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W. H. MANN of Malta.  
Coroner—  
CHARLES PETERSON of Glasgow.  
Superintendent of Schools—  
MISS LILLIAN D. HARRIS of Saco.

## K O P

Ivy Lodge No. 24, meets every 1st and 3d Thursday night in Bank Hall, Malta. Ed. Pierson, C. C.; G. W. Clay, M. P. and K. of H. & S. All members of the order cordially invited.

**MALTA LODGE NO. 57, A F & A M.**  
Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday evening of each month. A. Davidson, W. M.; John Styrant, S. W. R. M. Trafton, J. W.; Wm. McLellan, Treas.; E. M. Skelver, Sec'y.  
Visiting Brethren cordially invited.

**MALTA LODGE NO. 72, I O O F.**  
Meets every Wednesday evening. All brethren invited. James Atwood, N. G.; W. J. Sims, Secretary.

**SACAJAWEA CHAPTER NO. 37, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.**  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday evening of each month. Mrs. Isabella P. Davidson, W. M.; Wm. H. Mann, W. P.; Mrs. Mae Larson, A. M.; G. W. Jay, Sec'y; A. Davidson, Treas.  
Visiting brothers and sisters cordially welcomed.

**MALTA AERIE NO. 1238, F. O. E.**  
Meets every Tuesday evening, and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting brethren. Chas. Davey, W. P.; G. W. Clay, Secretary.

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In Malta Every Tuesday  
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I will run a Buck herd this summer and will gather at Malta and deliver at Malta. G. L. PARTRIDGE.

We will run a small Buck band of White Water Creek. Any one wishing fat Bucks will list them with us.  
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## INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS

### OF THE UNITED STATES LAND OFFICES, BY THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRE LAW

Registers and receivers, of United States land offices of Montana have received instructions from the General land office, the first of the week, for their guidance in the administration of the new 320-acre homestead. While there has not as yet been any land designated for entry under the new act, it is however believed that all arrangements will be completed very soon and filings accepted.

The following is a synopsis of the instructions:

The first section of the act provides for the making of homestead entry for an area of 320 acres of non-irrigable, non-timbered, non-mineral public land in several western states which includes Montana.

The term "non-irrigable land," as used in this act, is construed to mean land which, as a rule, lacks sufficient rainfall to produce agricultural crops without the necessity of resorting to unusual methods of cultivation, such as the system commonly known as "dry farming," and for which there is no known source of water supply from which such land may be successfully irrigated at a reasonable cost.

Therefore, lands containing merchantable timber, mineral lands, and lands within a reclamation project, or lands which may be irrigated at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply, may not be entered under this act. Minor portions of a legal subdivision susceptible to irrigation from natural sources, as, for instance, a spring, will not exclude such subdivision from entry under this act, provided, however, that no one entry shall embrace in the aggregate more than 40 acres of such irrigable lands.

The act provides that any homestead entryman of lands of the character described above, upon which entry final proof has not been made, may enter such other lands, subject to the provision of this act, contiguous to the former entry, which shall not together with the lands embraced in the original entry exceed 320 acres, and that residence upon and cultivation of the original entry shall be accepted as equivalent to residence upon and cultivation of the additional entry.

Entrymen who made final proof on the original entries prior to the date of the act are not entitled to make additional entries under this act. Final proofs must be made as in ordinary homestead cases, and in addition to the showing required of ordinary homestead entrymen it must be shown that at least one-eighth of the area embraced in each entry has been continuously cultivated to agricultural crops other than native grasses, beginning with the second year of the entry, and that at least one-fourth of the area embraced in the entry has been continuously cultivated to agricultural crops other than native grasses, beginning with the third year of the entry and continuing to date of final proof.

The county commissioners of Yellowstone county have started the ball rolling by appropriating \$1,000 for the Dry Farming Congress which will hold its fourth session at Billings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 26, 27 and 28 next. This action, giving substantial evidence of the enthusiasm with which the people of Montana are taking hold of the work of preparing for appropriate entertainment of the coming congress, was taken with promptness when Chairman George Bennighoff of the finance committee of the state board of control presented the subject before the commissioners.

That dry farming has proven successful in Oregon is vouched for by a number of prominent Oregonians, who have written to Secretary-Treasurer Burns of the Dry Farming Congress concerning what was accomplished last year with an unusually small precipitation. The average precipitation in the Dalles district for the last 10 years was 14.67 inches, although the 1908 figures were included, that year being unusually dry. In 1908 the records show only 8.18 inches. Notwithstanding this almost nominal rainfall farmers matured wheat, peaches, apples and other fruits and melons without irrigation and only had 8.18 inches of precipitation.

## WASHINGTON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

From our regular Washington correspondent.—One of the things that frightens Senators most is the proposal of an income tax which President Taft heartily favors and which would do more towards placing the proper share of the burdens of the Government on the wealthy and prosperous, than any measure that was ever proposed before. The leading Senators that detest the income tax are crying out that this is Democratic doctrine and are endeavoring to have it squelched by raising this kind of a partisan cry. This charge is nothing less than an infamous lie. The first income tax was passed by a Republican congress and signed by Abe Lincoln and yielded millions of dollars of revenue during the war times of '61 to '65. We have now come to the point where more revenue must be raised and nothing is more just than that a tax shall be levied on the enormous incomes that a few men in this country enjoy. Senator Aldrich, whose daughter is the wife of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., which of course, makes him closely a kin to the S. O. Oil and Rockefeller, is horrified at the idea of an income tax and says that if we have an income tax, it will mean the abolition of tariffs and consequently the abolition of protection. This is one of the trick arguments. The government at the present time is failing to raise revenue for its necessary expenses by about \$100,000,000 per annum and an income tax that would yield about \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 would still be inadequate even with the tariff to raising the necessary revenue for running the Government.

The tariff fight that is now being waged in Washington is increasing in intensity and interest with every day that passes. The representatives of the great corporations and trusts that want a law amounting to a li-

cence to plunder the American people are here on the ground demanding the highest tariff that was ever known to this country. Unfortunately the \$5,000,000 consumers seem to have no agent to represent them, but they are, however, sending some very vigorous and spicy letters to the Senators and Representatives they sent to Congress. If the people of this country would do more letter writing to their Congressmen, they would get better laws from Congress than they have been getting. About 200 years ago the French Nobles secured laws exempting them from taxation, so that all the burdens of the Government fell on the middle and lower or peasant classes. The "American Nobles" are now trying to do the very same thing.

Charles Thomas and family of Sheboygan, Wis., are recent arrivals in Malta. Mr. Thomas resided in Malta some years ago when this locality was inhabited by numbers of cattle kings and when thousands upon thousands of cattle roamed the Milk River Valley. Many changes have occurred in the intervening years but this section of the State still looks good to Mr. Thomas for he made application for a homestead entry for a quarter section near Malta on the banks of the Milk River.

### LECTURE THURSDAY EVENING

Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh of Seattle, will be in Malta on above date and will meet with the ladies Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. L. Partridge, and will lecture at the M. E. church in the evening. Mrs. Silbaugh is National organizer and lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. All are invited to hear an interesting address.

## Don't Fret Or Worry.

It ain't no use to worry and it ain't no use to fret; There ain't no sense in longing for the things you'll never get. Now if the weather's stormy, then the storm is for the best. 'Tis the fellow that gets tired knows the blessedness of rest. The things that lift us up are those we have beneath our feet. There's thorns on all the roses; say, but ain't the roses sweet? We love the merry sunshine, but we have to get the rain. Or the plowing and the sowing will forever be in vain. Sow the seeds at morning, also at the evening hour; No matter which shall prosper, both may yield thee fruit and flower. A good God made this good old world, enjoy it while you're here; The smile is surely more to be desired than the tear. Employ the swiftly passing hour ere comes the day of rest, And take this for your motto, that "Whatever is, is best."

## LOCAL DIARY

Henry Rabertorve was quite sick the first of the week.

Read the financial statement of The State Bank in this issue.

Miss Grace McGregor of Hinsdale, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Secret.

Found—A gentleman's new glove, owner may have same by calling at South Side Livery Barn.

B. F. Reuterskiold of Kilburn, Wis., filed on a homestead south of town Saturday last.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. G. L. Partridge Thursday (tomorrow) afternoon.

There was no school in the intermediate department Monday owing to the illness of Miss Adams.

Mrs. Morton, mother of Mrs. Ed. White, was reported ill at the latter's home the first of this week.

Mrs. J. S. Morton of Amity, Mo., is in our city visiting friends and looking after business matters.

Dr. Clay was called to Savoy last Monday by the illness of Bob Foggy and also some cases of scarlet fever.

Chas. Mead and John Cowan, two of Cowan's energetic young men left Malta for Harlem, Saturday, where they will work for LaRock Bros.

It may be early but there is nothing like getting in on the ground floor, evidently Kilduff thinks so as he is unloading a Car Load of Walter A. Wood Self Binders, Mowers, and Rakes.

Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Trafton inviting guests to be present at the marriage of Miss Genie Duncanson to Mr. Alexander Forbes at the Methodist church, Friday afternoon, June 11th '09.

Miss Annie Tweedie closed her school at Saco last Friday but did not begin her school in the Straiter school near Malta last Monday as anticipated on account of the school room not being in readiness. She expects to commence school next Monday, May 10th, in the new school building at Straiter.

Mrs. Edw. White entertained a number of young ladies Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Della Huber, of Ellsworth, Wis. The time was delightfully spent in conversation, and with guessing contests. First prizes were awarded to Miss Adams and Miss Martin and Miss Morgan won both of the consolation prizes. Dainty refreshments were served.

The Great Falls Leader has the following to say of Chester Atwood, son of Professor and Mrs. Atwood of this city:—"Chester Atwood, who has been employed as a civil engineer in connection with the construction of the Rainbow dam, left last night for Conrad, where he has secured the position of instrument man in the engineering department of the Conrad Land & Water company."

Glasgow is suffering from an epidemic of scarlet fever again and when Judge Tattan heard of it he ordered the clerk of court to notify all jurors subpoenaed for duty May 4th to consider themselves dismissed until they should receive further orders from the court. All cases for trial were postponed without date being set. The Board of Health ordered all public meetings to be dispensed with and the schools closed until further notice.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB OF MALTA IS A BUSY ORGANIZATION

### CLUB HELD ITS FIRST MEETING LAST FRIDAY EVENING AFTER A LONG VACATION--NEW OFFICERS ELECTED NEW LIFE ENTHUSED INTO ASSOCIATION

Last Friday evening, pursuant to call of special meeting, made by the president, the Malta Commercial Club held a meeting in B. W. Brockway's office. While the attendance was not large it was nevertheless enthusiastic and energetic in its work and accomplished much good. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: J. F. Kilduff, president; Harry Cosner, vice-president; B. W. Brockway, secretary; and Max Sklower, treasurer. The executive committee will be appointed by the president next Friday evening at the regular meeting.

The subject of completing the city park was thoroughly discussed after which it was unanimously decided to plow the ground and have it fenced at once. An effort will be made to plant a few trees and seed the ground with grass. Homer Smith has willingly gone ahead and plowed the entire park, generously donating his services.

A committee was appointed to look into the matter of incorporating the town and report the matter to the association at its next meeting.

A great deal of other business was transacted, after which the meeting adjourned to meet again next Friday evening at Brockway's office.

It is, indeed, gratifying to the ENTERPRISE to see the Commercial Club rouse itself from a deep lethargy, and now that this progressive club is again in the harness it is hoped that those who are responsible for its existence will not permit it to wane with spring, but constantly keep it actively engaged in keeping Malta and this great agricultural empire in the lime light of publicity, which is the only way these fertile fields of the Milk River Valley and Northern Montana can come into their inheritance.

### Popular Booster Visited Malta

Walter E. French, secretary of the Harlem Industrial Association, was in the city last Saturday and succeeded in interesting the businessmen of Malta in one of the most commendable propositions ever put up to the people of the Milk River Valley.

## HORRIBLE TRAGEDY WATER USERS MET

A horrible tragedy was enacted last Wednesday evening by John Kirschweg at the home of his brother-in-law, Alex Ross on Clear Creek near Havre, when he changed from a state of melancholy into a raving mania and shot his wife, two sons, aged six and eight years, and then shot himself. Kirschweg was of an inventive turn of mind and some years ago was successful in inventing some electrical apparatus that he believed would bring him wealth but it is alleged that his idea was stolen by some one else he had taken into his confidence and that the other party secured the patent that Kirschweg had won by his efforts and genius. Without money to make a successful legal fight and worn out physically, he became melancholy and was taken to a sanitarium where apparently he recovered. Later, his health giving way, he went to the home of his relative and induced his wife and children into their room and without warning drew a revolver and shot each of them through the head; placed the revolver to his own head, fired, and died almost instantly. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church in Havre Friday.

A. K. Prescott, the Helena sheep man, has just disposed of his last year's wool clip to Philadelphia parties for twenty-three and one-half cents per pound. The wool was consigned to a Quaker City commission house.

Don't forget the annual meeting of the North Montana Roundup Association at Havre on Friday, May 7th.

Assessor James Fox, of Glasgow, is in our city today.

Mr. French has for years worked studiously for a greater Milk River Valley and is perhaps the most practical booster in the state. With his vast knowledge of this game he has promulgated a publicity scheme by which every town from Nashua to Chester will be brought to the attention of thousands of farmers of the middle west and central states.

The proposition as outlined by Mr. French is for every town in the valley to unite in advertising the entire valley in one book; each town to get up its own literature and all to have equal space. Each town is to circulate the literature in a separate eastern state. Names will be procured from the R. L. Polk company, who make it a business to furnish names of eastern farmers to western boosters. This will no doubt prove a very economical way of advertising the valley and it is bound to bring the right result. Especially now as the Great Northern is giving excursion rates to Malta and points in the Milk River Valley a more detailed writeup of the proposition will be given in our next issue.

Ott. Cassaday arrested Dr. H. E. Ewing at Harlem Friday, April 23rd, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and brought him to Malta the same day. He was tried before Justice Brockway the following Wednesday but the jury did not find him guilty of the alleged charge and he was dismissed, but immediately rearrested, charged with practicing dentistry in this State without a license. A hearing of the case was held Friday afternoon and Ewing was fined \$50. Unable to pay the fine Mr. Cassaday took him to the jail at the County Seat last Saturday.

Wm. Kenoyere was exhibiting a remarkable specimen of hen fruit one day last week. An ordinary Leghorn hen laid a most extraordinary soft-shelled egg measuring 7 1/2 inches in circumference and 8 1/2 inches around it lengthwise and inside of the soft shell and the albumen was a perfectly formed ordinary sized egg with a hard shell. Can any one in the Milk River Valley beat this?

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Milk River Water Users' Association held at the office of B. W. Brockway Tuesday afternoon and evening H. H. Nelson was re-elected Managing Director and Superintendent of construction, of the Dodson-Malta-Glasgow canal for the ensuing year and B. W. Brockway was retained as Secretary. The association agreed to finish the lateral on the south side of the river as far as Alkali, and the lateral on the north side as far as Wagner, both ditches to be entirely completed this year. The proposed work at Vandalia was favorably acted on. Several resolutions were introduced and adopted. H. N. Savage of Helena, J. L. Truscott of Glasgow, Chas. Tannner of Hinsdale, C. E. Taylor of Saco, and John Lohr of Vandalia, were in attendance.

### Bishop Brewer Will Visit Here

The Rt. Rev. L. R. Brewer S. T. L. Bishop of the Diocese of Montana will make his annual visitation of St. Mary's mission on Wednesday evening, May 12th. The service will be held in the Methodist church, beginning at 8 o'clock, the Bishop preaching and the Rev. Leonard J. Christler conducting the service. The rite of confirmation will also be administered. The evening following, Thursday, the Bishop and Rev. Christler will hold service at Saco.

The Livern, Ford and Eble Barn partnership business of Monte & Sniff has been dissolved by mutual consent, Amos Sniff retiring from the firm and Claude Eble becoming sole owner and proprietor.

Peter Tetrault of Beaver Creek, was in Malta today after supplies.