

## All Around Fergus County

Items of Interest to Our Readers Clipped From Our Contemporaries.

### HARLOWTON

(Musselshell News.)

Bert Blethen, assistant fire chief of Harlowton, has just completed the new house for the chemical engine. A house had to be erected that would keep the frost out, as frost will damage the engine. At a meeting of the citizens of Harlowton, Bert Blethen was appointed assistant fire chief with authority to build a suitable building for the engine. Mr. Blethen has constructed a house with a fire place at one end and with plenty of room for the engine and one who can take proper care of it. The house is built back of Mr. Blethen's shop and is situated that the grounds in front of the building is sloping which would give the engine an impetus at the start. It has taken some time to get the engine house in shape, but the work has been done neatly and well.

Mr. Jenizen returned from Omaha on the 28th after a trip to market with three carloads of cattle. Mr. Jenizen brought back three canaries, one of which he presented to Mrs. J. H. Duff, the other to Mrs. C. N. Friday and the third to his wife. Any person wishing to hear the birds sing may listen to them in the Musselshell Valley National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss went to Lewistown Tuesday, returning Wednesday. Mr. Goss has recently landed the contract for putting in the heating plant in the new hotel. We know now that the hotel will have a good heating plant.

"Billy" Windlan, the barber at Martinsdale, died suddenly on the 24th. Mr. Windlan was sick only a short time, having taken sick on the 21st. This is sad news to his friends in Harlowton and sadder still because no relatives were at the bedside. Mr. W. C. Qualls went down to Martinsdale on Monday to attend to the burial. Mr. Windlan was a member in good standing of the Journeymen Barbers International Union of America, No. 578. He belonged to the union at Helena for five years.

The electric light franchise was granted last Monday by a majority of 20.

Mayor Anderson returned to Harlowton last Saturday morning. Senator Tooley hurried on through to Helena to attend the state legislature. They composed the committee selected by the Musselshell Valley Business Men's Association to go to Washington to propose the establishment of a United States land office at Harlowton. They bring home a favorable report. When the committee arrived at Washington they repaired to Carter's office where the bill was drafted and prepared for introduction. The proposed new district contains five and one-half million acres, comprising the land bordering on and adjacent to the Musselshell river. The proposed district is traversed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, making a practical and convenient district. The bill was introduced in the senate on December 18th by Senator Carter and was then referred to the senate committee on public lands, of which Senator Hansborough, of North Dakota, is chairman and Senator Dixon, of Montana, is a member. Senator Dixon stated to the committee in an interview, "Senator Tooley can have anything I have got in my office."

### JUDITH GAP

(Judith Gap Journal.)

Attorney G. S. Bills went to Har-

lowton Tuesday to defend Conrad Hanson who was tried there on the charge of inciting a riot in Judith Gap. The riot was the occasion of the Jap scare at the round house some time ago. Hanson had a jury trial Tuesday evening and was fined \$15 and costs, amounting to \$50 in all. We understand that the jury stood five for not guilty and one for conviction, and that the verdict of \$15 and costs was a compromise.

Sheriff Williams and Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Harlowton, were in Judith Gap Wednesday. The sheriff was here for the purpose of appointing a deputy who would live in Judith Gap, and Constable E. W. Taylor drew the prize. The December salary of the Garneill deputy was stopped, after the Journal called attention to the matter, thus saving the Meagher county taxpayers \$85 that would have gone to Fergus county without any services being rendered for the same. The Journal and the sheriff have a perfect understanding now, and are on the best of terms since the appointment of Mr. Taylor.

Charles Schmidt rode up from Harlowton Christmas day to pay some acquaintance in the country near Judith Gap a visit. When he arrived in town it was quite dark. He rode out to Mr. Dolan's ranch near the township school house and inquired the way to the farm house of the man he was going to visit. Dolan advised him to go back to town and put up for the night, but he said he could find the way. He got to the school house and put his horse in the building and staid there all night. The school officers swore out a warrant for Schmidt's arrest for defacing a public building and he was arrested and taken before Judge Bain, who sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail. Sheriff Williams being in town Wednesday took the prisoner to White Sulphur Springs to serve out his sentence.

J. M. Croft, secretary of the Lewistown commercial club, was in Judith Gap Tuesday, on his way from Stanford. Mr. Croft says the public lands are about all gone in the Basin and that he has been directing everybody in search of homesteads down to Judith Gap, where good claims can still be had near the railroad. He says Lewistown has a manufactory of a good quality of brick and could lay the same down in Judith Gap much cheaper than they can be had anywhere else. He is in favor of the Milwaukee putting in a "Y" here which would surely be of great benefit to Lewistown.

Vic Martin proved up on his homestead this week before U. S. Commissioner Peck. Wednesday Mr. Martin received his receipt from the Lewistown land office. These facts in themselves are not unusual, but taken in connection with the fact that Martin's claim is located in the same section, township and range with that of N. K. Nelson's, the commutation fee of whose final proof was refused by the land office officials at Lewistown last week, makes the item of considerable interest. There seems to be a muddle here somewhere. In Nelson's claim is coal land, Martin's certainty is also, as they are contiguous, and in a township classified as coal lands.

### MOORE

(Inland Empire.)

John Lester, the coal miner, transacted business here Monday. Mr. Lester is interested with several local

parties, in some promising coal claims in the foothills of the Belt mountains, a few miles west of Straw. The fuel has been pronounced by experts to be second to none in the state and it is probable that within a year a branch will be built to the mines by either the Billings-Northern or the St. Paul road, thus affording a market for the coal at a minimum of expense. Representatives of different railroads and big mining corporations are looking at the properties and no doubt options will soon be taken.

The dance Christmas night, given by F. M. Clark, of the Park Hotel, was one of the best of the season, and, despite the unfavorable weather, a large crowd from Philbrook, Straw and the surrounding country were in attendance. No efforts were spared by the management to make this an enjoyable affair, the music and supper being of the highest order. A few speeches, not on the regular program, were pulled off and helped to keep everyone in good humor. A. L. Fleming had charge of the floor and kept the crowd busy all the time. Mr. Clark announces another dance for New Year night, and the success of the Christmas dance is sufficient guarantee of a good time for all who attend.

W. A. Scott, transacted business in Moore Tuesday. Mr. Scott is interested in the recently discovered valuable sapphire deposits above Utica. He with several others now are promoting a big mining company to develop the claims. Experts who have gone over the properties report they have one of the greatest sapphire mines in the world.

J. F. Shaughnessy, who has been employed for several months as stenographer in the William H. Brown Co. office at Moore, is being held at Harlowton and will be brought back by Officer Hawkins this evening, to answer to the charge of gambling, he being among those caught in County Attorney Ayers' drag-net. It is also alleged that Shaughnessy has issued worthless checks to local parties from time to time in the past. Several in this vicinity are interested in the proceedings and it is said the end is not yet.

Several of the brethren who slip the pasteboards have been struck the past week by the moral wave that is sweeping over Fergus county and it is apparent that the work of the "law and order league" is extending beyond Kendall. Fergus county's Francis J. Heney, County Attorney Roy E. Ayers, surprised the gambling fraternity of the west end of the county by landing on a few as a sort of grand finale and parting shot before leaving his office. If officers see violations of the law they must enforce them. It bodes no good for a community to give the outside world an impression that its residents are crooks or thieves.

Claire McKay, of Brooks, Iowa, a brother-in-law of Perry Black, arrived Saturday to visit relatives here and look over our famous farming country. Mr. McKay was more than satisfied with the outlook in the Judith Basin and already has his eye on a piece of land. He left for his home Wednesday and expects to be back again in two months to locate here permanently.

Windham enjoyed its first Christmas tree festival on Christmas eve, the exercises being listened to by a large assemblage. The hall was appropriately decorated with festoons and mottoes and after the program consisting of music, singing, recitations, dialogues, marches and tableaux, the appearance of Santa Claus coming through the ceiling seemed to complete the children's happiness. Then presents of every description, together with candies and such refreshments were distributed lavishly, thanks to the liberal donations.

### ROUNDUP

(Roundup Record.)

The foundation for a six-room parsonage was laid out at Musselshell on Tuesday and the lumber contracted for, and 'ere long a splendid home for the minister will be raised. The people are enthusiastic over this project and are in hopes of being able to build a church in the spring.

S. H. Ramsell, of Lewistown, has rented the north half of the Dean & Skeie building and will open up a confectionery store therein as soon as his stock of goods arrives. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsell are now here getting things in readiness for the opening of their place of business which will be in about a week or ten days.

A local cabin of the Fraternal Order of Mountaineers was organized here Monday evening with sixty-five charter members, this establishing a record for the number of names on the charter list of any cabin in the state in towns much larger than Roundup, and comes within fifteen members of the Anaconda cabin when it was first organized. Grand Chief Mountaineer Pease, who has been in Roundup several weeks in the interest of the order, was highly pleased with the results of his work here, and the enthusiasm displayed in this new order by the members was a matter of much comment by him.

James Carr, an old timer in this section, died suddenly of pneumonia some time Wednesday night and was buried the following day in the Musselshell cemetery. Rev. Haynes conducting the funeral services. "Jimmie" as he was commonly called, had been working for F. J. Nolan for a considerable length of time and was well liked by his employer and also had a great many friends in this part of the country. The funeral was held at the Hill Top hotel where Mr. Carr had been stopping for some time.

A petition is being circulated for the re-establishment of a post office at Wolfspring with William McGinnis as postmaster. Wolfspring is about 17 miles south of Musselshell on the old Custer stage route, and bids fair to become quite a point within the next year.

Warren C. Niles, accompanied by Mrs. Dhale, both of Mosby, Mont., were attending to land and business matters Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mr. Niles states that he resides tributary to this section but it requires a journey of over 250 miles to reach Glendive, his county seat.

### PHILBROOK

(Judith Basin Star.)

A construction train passed through one day last week and gathered up the dump cars, not to go to work on the new Hobson-Philbrook-some-where branch, but to store them away at Armington.

Silas and Mrs. Mark left yesterday for Billings where they will spend a few days waiting for Mr. Mark's brother, Ed, who is the big end of the firm, and will be out next week to look the field over and help get the bank started as soon as possible.

H. E. Warren and F. W. Stevenson were Philbrook callers Sunday. Mr. Stevenson has raised two crops of wheat in the Judith Basin and is more than pleased with the outcome. Two years ago he had a big ranch leased and raised several thousand bushels of Turkey Red at the rate of 50 bushels to the acre. This year on his own ranch, on sod, he raised 18 bushels of spring wheat in spite of the unfavorable season. The two years' experience satisfies Mr. Stevenson that wheat raising is going to be a big and paying business in this vicinity.

H. E. Warren, Dr. Haycraft, F. W. Stevenson and others due south eight miles or more, have called our at-

tention to the necessity of a road from that splendid section of the country into Philbrook. We trust someone will take the matter up in the shape of a petition and have it presented to the county board. That is territory that naturally belongs to us.

While general news items are more scarce this week than they have been for a long time, the unfailing source of new railroads projected still remains. We can report two new roads this week. One is to run either from the pit north of town, or Hauck's siding, and strike Moore and Lewistown. Surveying is to begin immediately after the holidays. The other is a road from Judith Gap to the new gold and copper mines in the Snowies. We trust we will soon be able to announce one to haul sapphires.

### GARNEILL

Messrs. Neill and Erickson have been busy the past week superintending the installing of the new Waterbury stove in the school house.

Louis Stigen, of Straw, is a visitor in Garneill today, being accompanied by his daughter, Neva, who is attending the school here.

A large crowd attended the New Year ball, in the town hall. Judith Gap sent a full delegation. Straw was well represented and the new towns of Oxford and Hedges also sent representatives, which all went to make the ball a "splendidous" affair.

The Messrs. Kettleston, Wolles and Tillesen, of Oxford, took in the New Year ball. Those gentlemen are late arrivals from the Alberta county, are up-to-date farmers and say this country looks good to them.

A regrettable accident occurred to a party from Judith Gap while on their way to the New Year dance. In some manner, the team they were driving became unmanageable and getting beyond control of the driver, dashed down a steep hill, throwing the occupants out and seriously injuring Miss Skiffington, the popular teacher of Judith Gap. Dr. Betten attended the injured lady and informed us she has sustained a broken collar bone. The others of the party were more or less bruised up, but were able to get along without the help of a physician.

We chitcheo on to our old buckboard one day last week and drove over a section of country, between Garneill and the Musselshell, where in years gone by, we tended our flocks by the murmuring streams. No woolies or gentle shepherds were to be seen. What was once a vast prairie is now a large farm, comprising thousands of acres, divided into 160 and 320 acre lots; fine houses and barns are being erected, the land will soon be all under cultivation, and every one we met seemed to be satisfied and contented with their prospects. In our humble opinion, land through this section will, in a few years, be worth \$75.00 an acre. The fine range is indeed a thing of the past and the sheep owners, who be-wail this fact, must, like their brother, the farmer, get down to stern reality. If they have not already got theirs, they can no longer depend on fine range to help them out. The railroads have started the wheels of progress in this section, the new and enterprising settlers are here to stay, and while it may be a little hard for us old stagers to get used to the new state, the fact is, the new state is here. Therefore, we grasp the hand of the new comer, bid him welcome, and wish him success, in this "Land of Opportunity."

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Four Buckle Overshoes at....1.75

Four Buckle Red Sole Overshoes, Regular price 3.50, Sale price 2.50  
Full fur lined coat, Regular price \$50, sale price.....35.00  
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