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Visiting Brethren cordially invited.

SACAJAWEA CHAPTER No. 37.
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.
Meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday evening of each month. Mrs. A. F. Ritchie, W. M.; G. W. Clay, W. P.; Mrs. A. Davidson, A. M.; R. C. Lahman, Sec'y; A Davidson, Treas.
Visiting brethers and sisters cordially welcomed.

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Ivy Lodge No. 24, meets every 1st and 3d Thursday night in Bank Hall, Malta. Edw. White, C. M; G. W. Clay, M. F. and K. of R. & S. All members of the order cordially invited to meetings.

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About fifteen prominent business men of the town have signified their intention of supporting a band at a meeting held in the Great Northern Hotel. An organization was perfected and instruments and music were ordered. The organization, while perfectly new to some, is not in the least handicapped, as there are among the members good musicians, who have in the past delighted many a Malta audience with their cleverness, and it is sincerely hoped that every one in Malta will appreciate the efforts of the boys and assist them whenever necessary. The following are the members of the new organization: F. W. St. Hill, Edw. White, O. F. McKohn, Ray Campbell, H. Plest, Fred Ashland, Wm. McLellan, Emanuel Sklower, Jos. Sklower, Geo. W. Clay, B. H. Kocke, Amos Riddel, Wm. Keeley and Jack Shafer.

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COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Many Petitions Granted and Others Rejected—Nashau Gets New Bridge

Pursuant to notice the board of county commissioners of Valley county, Montana, met in special session at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, March 13th, 1908, Wm McBride, A. Davidson, R. L. Cornwell, and the clerk present:

Call for the special meeting was read and approved, as clerk reported that notice was posted as required by law.

Viewers reports were taken up and acted on as noted.

Viewers report on petition No. 12 was adopted and Saturday, June 6th, 1908, set as the day for hearing non consenting land owners and clerk instructed to notify same as follows: D. C. Kyle and H. Meyers, both of Saco, Mont.

Petition No. 38 for road crossing Milk river at Anderson's ranch near Hinsdale, denied.

Petition for change of road No. 64 presented by F. A. Barton, granted and following viewers appointed: Mike Welton, Harry Ratchford, and W. H. Mann.

Petition for a road across Alkali granted.

Petition for road from northwest corner section 28, Twp. 30, N R 56 E. M. M, to southwest corner section 16, Tp. 29, N. R. 56 E. M. M. granted and following viewers appointed: H. E. Dunbar, Samuel E. Berry and W. H. Mann.

Petition for road from quarter common to sections 6 and 7. Tp. 28, N. R. 40 E.M.M. to corner common to sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Tp. 28, N. R. 40 E. M. M. granted and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, G. F. Burke and Clarence Hall.

Petition for change of road running from Lismas to the house of Jacob Damm granted and following viewers appointed: Jay Lytle, W. H. Patterson and W. H. Mann

At 12 o'clock noon on motion board adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

W. B. Shoemaker, Clerk.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the board resumed, all members and the clerk present.

Petition No. 37, which was laid over at December meeting was taken up and following viewers appointed: John Forsythe, Sidney Blair and W. H. Mann.

Petition for road from Scobey post office to public road presented and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Albert Tandy and Duncan McDonald.

Petition for road from northwest corner of NW¼ NW¼, Sec 19, Tp. 30, N R 30 E, to center of new line of Sec. 24, Tp. 30, N R. 29 E M M, presented and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Alex Elliott and G. L. Partridge.

Petition for road from intersection of county road with section line on south boundary of Sec 16, Tp. 28, N R 55 E M M, to northwest corner lot 1, Sec. 21, Tp. 28, N R 55 E M M, laid over for further information.

Petition for road from lot 1, Sec. 34, Tp. 28, R 40 E to Great Northern Ry. (Mrs. Betsy Lyndberg's ranch) presented and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, R. L. Branson and P. Allen.

Petition for road from James Helmer's on Big Muddy to county road running from Culbertson to Johnson Crossing presented and W. H. Mann, Bert Powers and C. E. Astrope appointed viewers.

Petition for road from southwest corner Sec. 35, Tp. 31, N R 34 E, to southwest corner Sec. 34, Tp. 31, N R 34, presented and W. H. Mann, Robert Abel and C. E. Broadbrooks appointed viewers.

Petition for road from quarter corner west side Sec. 7, Tp 28, N R 40 E M M, presented and W. H. Mann, C. E. Hale and George Burke appointed viewers.

Petition for road from northeast corner Sec 16, Tp 28, N R 39 E M M, to Sec 14, Tp 28, N R 39 E, denied. (Road south and east of Glasgow.)

Petition for road from northwest corner SW¼ of SW¼, Sec 10, Tp 28, N R 39 E M M, to ¼ mile south of county bridge near Glasgow taken up and W. H. Mann, John Lohr and C. E. Hall appointed viewers.

Following petitions were ordered returned account not containing information required by law and clerk instructed to enclose petition blanks.

Three petitions from Dagmar (E. F. Madsen.)

One from J. R. Stephens, Glasgow.
One from Chas. V. Dieter, Mondak.
One from Jesse M. Hale, Culbertson.

Petition for bridge across Beaver creek on road from Malta to Baeth post office, denied.

Petition for bridge across Milk river near Nashua granted.

Petition for bridge across Big Muddy near Boyd's ranch granted.

On motion the clerk is hereby authorized to return all road petitions that are not made out as required by law and notice is hereby given that blank petitions will be given on application to the clerk and recorder.

Report W. J. Symms, Supervisor road district No. 1, was approved and clerk and recorder instructed to draw a warrant as follows:

W. J. Symms, $418.50, allowed.

On motion the clerk and recorder was instructed to post notice of a special meeting of the board of county commissioners to be held on the 28th day of March, 1908, for the purpose of advertising for bids for the construction of three bridges.

At 4 o'clock p. m. on motion the board adjourned.

R. L. Cornwell, Chairman. W B. Shoemaker, Clerk.

COWAN ITEMS

J. L. Broxson, of Great Falls, and Oscar Moore, of this place, have made homestead entries in this vicinity.

The young folks went to W. Raitz's home Monday night, and had a good time listening to the graphaphone and other talking machines.

Oscar Moore is the owner of a fine new bible, presented to him by the young people of the Christian church. Miss Elsie Bland, president of the Endeavor, made the presentation speech.

The prayer meeting has been changed to meet at the school on Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome. There were thirty present at the last meeting.

W. H. Garland has been reappointed supervisor for this district, which means good roads.

W. E. Waltman is engaged in the erection of a corn crib and a barn at his ranch. This shows faith in the productive capacity of his lands, and foreshadows his intention as to crops this year.

School Notes

Come to the annual school exhibit Friday afternoon Mar. 27.

Inspect the work we are doing before you criticise. Offer your criticism to the teachers. It will do them good.

The work of beautifying the school grounds will be continued this spring. We have an abundant supply of water for irrigation purposes which combined with a little energy, will give us the finest grounds in the Valley.

At the last meeting of the School Board it was decided to add a new member to our teaching force. This will enable our principle to supervise the work of the lower grades and give time for more thorough work in the high school classes.

As there has been many inquiries concerning the piano fund, we insert below a complete statement. This can be verified by calling and looking over the account. We also take the occasion to thank those who have helped us.

Original cost,	$288 00
Interest	27 81
Total	$315 81
Amount Received	
Minnehaha Club	$ 55 00
Subscription	52 00
Rebekah Lodge	5 00
I. O. O. F.	2 00
School Exercises	14 76
Spelling School	45 00
Total	$173 76
Amount paid on piano	171 00
Bal. on hand	$ 2 76
Bal. due on piano	$144 81

Card of Thanks

We sincerely thank all those who assisted us in any way during the illness and death of Norman Stuart.

Wm. Dunbar and Family.

PROPOSED NEW HOMESTEAD

Bill, Allowing Thrae Hundred and Twenty Acres, Is Due To Pass This Session

The enlarged homestead bill agreed on by the conference of western senators and congressmen recently, and introduced in the house by Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the public land committee, reads as follows:

"Any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States may enter, by legal subdivisions, under the provisions of this act, in the state of Colorado, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada North North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, 320 acres or less, of non-mineral, non-irrigable, unreserved and unappropriated surveyed public lands which do not contain merchantable timber, located in a reasonably compact body and not over one and one-half miles in extreme length.

"Any person applying to enter land under the provisions of this act shall make and subcribe before the proper office an affidavit as required by section 2190 of the revised statutes, and in addition thereto shall make affidavit that the land sought to be entered is of the character described in section one of this act, and shall pay the fees now required to be paid under the homestead laws.

"Homestead entryman now occupying lands, of the character hereinbefore described, heretofore entered by him, upon which final proof has not been shall have the right to enter public lands subject to the provisions of this act, lying contiguous to his former entry, which shall not, togeteer with the original entry exceed 320 acres, and residence upon and cultivation of the original entry shall be deemed as residence upon and cultivation of the additional entry.

"At the time of making final proof as provided in section 2291 of the revised statutes, the enirymen under this act shall, in addition to the proofs and affidavits required under the said section, prove by two creditable witnesses that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in his entry was continuously cultivated to agricultural crops other than native grasses beginning with the second year of the entry, and that at least one quarter of the area embraced in the entry was so continuously cultivated, beginning with the third year of the entry.

"Nothing herein contained shall be held to affect the right of a qualified entryman to make homestead entry in the states named in section one of this act under the provisions of section 2289 of the revised statutes, but no person who has made entry under this act, shall be entitled to make homestead entry under the provisions of said section, and no entry made under this act shall be commuted.

"Whenever the secretary of the interior shall find that any tracts of land subject to entry undea this act do not have upon them such a sufficient supply of water suitable for domestic purposes as would make continuous residence upon the lands possible without serious hardship to entrymen, he may at his discretion designate such tracts of land, and thereafter they shall be subject under this act without the necessity of residence: Provided, That in such event the area cultivated in any such entry shall not be less than one-eighth of the entire area of the entry, during the second year, one fourth during the third year and one half during the fourth and fifth years after the date of such entry."

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD

By The Malta Commercial Association—Many New Members Join the Club

It was certainly an enthusiastic bunch of business men that gathered in the large office of B. W. Brockway Monday evening, pursuant to a call made by Dr. Clay, president of the Malta Commercial Club; and the enthusiam they displayed was certainly handing a lemon to those who stayed away. Dr. Clay, who presided, spoke very shortly, but most pertinently, in outlining the purpose of the meeting, after which numerous discussions were had on various minor topics. When the question of reorganizing the association came up it received a death blow from the enthusiasm displayed by all of the old members and many new ones, who were clamoring for admission. All were satisfied that the organization was good enough, and so in fact it is, but it needed a larger membership in order to render more effective service. On suggestion of some jolly good booster a few minutes recess was taken so that new members could sign the roll. The young culls simply flew to the great book and with a fine hand each candidate signed his name and tossed five large silver cart wheels into the lap of Secretary Brockway. That gentleman groaned under the burden when he attempted to rise.

The first subject that came up for discussion was the matter of advertising our peerless community to the world, that the people of means who reside in the effete east may be attracted and come here to share with us the free and invigorating air, and live on our broad acres of virgin land—make them up into homes for their loved ones, who in the east are confined in factories that fairly move with the dreadful germs of the terrible white plague.

After a most thorough discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the executive committee, which is to advertise Malta and the great Milk River Valley at their discretion.

The meeting then adjourned amid scenes of enthusiasm, mingled with a feeling that at last Malta's citizens have joined hands in a ring-'round-the-rosy fashion and are working shoulder to shoulder for the promotion and welfare of a town and a community that has more to show the prospective settler than any other section of the state. Another meeting will be held on the 28th, when matters of great importance to every citizen will be brought up.

GALEN'S OPINION

In reply to a query of County Attorney Matthews of Townsend, Attorney General Galen holds that the damages accruing to a nonconsenting land owner where a public road is laid out traversing his premises is the difference between the actual damages sustained and the actual benefits received from the opening of the road. The cost of erecting fence made necessary by the opening of the road is a proper item to be considered in estimating the damages. The county cannot legally refuse to pay damages on the ground that the claimant of land on a desert entry has not complied with the desert land laws, because, says the opinion, the county has no authority to determine whether or not a desert entryman is entitled to receive patent from the government for the lands so entered by him.

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