and their families are expected to move in as soon as arrangements are completed. At the present time the local telephone system has about 550 subscribers and operates over 600 instruments. The new concern will retain the present force of five operators inclusive of a chief the name of whom has not yet been given out for publication. It is understood that Miss Mabel Jacobson has resigned her position as chief and will devote her entire time in future to the office business of the local lighting and heating concern. It is said that because of the employment of a larger number of people by the new concern, the monthly pay roll will be almost double that of the old company within the coming year. All the present employees will be retained and others added to the pay roll from time to time as conditions warrant.

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Telegraph company is known to be among the most active of the state's many boosting organizations. They will try to merit the good will of the people by giving them a better service than they ever had before.

They have planned to spend many thousands of dollars in rebuilding the local plant, which will eventually be a model of its kind. At the present time there is an average of 4,000 calls made per day, including both local and long distance pings. There are but two public pay stations in the city, one in the Hotel Jordan writing room and the other in the local phone office. For the time being, at least, the office of the new concern will be located in the electric company's building on Merrill avenue opposite Bell street. The local phone company connects with the Moore Telephone company at Burns and also with the Pioneer Telephone company of Circle and Lindsay.

The eastern terminus of the Mountain States company is at present at Beach, N. D., and the line extends westward to Wallace, Idaho, where it is taken up by the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., another subsidiary company of the Bell system. The territory covered by the Mountain States company reaches from Canada to Mexico, through seven states including Texas, being one-fifth of the entire United States.

The company plans to spend \$600,000 in the northwest within the coming year on new construction work and new toll lines connecting hundreds of inland towns not now reached by phone. They expect to eventually have a transcontinental line reaching from coast to coast, and by the installation of receivers, costing \$3,000 each, at Glendive, St. Paul and Pittsburgh, enable a person to speak from Glendive or any other western city direct to New York City and other Atlantic coast points.

On November 1st, the same concern purchased the telephone plant at Terry from the Wright Telephone System, and since that time it has been made a part of the Northern division of the line.

CORN SILAGE WITH ALFALFA FOR WINTER STOCK FEEDING

No forage for winter use is as cheap and as good in its nutritive effect as corn silage. Used with alfalfa hay it forms a well-nigh perfect ration for many classes of farm livestock.

Silos are not numerous in Montana. In several communities they have been tried and the interest is growing. County Agent Taylor of Miles City can probably count more silos than any other demonstrator of their value and use. Hillman at Kalispell, Hansen at Missoula, Christopher at Huntley and G. E. Piper, Dawson county agriculturist, have been spreading the silo gospel.

In the west where lumber is plentiful and cheap, wooden silos, staves or others are probably most practical. Concrete will be used where lumber is too expensive. Pit silos are quite practical in dry areas and where money is scarce. For fifty or seventy-five dollars a farmer may buy material for a pit silo to be put in with home labor. The silo project is one of the most important ones to be discussed at the county agriculturists' conference at Bozeman, January 20-22, just before farmers' week. All the agricultural extension workers will attend farmers' week, January 24th to the 29th.

WELL KNOWN YOUTH KILLED IN JOY RIDE

One of the saddest fatal accidents that we have ever been called upon to chronicle, was that which occurred last Friday night, Christmas eve, when Roy C. Ferguson, aged 24 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralsey C. Ferguson of this city, died as the result of an automobile accident in which the car turned completely over and righted itself at the bottom of an embankment in the neighborhood of Riverside park.

The accident is said to have occurred about ten o'clock on the night in question and, according to the finding of the coroner's jury at the inquest held on Tuesday, was caused by drunkenness and careless handling of the car, a Buick "6", by Charlie Bowlin the driver, and Vincent Carter, the operator. Both these young men are at present locked up in the county jail awaiting further legal action by the county attorney, the exact nature of which action has not yet been made public. The owner of the car is said to be Tony Glorioso, the former proprietor of a South Side grocery.

Rumor has it that the two arrested men, in a spirit of fun struggled for possession of the steering gear and that as a result of which the car ran off the road into the embankment, turning completely over sideways and landing top up on its wheels. When asked by his companions if he had been hurt, young Ferguson replied that he was all right. His actions belied his words, however, and as he was seen to be in a fainting condition, he was hurried to the Glendive General hospital where he expired shortly after. The car was a new Buick and was being operated and driven by the two men now under arrest as a livery car, being used largely, it is understood, in the red light traffic.

The body was prepared for burial at Lowe's undertaking parlors, and the funeral was held Monday afternoon from the M. E. church, the Rev. W. B. Bliss officiating. Interment was made in the city cemetery, the funeral being in charge of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, nearly all the members of which body acted as active and honorary pallbearers.

The deceased leaves a devoted father, mother and sister to mourn his loss.

Phillip Hagan is home from college at Spokane to spend the holidays with his parents.

NATIVE DAUGHTER TO GIVE CONCERT MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Irene Burns Albert, known from coast to coast as one of the most artistically successful church and oratorio sopranos in the country, returns to her native city of Glendive to appear in concert, after an absence of six years.

Mrs. Albert recently returned from an extended visit to New York city where she studied and took up a sort of post-graduate course in higher vocal technique under such masters of the voice as M. Tanara, Herr Max Heinrich and Mme. Camille DeCreuse. For the past five years she has held the position of leading soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian church in Portland, Ore., from which city comes some splendid press reports of her successes in that part of the country, several of the Portland papers referring to her as "one of Portland's own and most admired singers." Besides church singing, Mrs. Albert has devoted considerable of her time to oratorio and concert work at which she is said to excel. She possesses a pure lyric soprano of remarkable beauty and flexibility and a stage and platform presence that fairly radiates her remarkably pleasing personality.

Mrs. Albert is truly a native daughter, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Burns, one of the original pioneer families of this city. Their eldest son, Ralph, a student in his last year at the Oregon Agricultural college, is also in the city spending the holidays with them.

Not only will the people be glad to welcome this former Glendive girl to their midst, even on so short a visit, but they will be more than pleased, especially the lovers of high class vocal music, to find that the out-of-town press reports of her marvelous gifts are in no sense exaggerated. The concert will be given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society at the M. E. church, next Monday evening, January 3rd, 1916, at 8:30 o'clock. Admission 50c.

T. A. Stewart of San Francisco, traveling representative of the Alexander Hamilton Institute of Business and Commerce, New York City, was a business visitor in the city last week, calling on local business and professional men and bankers in the interests of his college. Mr. Stewart is on his way to the Big City to attend the annual convention of their salesmen which is being held this week. He left for the east last Thursday.

HOW LONG? BY BART.



OLD FATHER TIME GROWS A YEAR OLDER WAITING FOR THE PEACE CALL

Enormous Payroll on Northern Pacific

Past Two Months Break Traffic Records---Greater Number of Men Employed---Lumber Shipments Excel

The general prosperity of the country at large is convincingly reflected by the enormous payroll this month and last on the Yellowstone division of the Northern Pacific Railway company. Last month the amount paid out by the local office of the road was \$132,000, while this month the payroll will amount to fully \$130,000. These pay checks represent the amount of money paid out in salaries and wages to trainmen and engineers all over the division and to the local employees of the shops, roundhouse, freight and other offices of the company. It is conservatively estimated that nearly one-half of this amount goes to employees who work and actually reside in the city. Only during the most severe spell of hard times does the local payroll of employees actually residing in the city run below the \$45,000 mark.

Not Enough Trainmen. A well known local official is authority for the statement that more men are employed on the Yellowstone division of the road than for the past three years and that nearly all the employees are working full time. The trouble for some time past has been to get enough trainmen, and this fact is said to account for so many new faces being seen among the "knights of the rail." On account of the scarcity of brakemen, firemen and switchmen a number of local positions had to be filled by out-of-town men, a large number of whom, it is thought, will continue to make their home in the city.

Wheat Movement Falls Off. While the eastbound movement of wheat during the month of November is said to have broken all local records, shipments of that commodity continue to drop off daily, local railroad men estimating that fully 33 1-3 percent of all the grain in the county is being held for an expected increase in price. That wheat will reach the top price of \$1.50 within the next few months, unless the wheat manipulators succeed in engineering a strenuous "bear" movement, is the opinion at the present time of the farmers themselves, many of whom are prone to watch and follow the activities of Jimmy Patton, the Chicago wheat king, whom, it is said, is quietly buying up an enormous line of May futures in the expectation of selling out later on at a record-breaking profit.

MONTANA EXHIBIT TO BE KEPT AT SAN DIEGO FAIR

Helena, Dec. 28.—The Montana exhibit at the San Diego exposition will be maintained during the coming year according to a decision made by the Montana Panama-Pacific exposition commission at a meeting held here today.

At the meeting it was disclosed that former Senator W. A. Clark had agreed to subscribe \$3,000 to the fund necessary to maintain the exhibit. It is estimated by the commission that it will require \$4,600 to install, move and keep up the display during the year.

So confident is the commission of securing the remainder of the money that it wired Frank Hazelbaker to get the building in shape and to arrange the exhibit.

While the Montana building at San Diego, which was built by Senator Clark, and which secured second prize at the exposition, will not be closed during the next month, the Montana exhibit will not be installed until the latter part of January. A number of repairs must be made between now and that date.

As a method to secure the balance of the money needed, the commission has decided to appeal to the commercial clubs for a donation of \$50 each. There remains to be raised only a little over \$1,100 and there is not the slightest doubt but that the 22 clubs in Montana will be willing to subscribe that amount.

Lumber Business Revives. While the wheat shipments decrease, the through transportation of lumber from the coast more than makes up for that loss in revenue to the railroads. It is said that not for a great many years has the lumber industry had such favorable prospects as at present. More men than ever are now employed in the great lumber regions of the northwest and trainload after trainload of both dressed and rough lumber passes almost daily through Glendive to Chicago and to other Great Lake points for re-shipment further east by steamer. It is not known to just what extent the temporary closing of the Panama Canal can be thanked for this condition of transportation prosperity, but we have yet to talk to a railroad man from trackwalker to general manager who has failed to give that as the sole reason for the present general increase in railroad business.

Supt. Lantry Sends Greetings. Following the custom recently established on many divisions of the Northern Pacific system, Superintendent T. H. Lantry has mailed to every employee of the road on this division a Christmas card, conveying the good wishes of the officials for the coming year of 1916.

Ralph Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Burns of this city, arrived in town late Friday afternoon from Corvallis, Oregon, to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. Burns is attending the Oregon State Agricultural college, from which institution he expects to graduate this spring to take up the profession of veterinary surgeon and will probably go into the stock raising business in this county later on.

As furnished each Thursday by the Eastern Montana Elevator Co.—

MARKET REPORT GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat—	
No. 1 Northern	1.06
No. 2 Northern	1.02
No. 1 Durum	1.01
No. 2 Durum	.98
No. 3 Northern	.96
Hard Winter	1.03
Flax No. 1	2.02
Flax No. 2	1.97
Barley	.46
Oats per cwt.	1.00
Rye	.75

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