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MILWAUKEE CHANGES PLAN

**Route of the Choteau Branch Has Been Altered--
Now Proposed to Build Line via Manchester
and Largent--Rushing Work on Grade.**

In an interview published in last Sunday's Great Falls Tribune, C. A. Goodnow, assistant president of the Milwaukee railroad company, makes the announcement that a change has been made in the route of the Choteau extension of that road, and that while the road bed will be completed from Great Falls to Agawam during this year, the rails will not be laid until some time during the year 1914.

"Taking up the matter of the Choteau line, Mr. Goodnow said there had been a change made in the line between here and Choteau which will be a saving of several miles on the line across the Rocky mountains between this city and Missoula, when the company builds that division. In starting the Choteau extension from Great Falls, which will terminate at Agawam, the road will run west from this city to three miles east of Manchester, traversing the north side of Sun river, and at a point three miles east of Manchester it will cross over the Great Northern road by an overhead crossing and pass to the south side of the Sun river and thence going to the west for a distance of nearly 15 miles

when it crosses back to the north side of Sun river to the town of Largent. It passes thence in a northwesterly direction and on toward Choteau.

"It is the intention of the Milwaukee company to have the grading work on the Choteau extension completed this year, but there will be no track laying on that section. That work will be taken up next year as soon as the weather will permit and be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The grading work on the Choteau line is making very satisfactory progress.

"As to whether the company would let the contract for the line across the Rocky Mountains to Missoula this year, Mr. Goodnow said that he knew nothing about any plans to that effect. He said the surveys had virtually been completed and that all the surveyors would be out of the field by the early part of July. Asked if he expected that line would be built next year, he said he had absolutely nothing to say about the subject further than the survey had been practically completed. He declined to be drawn into any question and answer same as to line.

C. O. D. Packages

Instructions to postmasters were issued last week for handling C. O. D. parcels post packages. The regulations went into effect July 1.

Charges on packages will be collected from addressees provided the amount on a single parcel does exceed \$100. The fee for collection will be 10 cents in parcels post stamps to be affixed by the sender. The fee also will insure the package against loss to the actual value of the contents not exceeding \$50.

The sender will get a receipt showing the amount also appearing on a tag attached to the package. The addressee will receipt for the package on the tag which will serve as an application for a money order. C. O. D. parcels may be accepted for mailing by rural carriers and will be delivered by city and rural carriers and special delivery messengers. Such packages will not be mailable either to the Philippines or to the canal zone.

New Church at Bynum.

Last Sunday was a red letter day at Bynum. A large crowd gathered Sunday morning to hear the sermons of the day, and to break bread together.

Rev. Geo. Mechenburg, the pastor, preached during the forenoon, and at the close of the morning service subscriptions to the amount of about \$400 were taken toward the erection of a new church.

Rev. McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Phil I. Cole and Mrs. Frank Cole, of this place, went to Bynum Sunday afternoon. Rev. McMahan preached to the people at 3 p. m., and the gathering closed with an additional \$135 in subscriptions toward the new Methodist church.

Two lots have been donated by the townsie company, so that the church project is well under way.

Miss Masie Crawford returned last Sunday from a short visit with relatives and friends at Dutton.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of interest taken from the Choteau papers of this date twenty years ago.

Alva J. Vance, of Dupuyer, was with us on the Fourth.

A large party of bicyclists are expected here from Great Falls on Sunday.

John S. M. Neil, the jail contractor, arrived from Helena yesterday after a three weeks' absence.

Miss Ella Hamilton returned from a three months' attendance at St. Peter's Mission school on Saturday last.

Peter Lover, as Uncle Sam, and Wm. Dorrington, as Columbia, made a decided hit at the dance on the Fourth.

The school board has engaged Mr. D. L. Eddy, of Winlock, Wash., as principal of the Choteau schools for the next term, which begins the first Monday in September. Mr. Eddy is a man of family and will bring them with him when he comes, in August.

Bradley W. Clabaugh and Miss Dixon led the grand march at the pavillion dance on the Fourth.

Mrs. John Jackson, Sr., left Helena for Illinois on Tuesday, where she goes to visit relatives and the World's Fair. She will be gone about two months. Her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, who has been quite sick at Helena for some months past, is now much im-

proved in health, and after a few weeks at the Boulder Hot Springs will return to Choteau.

The masons on the jail building are laying a fine wall. It is called "rustie rubble," the stones being laid in so that when pointed they will appear exactly the same as patchwork in a crazy quilt.

The almost total absence of mosquitoes this season is something quite unusual for this time of year.

The Hon. Jacob Smith addressed the audience at the pavillion on the Fourth, giving an interesting history of the old-timer and the country.

The oration delivered on the Fourth by J. G. Bair fully justifies the peoples estimate of that gentleman's powers as an orator.

Mrs. Solon Brown, of Dupuyer, has gone to Missouri on a visit.

Chas. S. McDonald went to Great Falls on Wednesday to look after his wool shipments.

For some weeks past great wagon loads of wool have been passing through town on its way to the railroad for shipment, but so far we have failed to hear of a sale at any price.

McFarlane Bros. finished plastering the court house building this morning.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE VALIER PROJECT

The first full and comprehensive statement of the reorganization of the Valier Montana Land & Water company reached Great Falls yesterday, says Saturday's Great Falls Tribune, when copies of the Financial News, a New York publication, was received in the city. This paper carries a detailed statement of the plan of reorganization and is as follows:

"The protective committee which has been diligently on a plan of reorganization for the Valier-Montana Land & Water company, which was exploited by the old Trowbridge & Niver regime, has decided, after careful examination made by Ford, Bacon & Davis, the engineers, that the completion of the irrigation system of the company of main canals and laterals of a large percentage of which are finished, the completion of the Birch Creek reservoir and other work will cost \$550,000. In accordance with this the several classes of security holders have received copies of the reorganization plan which provides for the formation of a new company which shall acquire the property of the old company through foreclosure.

"In order to raise the above sum needed the holders of series A bonds to the amount of \$1,309,000 and the holders of the five-year notes to the amount of \$365,000, will be required to subscribe at 90 for new first mortgage 10-year 6 per cent bonds in amounts equalling 22 1/2 per cent of their holdings. The depositors of series B bonds and bond scrip may, but they are not required to subscribe on the same terms. In

return each class of subscribers will receive \$400 common stock of the new company for each \$100 of bonds subscribed for and second mortgage 6 per cent 15-year bonds, series A to the amount of 110 per cent of old bonds and series B and the note holders second mortgage to extent of 105 per cent. The preferred stock of the new company will also be given to series B depositors par for par.

"The new capitalization will consist of \$1,000,000 first mortgage 6 per cent bonds, \$2,000,000 6s, which are in the nature of an income bond, \$1,000,000 redeemable preferred stock and \$2,500,000 common stock.

"The organization committee has worked hard on this proposition and they believe they have a workable plan which promises exceedingly good results. Water is now being delivered to the settlers, who for three years were without it. That the district is one of promise is attested by the fact that these settlers underwent the hardships incident to so long a period of lack of water and did not abandon their claims. The Trowbridge & Niver financing and management was a wretched failure and the committee has received many touching letters from bondholders who were taken in by that outfit, but they are satisfied that with the \$550,000 of new capital that will be raised that a splendid chance is presented for bringing order out of chaos. They have held down the reorganization expenses to a minimum, have given their own services without charge and intend to see the project through to success and good management can accomplish it."

TRAINS HERE BY AUGUST 10

Engineers in Charge of the Construction Work on the Great Northern Railway Set August 10th as the Date for the Arrival of Trains.

The engineers in charge of the construction work on the line of the Great Northern railway now being built between Power and Choteau make the prediction that trains will be running into Choteau by August 10th, which, if it proves true will be welcome news to the people of this section. It is said that weather conditions is the only thing which can possibly delay matters longer than that date. The heavy rains of the past couple weeks have delayed work considerably, yet satisfactory progress has been made. Grading as far as Priest butte is practically completed, and there are a few stretches between the butte and town which will require some little time to finish. However, a number of new teams have been put on the work and the grade should be

ready for the track laying crew as soon as it reaches these stretches. It was reported early in the week that the track laying crew had commenced work at Power, and that two miles had already been laid, but this report lacks verification. The supply track at Power is crowded to the limit with ties, rails and other material, and more than 100 cars are at Great Falls and other points on the line waiting yard room.

In all, 13 bridges will be required on the Power-Choteau line. They are all small ones with the exception of the one which crosses the Teton, which will be in the neighborhood of 312 feet in length. All bridges are to be built on piles, and this work will done ahead of the construction crews, excepting the Teton bridge.

Wedding Bells.

On Thursday morning at nine-thirty at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaupre, well known and respected citizens of our community, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Anna Helena, to Mr. Prosper Raymond Gorham.

As the beautiful strains of the wedding march, rendered by Mrs. A. E. Hitchcock, floated through the room where the family and a few friend were assembled and where the Rev. Father Dunne spoke the words which united the two hearts for the remainder of life's journey.

The bride was attired in a beautiful cream lace gown and carried a bouquet of California Poppies. Miss Edna Beaupre, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid and looked most charming in a dress of pale blue satin.

The bride is one of our choicest young ladies. From a little girl she has grown up in our midst, honored by old and young alike.

She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she has gone to reign as queen in her own home. The groom is one of our well respected young men, coming to Montana a few years ago from Minneapolis.

Immediately after ceremony, the bridal couple, family and friends sat down to delicious wedding breakfast; the table fairly groaning beneath its weight of rich viands. Mrs. Beaupre fully sustained her reputation in the culinary art.

At noon the bride and groom were escorted to the depot by a host of friends, rice, placards and good wishes when they left on the train for an eastern honeymoon.

The love and esteem in which this worthy couple is held is shown by the beautiful presents. The many friends of the bride and groom wish them a long, pleasant and prosperous life.—Sweet Grass Advocate.

Naturalization Papers.

The following declarations of intention to become citizens were filed with the clerk of the district court on July 1st.

James Hendrick of Sweet Grass, a native of Canada.

Warga Wincze and Stephen Horgasz, both of Sweet Grass, and native of Austria.

Petitions for final papers.

Miss Isabel H. Yates of Porter, a native of Canada, July 1.

FARMINGTON

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

With perfect growing conditions, and assured crops, the Burton Bench again takes the lead as the finest farming country in Montana or any other state. With the ditches full of water, augmented by daily showers, the ranchers are no doubt about what the harvest will be.

Dan Lindseth and Henry Davitson will attend the sale of lots for the new town of Farmington at Great Falls, July 5th.

Teddy Lindland spent Sunday on his homestead in the Eyaud district. He reports good crops over there, and the dry-land farmers being well pleased with the country.

Ivor Hagen, the carpenter, was made happy by the arrival of his family from Litchfield, North Dakota, last week. They are occupying the Syse house for the present.

Rev. Ernest Wachsmuth, of Great Falls, conducted services in the German Lutheran church last Sunday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Schoppe.

J. W. Kerr has his haying crew ready to begin work the second.

The Milwaukee engineers, Messrs. Auspach, Richardson and Hill, are supervising the construction of the road from Choteau to Agawam.

Mrs. Louis Peterson has as her guests, Mrs. Billie Hoyt and her sister, Miss Watrud, of Great Falls.

Mrs. Theodore Hanson was a Great Falls visitor this week.

Christ Oien is up from Brady.

Miss Mayme TanDeReit is visiting at the Kale home this week.

Many of our people contemplate spending the Fourth in Choteau. Farmington, July 1.

During the past week satisfactory progress has been made on the new feed store which is being built by E. J. Roberson & Co., in the Hirschberg addition. The building, which is 25x50 feet, will be admirably arranged for the business for which it is intended, has a drive-way running through the centre, enabling a loaded wagon to be driven in and unloaded into bins on either side of the drive-way. Machinery will be installed in the near future for the grinding of feed of all kinds, which should prove a great convenience to our ranchers and farmers.