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

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THE ENTERPRISE R. M. REICHEL, Editor. Entered in the post office at Malta, Montana, for transmission through the mails, as second-class matter. Official Paper of Valley County

With a view to keeping the shipping interests of the state as fully advised as possible with regard to changes in freight rates applicable within Montana, the Montana Railway Commissioners will issue regularly, once each month, a bulletin listing all changes in intra-state freight rates for the preceding thirty days. This bulletin will be mailed free of charge to any address upon request, the first issue to appear about May 1st, 1908.

In another column will be seen the call for the annual meeting of the Malta Auditorium association, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business matters pertaining to the association will be transacted. It is earnestly hoped that every citizen of this vicinity will attend this meeting and use his utmost influence to have work begin on the structure as soon as possible. There is no reason whatever that such a building as is contemplated by the association should not be constructed at once. We honestly believe that, together with the amount already subscribed, and a little more pluck and energy on the part of the business fraternity, the full amount can be raised before the annual meeting of the stockholders takes place. Let us all boost, and boost hard for this proposition, for it is one that will bring more enjoyment to the people in general than any other proposition that could at present be promulgated by the business men of this city.

A meeting of the Republican county central committee was held at Glasgow, last Monday afternoon, and a generous response to the call was made by the committeemen. From this city Wm. McLeland, Andrew Davidson and Alex Elliott attended. Other precincts throughout the county were as equally represented. It was the sense of the meeting that owing to the busy season coming on it was deemed advisable for the committeemen to name the delegates to the state convention, which meets in Helena, May 14. However, if the mode of naming the delegates does not approve with the sentiment of the republicans of this county a convention will be called to meet in Glasgow on May 9th, for the purpose of ratifying the delegates named or elect others.

The ENTERPRISE, as a representative of the republicans of Valley county, heartily endorses the work of the county central committee, and believes it was the most feasible way of naming the delegates, especially as the sheepmen and farmers, who hold the welfare of the republican party at heart, and will be too busy to attend a county convention. Besides, the men who were appointed delegates to the state convention are representative republicans, who will do their duty, and who will work for the interest and welfare of every republican in Valley county. We sincerely believe that it is the sentiment of every good party man, that no convention will be necessary to ratify the work of the central committee. The following are the delegates: Alexander Elliot, G. W. Clay, Chas. Nelson, W. H. Hesser, John L. Slattery, W. H. Shanley, H. N. Cosier, Jim Helmer, W. B. Hill and Andrew Davidson; James Stevens and C. F. Stafford delegates at large.

Six stallions, 1,300 to 1,700 lbs for sale or trade. All broke. Enquire of Alonzo Smith, Harlem, Mont.

Judging from the numerous responses to the invitation of the North Montana Roundup Association to attend their meeting in this city on May 1st, the meeting will be one of the best ever held in the history of the organization. Especially as on this occasion all the old time cow men of the state will gather here and hold a reunion and bring up many reminiscences that are so dear to these grand old men who have taken such prominent parts in Montana's history, and who are still active in the beef industry. Malta will do everything in her power to royally entertain these prominent visitors and the committee in charge is working studiously to make the meeting pleasant and successful.

Certainly the people of this section appreciate everything that has ever been done for them by the general land office and believe that they do everything in good faith and for the best interests of the government. However, there is one thing the general land office has promulgated that is bad, and we believe if the matter is properly set before them they would at once remedy the outrage which they are perpetrating upon the poor settler, who is endeavoring to build up a home and honestly reclaim the arid regions of Montana. This matter of sending young shysters into the state from an office in Washington, who have not even seen a mule or cow, say nothing of a desert land and irrigation ditches, to inspect the settlers' land and pass judgment, and opinion on the character of the soil and what effort was made to reclaim it. Practically every case that is brought up for contest by these dudes the government loses out, but the poor settler has the expenses to pay. It creates a hardship upon the people who are forced to defend their land from these young hoodlums, who have no more idea what it costs and takes to reclaim the desert of Northern Montana than a hog does about heaven. To see these 'I am it' inspectors strut and spread themselves like a turkey gobbler excites a feeling of pity for the ignorance they display in these matters. There have been a few inspectors in this section who have endeavored to give the people a square deal, but it appears they were either transferred to other fields or else lost their jobs. The gang of young 'uns who are at present operating in this section are devoid of everything, except their feeling of importance, and we believe that the quicker the land office calls them in the quicker will this great broad area of arid land be developed and occupied by prosperous farmers. At the present the claimants are obliged to go and take their witnesses to Harlem, Chinook, and even Havre in order to defend their rights against these mischief mixers. Every person in Northern Montana should send a protest to the general land office and to our federal representatives asking them to take the matter in hand and rid this country of these pests, and if we must have inspectors and special agents to send men here who at least are honorable and sincere in their work.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Malta Auditorium association will be held at the office of the company, at the Bank Hall, in the town of Malta, Valley County, Montana, on May 5, 1908, at eight o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting. J. F. Murray, Secretary.

If you want cord wood, see Hewitt.

Fourth of July to be Celebrated in Malta This Year

"Three cheers for a rousing Fourth of July!" Was an echo heard in the Commercial Club room last Monday evening and it worked like magic upon those present, for every man there simultaneously repeated the cheers and to a man expressed his opinion that Malta should celebrate the Fourth of July in a manner befitting our progressive city. The chair appointed a committee of three to immediately take charge of the arrangements for the celebration and to do everything in its power to make it one of the biggest and best celebrations in northern Montana. The people of the Milk River valley have excellent reasons this year to celebrate our national holiday in a manner never heretofore seen; for that great drawback of no ditch is a thing of the past. By the first of July work will be well under headway and the population almost double. Certainly this will be a most opportune time for the citizens to get in and show their appreciation of what is being done by emphatically emphasizing their enthusiasm on July 4th in this city and do honor and justice to the men who are pushing the work on this great canal.

Money and labor will not be spared by the committee in making the celebration a striking success and there will be prizes for everyone, for the little folks, for the little bigger folks, for grown up folks, for old folks and for all the folks, whether they reside in Malta and vicinity or a hundred miles away, everybody will be treated cordially and hospitably. There will be races of all kinds, base ball games, a band tournament, athletic sports and a grand balloon ascension, and many other new and novel features will be introduced for the benefit of the visitors.

The committee in charge of the arrangements are Messrs McLeland, E. Sklower and Koke, three of the most popular boosters in the valley and men whose reputation for success in affairs of this kind is well known throughout the state as second to none.

The Enterprise will each week keep its many friends through out the valley posted on the work of the committee.

The following are the official minutes of the last meeting of the Commercial Club: Meeting called to order by the president. Report of fire protection committee received, and the time further extended in which to secure subscriptions.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, the chair appointed a committee of three to meet with the Malta Auditorium association on May 5th to discuss plans looking toward the erection of a suitable hall for the use of the public and the various societies of the town. Tressler, Smith and Davidson were appointed as members of the committee.

Report of the Arbor day committee was received and they were discharged with thanks of the club for their efficient services.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, the secretary was instructed to inform all delinquent members to pay their fee.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Malta Dry Goods Co., \$8.75; Golden Rule store, \$1.50, Malta Enterprise, \$84.00.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee of three be appointed to make preparations for the celebration on the 4th of July, and the Messrs. McLeland, E. Sklower and Koke were appointed to solicit funds and attend to other matters in connection.

Motion was made and carried to have meetings of the club on the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Adjournment.

Work For Fire Protection and a New City Park

One of the most important propositions which the Malta Commercial Club has under consideration at present is a fire protection for the town. Look at it from any point of view and you will at once be convinced that all these beautiful business structures which so auspiciously bedeck our beautiful streets are only there until a wide conflagration swallows them all. Think of the many thousands of dollars represented in these structures, together with the large stock of merchandise carried by the merchants. What a terrible loss it would mean to us all, regardless of the fact that a big insurance is carried by everyone. Certainly, it would mean a terrible blow to the prosperity, which this city is so happily enjoying, if such ill luck should befall us. We must certainly take immediate steps and prevent any such misfortune to fair Malta. No one will deny the fact that it would only take a small per cent of the money invested in the real estate to place the business portion on a safe side. A well located in the center of Front street and a few hundred feet of hose would to a certain extent be a big safe guard against a complete annihilation of the business houses.

Besides a very generous offer has been tendered the citizens by Mr. R. M. Trafton, and an offer that the citizens should think twice before they ignore it. Mr. Trafton has kindly donated a large plot of ground between Front street and the railroad track and parallels the street from the Great Northern hotel to the Crofut jewelry store, for a park, if the citizens will accept it and use it for pleasure and recreation for the young and the old. Everyone living in Malta should heartily take hold of this matter and push it with an enthusiastic spirit. The well for fire protection can be used to irrigate the lawn, shrubbery, and trees in the park. Besides a drinking trough for horses and cattle could be placed in the street that would certainly be of considerable convenience to the many farmers who come to the city to do their trading. Already offers of teams to do the pulverizing has been voluntarily made. Beautiful trees can be had gratis. So now it only remains for the people to turn out en masse for a few hours and do a little manual labor, as the financial end is being ably looked after by J. F. Murray, who has almost enough subscribed to assure success, and especially as during the last few days, several of those who subscribed to the fire protection fund, have doubled their amounts upon learning the true mission of the fire pump.

A BREATH OF SPRING

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