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BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Interview With Mr. Paris Gibson—Extensive Works to be Initiated Soon.

Mr. Paris Gibson returned Thursday from St. Paul, where he attended the annual meeting of the Great Falls Land and Water Power Co., and conferred with Mr. James J. Hill and others regarding the interests of Great Falls. Mr. Gibson was asked by a representative of the TRIBUNE for some news regarding home affairs.

"You may say," said Mr. Gibson, "that Mr. Fanning, of Minneapolis, will be here in a few days to examine the water power at this city and report upon the best means of employing it for industrial purposes. As soon as Mr. Fanning's plans are completed, steps will be taken to carry them into effect by the construction of dams and other extensive works."

"Mr. Fanning," continued Mr. Gibson, "stands in the first ranks of hydraulic engineers. He has not only a national reputation, but he works on hydraulic engineering as regarded as standard authority in Europe."

"Are there any other works to be carried out this spring, Mr. Gibson?"

"There are. Col. Broadwater of Helena, the president of the Montana Central railroad will be here soon and will remain about a week. While he is here arrangements will be made for the union depot of the Montana Central and Manitoba railroads. Plans will be formed for the building of the bridge over the Missouri river at this place, and for the construction of the short railroad line which will connect this city with the Sand Coulee coal mines. Steps will be taken at once to carry all these undertakings into effect."

"Have any changes been made in regard to the sale of lots?"

"Yes; it has been decided to advance the price of business lots and to forego the building contract for such property. This course has been fully warranted by the large number of houses under contract and the general growth of the city. We have also decided to sell lots in portions of the city at from \$300 to \$400 each. This will enable persons of moderate means, working men especially, to acquire their own homes. These lots will be sold for one-fourth cash and the remainder on one two and three years with seven per cent. interest, which is much below the current rate."

"It is the intention of the company to pursue a broad liberal policy," continued Mr. Gibson. "Concerned in the advancement of Great Falls are animated with the friendly feelings for Fort Benton, Helena, Butte and all other cities and towns in this territory. We shall rejoice in their prosperity and work for the common good of Montana, whose ample resources would support a score of large, prosperous cities."

"What progress is being made with the Manitoba road, Mr. Gibson?"

"It is advancing in rapid strides toward Great Falls, and I expect that construction work will be commenced at this end in less than a month. Track laying proceeds at the rate of four miles per day, and will be increased to seven miles as soon as the days are longer. The grades are light and are in accord with Mr. Hill's purpose to provide Montana with a trunk railroad that can afford to carry her products at low rates of freight."

In regard to the sandstone deposits, Mr. Gibson said: "We shall take immediate steps to develop the vast kinds of sandstone on these lands, and shall be ready to ship both coal and building stone as soon as the railroads are ready. Large contracts have been made ready for such material."

Trade in Great Falls.

Business continues brisk in Great Falls. The stocks hardware grocery and dry goods will soon be in demand by goods that will come over the road river route. A saving of about \$150,000 in freight is effected by receiving goods by way of Fort Benton. The steamer from St. Paul and Minneapolis to St. Paul and Helena are alike, but teamsteering goods here from Benton for less money on account of the "short haul."

The saw mill of Ira M. & Co. is working to its full capacity to meet the demand for lumber. The mill is also busy and the whole establishment has a prosperous look. Logs are being received from the Smith river in place of the regular drive.

The race at the Cataract dam is being deepened, which will insure a force of water. The company has route a

quantity of new and improved machinery, which will be placed in the mill, making it the most complete in the west.

The lumber yard of Holter Lumber Co. contains a good stock, which is being reduced daily by demands for building purposes.

A NEW FACTORY.

Mr. McKay has his brick factory nearly complete and will begin work about a week hence. He was one of the first to engage in brick making here and is confident of success in this new enterprise. He finds excellent clay in this locality and will be able to make 40,000 bricks a week. The demand for brick is increasing daily on account of the amount of building that is going on.

NEARING GREAT FALLS.

Arrival of Mr. Griffith—Mr. Gibson Brings Good Tidings—Work will Begin Here Soon.

Mr. Griffith, of the engineering staff of the Manitoba railroad, arrived in town on Tuesday and will remain some time in this neighborhood. Mr. Griffith brings good news of the progress of the Manitoba advance. He was lately in Fort Benton and heard that the track was recently 70 miles beyond Minot. The grading extends to much greater distance.

MR. GIBSON INTERVIEWED.

The Helena Independent says: "Paris Gibson, of Great Falls, returned Monday evening from a trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis. He was seen last evening at the Cosmopolitan by an Independent reporter, who found him full of enthusiasm regarding the Manitoba's progress into Montana. Just before leaving St. Paul he had met Mr. D. C. Shepherd, the chief of the contracting firm that is building the road. He was feeling very cheerful over the progress of the work. Between 2,300 and 2,400 teams and a proportionate number of men had gone west of Minot this spring to go to work, and more were constantly being forwarded. Men and teams are strung along the line as far as fifty miles west of Fort Buford. Tracklaying is going forward at the rate of four miles per day with one shift. When the days get a little longer and the two shifts are put on it is expected to string the steel at the rate of seven miles every twenty-four hours. This is the greatest feat of railroad building on record. Mr. Shepherd told Mr. Gibson that there was no doubt that trains would run into Great Falls over the road by September 1, and, of course, they will reach Helena shortly later. Every arrangement for rapid work is perfect. 'Money, material and brains,' said Mr. Gibson, 'are enlisted in the work, and I can imagine no accident that will interfere with Mr. Hill's plans. Ever since the first of last January every energy of the company has been strained to prepare for this summer's work of construction and there is no likelihood of any failure to carry out the arrangement made.'"

It is understood that grading will begin near Great Falls about a month hence. The construction of the Manitoba line will thus be carried on from both ends, which will greatly facilitate the work. It is expected that the first locomotive will arrive in the vicinity of Fort Benton by the 1st of August. The location work from Great Falls eastward will be completed before the end of this month.

A New Stage Line.

The first stage of the White Sulphur Springs, Townsend, Nelhart and Great Falls line left here Thursday morning for Casner's, where it will meet the four horse stage for the mining camp and Townsend. Mr. Kingsland, the manager of the line, and Mr. Barker, of Nelhart, were among the passengers.

The stage will arrive here Saturdays and Tuesdays, and leave on Mondays and Thursdays. As business increases the trips will be made more frequently. It is intended to apply for authority to carry the mails on this route, which connects Great Falls with the important mining camp of Nelhart, as well as with the picturesque region of White Sulphur Springs. This new line is another proof of the growing importance of Great Falls.

B. R. Sherman writes us from Belt yesterday that he will not run his stage regularly to Nelhart, until Monday, the 15th inst. The road through the park is almost impassable.

Dr. H. H. Wynne.

Eye ear and throat specialist of Helena will be professionally at the Park Hotel, at Great Falls, on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14.

PROGRESS AT GREAT FALLS.

The Building Boom—A Long List of Business Blocks—That Will Soon Adorn Our Streets.

Improvements are in active progress all over Great Falls. The building season has set in with a rush and contractors are busy with numerous stores and residences. With few exceptions the buildings will be of brick. They will be built to a large extent by business men of means and experience who have fullest confidence in the growth of Great Falls as the metropolis of northern Montana and the coming business center of this region. Lots have been sold under building contracts for forty blocks on Central avenue, but the most noteworthy improvements in progress or to be commenced soon are those mentioned below.

The first improvement which meets the eye on Central avenue is the hotel annex. The Park hotel under the management of Mr. Ehrhart has done so well that he finds it necessary to double its size. The addition, of which the foundation and cellar walls have been laid, will give the hotel a frontage of 150 feet on Park drive, which with 100 feet frontage on Central avenue will make this one of the finest hotels in Montana. The entire building will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. It will have electric call bells, a steam laundry and every other improvement connected with a hotel of the first class.

On the north side of Central avenue the office building which is being erected for Phil. Gibson, real estate and insurance agent, is nearly completed.

There will soon be built near this another building for office purposes. It will be owned by Webster, Chown & Dickerman and will add considerably to the good appearance of the avenue.

Next to this will be a two-story brick building, the property of Parthen & Wells, two Helena capitalists who visited this city and were greatly struck by its splendid prospects.

Immediately below this block Mr. Albright will build a brick store to accommodate his furniture business which is increasing daily.

Burch & Hotchkiss will build a two-story building with a spacious basement. It will have an iron front and cornice. This fine building will be occupied as a hardware store by its enterprising owners.

Next this the foundation has been laid for two or three stores on the lot owned by Gibson and Vaughn.

Above this will be a fine two-story house with a dressed stone front and a basement. This building, which will be one of the finest on the avenue, will be the property of Chown, Webster & Co. The first floor will be occupied by C. P. Thomson, who will carry on the dry goods business there.

East of this the foundation has been laid by J. H. McKnight of a general merchandise store, which will be 100 feet deep and have a frontage of 80 feet.

The basement has also been built for another building, which will be the property of Kane, Kenloch & Gibson. This store will have two stories and its dimensions are to be 25x65.

Below Mr. Lapeyer's drug store a small building will also be erected this spring.

On the south side of Central avenue the house builders are also hard at work. At the corner of Central avenue and Second street will stand the Phelps building, which is being built for Mr. Phelps, cashier of the First National bank. The five store rooms in this spacious building are all rented. One of them will be occupied by the postoffice, which will thus have a central location.

Near the Bank of Great Falls there will soon be a two-story brick store.

Above it Gibson & Phelps will build a spacious two-story brick store, which will be occupied by Webster & Churchill, druggists of Jamestown, D. C.

East of that store G. J. Wernicke, late of Gardner, will build another, which will be 50x80. It will have two stories and be built of brick.

In other parts of the city several improvements are in progress. The Water Bros. are changing the name of their mill and putting in a new one. The capacity of the water at the mill is being enlarged and additional machinery made to several houses.

Another

HELENA, May 5.—The incorporation have been filed by Webb for the Bozeman & Great Falls railroad company—a corporation. The incorporators are Webb, Ed-

win B. Lumme, John W. Tilton, Theo. J. Lynde, Lester S. Wilson, James E. Martin and Thomas Lewis. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, with power to increase as required for the work in contemplation. The object of the company is, as stated to be, to build a railroad from Bozeman to Red Bluff, thence to Pony, thence to Butte and Anaconda; also from Bozeman to Trail creek, thence to some point on the Yellowstone river. The lines are to be built by the shortest and most practicable routes. The road is to tap the Trail coal fields, reach the Park branch of the Northern Pacific a few miles distant, and also make short rail communication with Butte and Anaconda, furnishing these camps with coal, and tapping other mining districts on the way.

CONNECTING THE WIRES.

The Rocky Mountain Telegraph Company Preparing for Business in Great Falls.

The telegraph business as well as railroad interests are undergoing a change in Montana and the far west this year. The Rocky Mountain Telegraph company is this week preparing its office in Great Falls for business, and the city will soon be in active communication with all important points in Montana and the adjacent territories as well as with the country at large.

The Rocky Mountain Telegraph Co. has been started by Mr. W. A. Clark of Butte, who bought the military line in Montana, connecting Helena and Fort Assinaboine. He has since taken steps to connect the lines with those of the Canadian Pacific and the Bennett Mackey cable and telegraph system. Being one of the wealthiest copper producers in Montana, Mr. Clark is in a position to carry on this important enterprise.

There comes news also that the Postal telegraph company, the Baltimore & Ohio and the United Lines have combined to compete with the Western Union for the California, Montana and far west business. They have already reduced rates considerably. The new telegraph route is via the Northern Pacific railroad to Portland, Oregon, and thence to San Francisco.

THE CIRCUIT COMPLETED.

The wires of the Rocky Mountain telegraph are now connected with the Great Falls office. Communication with Helena is temporarily interrupted.

The Daily Tribune.

We believe that the time is opportune for the publication of a daily edition of this journal. Leading citizens have expressed an earnest desire for a daily newspaper, being convinced that it would add considerably to the importance of the city, and greatly promote its prosperity. We are of the same opinion. The city is not large at present nor is the neighboring country as densely peopled as it will be, but we are willing to grow with the growth of the city, and trust to the immediate future to make good the extra outlay which this undertaking involves. We are completing arrangements for press dispatches, and hope soon to provide the people with a daily newspaper which will announce the leading news of the day, and record the progress of our city which we are confident is about to enter on an era of great commercial and industrial activity. We feel certain that the people who have so liberally supported this journal will manifest like friendly interest in the success of the daily TRIBUNE.

Ready to Parade.

The fire ladders of Great Falls feel happy for the trucks of the Hook and Ladder company is finished. The tires have been placed on the cart wheels and the whole equipment will be completed next week. The company has now twenty-six members. They intend to give a public parade next Saturday in full uniform. The officers of this promising company are: president, C. M. Webster; chief, Al. Frame; assistant chief, W. S. Smith; treasurer, A. E. Dickerman; secretary, Phil. Gibson.

A Case of Deafness Cured Successfully

A child of Thomas Irvin, sheriff of Yellowstone county, Montana, that had gradually lost its hearing during the past three years, was brought to Dr. Wynne, the well-known oculist and specialist of Helena. After a course of treatment by him the child has been most successfully cured. *

PROMINENT VISITORS.

Superintendent Barker and Mr. Simpson, of Boston, Arrive in Great Falls.

The superintendent of the Hudson Mining and Smelting company, Mr. J. C. E. Barker, arrived in Great Falls on Wednesday evening and left next morning for the mining camp at Nelhart. Mr. Barker was greatly pleased with Great Falls, where he is well known. The mines of the company are on a steep mountain. The Mountain Chief is the best developed. It has two tunnels, one about 100 feet below the apex of the vein and the other 200 feet lower down. Some stoping has been done from the upper tunnel. The vein here shows two parallel ore chutes. On the 300-foot level the ore chute comes in solid and regular. It is developed along the vein 300 feet, showing from four to 16 feet wide. A chute to hold the broken ore, 150 feet wide with a score of discharge gates, has been built. Stoping is done on this level. The ore is shot down in mass directly into the immense chute and is run out into cars to the head of the tramway. The ore is all mined and delivered in the ore bin at the tramway for \$1.40 per ton. The general average is about twenty-five ounces per ton, but some that will run from 250 to 600 ounces is obtained. Mr. Horace F. Brown, who was recently at this mine, says that below the 300-foot level a vein has been sunk 100 feet, all in ore, showing the lead to be solid and the ore of equal width and equal value to the ore above. The tramway is 1,500 feet long, and terminates at a point nearly one mile above the concentrator and near the lead at its crossing of the creek. A tunnel that will develop the lead 1,000 feet is to be run in on the vein from this point this season.

The ore is decomposed quartz, carrying carbonate of lead and galena, black sulphurets and chloride of silver. The gangue is silicious, charged with a high per cent of black manganese and iron oxide, valuable as a flux. The cost of mining and concentrating is \$3.65 per ton. The concentrates average nearly 100 ounces per ton, which, with the lead, leaves a large margin of profit, which will be still greater when the concentrates can be shipped by railroad at Great Falls, thereby reducing considerably the cost of freight. Mr. Brown says that a branch line from Great Falls would place the camp on an equality with the most favored ones in Montana. He says that J. C. E. Barker, the superintendent of the Hudson Mining and Smelting company, has made a reputation as a rustler that was quaintly expressed by an admirer of old-timer when he said, "if the Lord had made another rustler in the family line C. they'd take the running of this universe in their own hands."

Mr. Barker was accompanied by F. E. Simpson, a Boston capitalist, who goes with him to visit the mines.

Loading for Great Falls.

FORT BENTON, May 5.—The opening of navigation has rendered business lively, and teams are in demand. On Monday Paul Hanly loaded two with freight for Great Falls. There is still a large quantity of goods on hand here for that city.

The government steamer Josephine is expected in a few days.

The Judith will be the next boat to arrive.

John B. Turton has become salesman in the store of Murphy, Maclay & Co., of this city and Great Falls.

The Rosebud which arrived on Monday brought 150 tons of general merchandise and 50 tons of government freight.

It is announced that the Chicago, Burlington & Northern will make a rate of \$21.15 from St. Paul or Minneapolis to St. Louis and return to the wool growers convention, May 11th to 13th.

Married.

Herbert L. Halladay, of Choteau, and Miss Cora B. Perry, of this place, were married at the Park hotel by Rev. Mr. Reid, Tuesday evening of this week, in the presence of a few of the immediate friends of the contracting parties. The groom is a well and favorably known resident of our sister town, and the bride is a niece of Mrs. W. Collins and Chandler Smith of this place. The young couple have the best wishes of numerous friends for a long and pleasant voyage upon the tumultuous sea of matrimony.

For Rent.

After May 20, a business building corner 4th St. and Central ave., now occupied by a dry goods store. Address, H. A. Fry, lock box, 222, Ft. Benton, Mont.