

**"BIRUM CONTINUES
TO INVESTIGATE."**

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part of the valley will remain practically dormant and non productive. It is everything to the people, and it is high time the people were taking this into consideration.

AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF MONTANA,) ss
COUNTY OF VALLEY,)

B. W. Brockway, of Malta, Valley County, Montana, first being duly sworn, says, that he is of legal age, that he is Secretary of the Lower Milk River Water Users' Association. That as Secretary of said Association he has now, and has had since the organization of said association charge of all of the records of said association, that at no time has he ever refused or objected in any manner to showing said records to any body, either a member of the association or any other land holder having land that would come under the irrigation canals of the Milk River Irrigation project, or any other person, who desired to see them, or to give any information in his power, regarding the association. Affiant further swears, that while he may

have at some time met Mr. H. L. Birum, of Saco, Montana, that he now has no remembrance of ever having met the said Birum, the said Birum was never in my office, and never at any time, either in person, or by letter asked for information regarding said association, or asked to see any or all of the records.

That on Saturday, September 12th, 1908, Mr. J. H. Jordon of Saco, Montana, came into my office, in Malta, Montana, with Mr. H. H. Nelson, that while Mr. Jordon and Mr. Nelson were in my office at said time, I then and there told Mr. Jordon, that if he or Mr. Birum or any of their friends desired to see any or all of the records of the association, then or at any other time I would be pleased to show them or to give them any information in my power regarding said association or any of its acts.

B. W. BROCKWAY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September 1908.

C. E. SECREST, (SEAL)

Notary Public in and for
Valley County, Montana.

AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF MONTANA,) ss
COUNTY OF VALLEY,)

H. H. Nelson, of Vandalia, Montana,
B. W. Brockway, R. M. Trafton, John

Survant and Andrew Davidson, of Malta, Montana, and of lawful age, being severly duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says: That the statements made in the Valley County News, under date of September 11th, 1908, wherein it is alleged that said H. H. Nelson stated that these deponents are "getting part cash and part script on their contracts" is absolutely not true, is wholly unfounded, unjust and misleading. That said deponents are building a certain portion of the Dodson South Canal and receive their pay all in water certificates the same as other contractors and deny that we now or at any time are to receive payment for any part of said work in cash.

H. H. NELSON.
B. W. BROCKWAY.
R. M. TRAFTON.
JOHN SURVANT.
A. DAVIDSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September 1908.

JOHN A. TRESSLER,

[SEAL] Notary Public in and for
Valley County, State of
Montana.