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WILL ASK FOR NEW COUNTY

Quarles and Carroll Go to Helena to Show Legislature the Why and Wherefore

W. K. Quarles and L. R. Carroll left yesterday morning for Helena where they will have a bill drafted and presented to the state legislature, which is now in session, providing for the formation of the new county of Musselshell, which is to be composed of portions of Yellowstone and Fergus.

There are several other division propositions to come up before the present session of the legislature, but it is safe to say that none of these are as meritorious as the one Roundup is interested in. The big counties of Montana, which are as large as, and many larger than, most eastern states, must be divided with the development of the country, and it is hardly fair to expect the great Musselshell country, traversed by a great continental railroad, and which is rapidly being settled up, to long continue under the present arrangement. It is retarding the development and growth of the country to keep up the unwieldy size of the counties of this state, and especially is this the case in the Musselshell valley where it requires considerable time and expense to travel to the county seats. It is impossible to properly administer this section and provide for local improvements such as roads, bridges, etc., with the county seat 132 miles away by rail.

The following figures, which are not exaggerated, show conclusively that the new county would be in no danger of going into bankruptcy or working undue hardships on the people of this section in the matter of taxation.

Estimated value of taxable property in the proposed county of Musselshell:

Assessment of 1908 in the portion of Yellowstone	\$1,500,000
Assessment of 1908 in the portion of Fergus	1,000,000
New railroad valuation (roadbed)	410,000
New mine valuation	300,000
New homesteaders	100,000
New towns of Roundup, Lavina, Melstone, etc.	750,000
Total	\$4,060,000

Estimated revenue, fines and licenses:

22 saloons	\$ 7,000.00
Fines	3,000.00
Licenses	3,000.00
Revenue annually at 15 mills	60,900.00
Total	\$73,900.00

Salaries of officers county of seventh class \$11,200. This would leave the substantial sum of \$62,700 to be apportioned to the various funds. A county of the seventh class is one having an assessed valuation of \$3,000,000 and over, this being the class under which the new county would come under. The taxation of Yellowstone is based on 15 1-2 mills, while that of Fergus county is 16 mills.

Selfish interests will be brought to bare against the proposed division but it is hardly possible that the legislature will overlook the benefits derived by this section and the state of Montana as a whole by the formation of the new county. It is expected that the bill will pass with but few dissenting votes.

Messrs. Quarles and Carroll will stay in Helena for several weeks and will use every effort in seeing that the measure is given the proper attention.

C. Yegen, of Billings, rises to announce that the Sugar City needs a business administration and needs it badly.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Commercial Club Has Annual Election of Officers—Quarles Retires

The annual election of officers of the Commercial Club of Roundup was held at the regular meeting of that body held Tuesday evening that being the first meeting of the year. President Quarles was nominated for re-election as it is generally conceded that he has been of inestimable value to the club in getting it over the shoals which a new organization of this kind has to contend with, but declined to accept the honor for another year, basing his resignation on the ground that a change in the head of the club would be for its betterment. In retiring from the presidency Mr. Quarles reviewed the good work the club has accomplished in its short existence, showed where, with the same hearty co-operation which has marked its course in the past, many more needed improvements can be brought about, and thanked the members in a happy strain for the cordial treatment accorded him during his term of office. Mr. Quarles' administration of the affairs of the club have been universally satisfactory, and it goes without saying that the business men appreciate at its true worth his labors in behalf of the welfare of the city.

F. A. Appleman was unanimously elected to fill the chair the ensuing year. In accepting the presidency the newly elected incumbent paid a fine tribute to the retiring chairman and complimented him highly upon the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office. He outlined the policy of the club for the coming year and promised to do all within his power to further the interests of Roundup.

L. R. Carroll succeeded himself as secretary by the unanimous vote of the club. Mr. Carroll has held this office since the inception of the club, and his performance of the duties of that office which are somewhat arduous and painstaking, have been so satisfactory that the club would not stand for his refusing to accept the same position for another year. A good deal of the credit for the work accomplished by the club is due Mr. Carroll.

C. R. Cheney succeeds himself as treasurer.

J. C. Lohman, S. M. Johnson and F. M. Wall are the trustees elected for the ensuing year.

STEAM LAUNDRY

W. E. Ray and L. M. Law to Provide Roundup With This Important Enterprise.

Roundup is to have an up-to-date steam laundry in a short time arrangements having been practically completed by E. W. Ray and L. M. Law, the promoters of this new enterprise. A site for the laundry has been chosen on J. W. Newton's land east and south of the depot which is an ideal one as its proximity to the river will give it excellent drainage facilities. A frame building 24x60 in size will be erected and machinery of up-to-date pattern will be installed. Work is to commence as soon as the cold weather lets up and it is expected to have the plant running some time in February.

Messrs. Ray and Law are to be commended on their enterprise in going ahead with this improvement which will be a substantial addition to the city of Roundup. This will be the only laundry on the coast extension between Forsyth and Butte and is sure to prove a success.

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TO INCORPORATE

FEBRUARY 27th

Commissioners Set Date of Election—Census Shows 866 Inhabitants

Attorney Wm. J. Jameson has completed the census of Roundup having 866 names on the list. On Monday of this week he went to Lewistown to present his report to the county commissioners, the taking of the census being one of the preliminary steps towards the incorporation of Roundup. The county board was convinced that we have all the requirements to incorporate and have therefore appointed February 27th as the day upon which the residents will decide at a special election whether they wish to become a city in the legal sense or not.

Altho the census taken by Mr. Jameson shows but 866 inhabitants, it is safe to say that by taking this at a base and figuring that several hundred were overlooked in the count, which was a rough one, and taking in the coal camps at Mine No. 2 and Roundup Coal Mining Co., which is practically a part of the city, the population of Roundup is now near to the 1,200 mark as has been estimated by The Record.

The Billings Sugar company is fattening 800 cattle and 7,000 sheep for the Chicago markets this year.

Michael Plant, a Flathead Indian was arrested last week by Deputy U. S. Marshall Sanders, of Butte, for taking liquor into the reservation.

Captain Bob Fiske, who established the Helena Herald in 1867 and continued to edit the paper for a quarter of a century, died last week at Berkeley, California.

State Examiner Ray shows that there are deposits of over six million dollars in the savings department of the Montana state banks. The total of all deposits in those institutions is over eighteen million dollars.

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