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Come to Malta to Celebrate Independence Day . . . July Fifth . . .

REAL MONEY FOR WORK ON DODSON-MALTA CANAL

ALL BIDS FOR WORK ON THE COOPERATIVE PLAN HAVE BEEN REJECTED AND NEW BIDS WILL BE CALLED --WATER FOR 10,000 ACRES BY SPRING

On May 20th and June 3rd the project engineer asked for cooperative bids on the River Lateral of the Dodson South Canal. Results were very gratifying, as practically the entire work was covered with proposals. Acting under directions these bids were submitted to the supervising Engineer and through him to the department at Washington for consideration. Definite orders were received on June 9th to reject them and to continue work on a cash basis. Hereafter, all new contracts will be carried out on this cash proposition. Certain work covered by existing cooperative contracts is not yet completed. This order does not effect the status of these contracts in any way.

Under conditions existing during the past season and early this spring the cooperative contractors deserve great credit for the excellent results obtained, and the Reclamation Service officials appreciate the efforts of these people of the valley who helped to make it a success. The managing director of the Water Users' Associatoin deserves more credit than any other person in the valley for the cooperative work accomplished. As his work along this line at present is closed, he has voluntarily submitted his resignation to the Water Users' association.

Work on the cash basis will be good news to the people of the valley. It has been a considerable effort for the Water Users' to meet their obligation as expressed in their contract of last July for cooperative construction. They have been hoping for some time that work could proceed on a cash basis.

The local engineers of the Reclamation Service are now preparing specifications for the completion of the Dodson South Unit on a cash basis and hope to advertise same within a very short time. The schedules of these specifications are being so prepared that small contractors can bid on the work.

There are more formalities in connection with the approval of a contract on the cash basis than there was on cooperative plan. For instance every person wishing to submit a bid will have to forward with his proposal a certified check as a guaranty that he will proceed with construction if a contract is awarded him. If his bid is rejected this check will be returned to him. It will also be necessary for the successful bidder to submit bond for the faithful performance of his work.

This cash plan of construction will be quite exteusively advertised in order that as many contractors as possible may have an opportunity to bid on the work In this way competition can be secured and lower prices obtained. It is expected that current contract bids will be submitted which is considerable lower than the prices in force under the cooperative contracts.

When bids on the cooperative plan were opened on the River lateral it then looked as though the Dodson South System at least as far as Alkali creek could be completed this year.

On the cash basis the people of the valley certainly should see water on a bout 10,000 acres of land between the Dodson dam and Malta by early spring of 1910 if there are no unforseen delays.

Notice will be given in ample time when the specifications for the work are ready for acceptance of bids, and when the forms can be obtained at the office of the Reclamation Service at Malta.

JULY FIFTH AT MALTA

Preparations are practically all completed for holding the Fourth of July celebration in this city on Monday July 5th. The large colored posters, printed by THE ENTERPRISE, have been distributed throughout the country and judging from the many inquiries, Malta will certainly entertain a large crowd on that day.

The following is the program which will be carried out to a minute in every detail, especially the horse racing part of the program. Every race will be called at the time advertised, if the horses and riders entered are not at the starting point on time, their entrance fee will be forfeited. All those desiring to enter horses in the races must book them with some member of the committee in charge of the celebration by noon on Monday July 5th.

Parade: At 10 A. M. sharp a parade will be formed in front of R. V. Tucker's residence on Main Street. Headed by the Famous Malta Cornet Band the line of march will be as follows:

Band; speakers of the day; a float representing the state of Montana and all her counties, by 27 little children; civic and fraternal orders; artistic floats, representing the various business houres; citizens in carriages and on horseback; prize calithumpians and fantastic rag-a-muffins; citizens on foot. The parade will march up Main Street to railroad crossing, thence across track south to Front Street, down Front Street to Cosner Avenue, thence south to the race track where the exercises will be held.

The exercises will consist of singing, speaking and music by the band.

From 12 M. to 2 o'clock P. M., dinner will be served at all the hotels and restaurants.

2 00 P. M. ½ mile dash, five to enter 3 to start, Purse $50 Entrance fee 10 percent of purse.

2 15 " 300 yard dash for ponies. Purse $15.00. First prize $10. 2nd $5. Entrance fee 10 per cent of Purse.

2 35 " Farmers race--at starters signal horses must be harnessed and hitched to lumber wagon without any assistance and raced ½ mile. Purse $15. First $10, 2nd $5.

2 55 " Second heat of ½ mile dash

3 10 " Boy's pony race, free for all boys under 12 years; Purse $10.

3 25 " Cowboy race, 5 to enter 3 to start ½ mile dash. Purre $15. Entrance fee 10 per cent of purse.

3 45 " Third heat of ½ mile dash.

4 00 " Base ball game between Malta and any outside club in the state for a purse of $25.

The following field sports will be pulled off immediately after the horse races:

Men's 100 yard dash, free for all, prize $5.

Boys 50 " " under 12 years of age, prize $3.

Girls 50 " " under 12 years of age, prize $3.

Sack race for boys under 12 years of age, prize $3.

Potato race for children under 12 years of age, purse $3.

3 legged race for boys under 12 years of age, prize $3.

The exercises of the afternoon will wind up with a whirl wind bucking broncho contest for which a prize of $15 will be given.

In the evening a grand ball will be given by the Malta Cornet Band.

FARM SCIENTIFICALLY AND DOUBLE YOUR YIELD

SUMMER TILLAGE IS A GREAT BENEFIT TO THE SOIL--KEEP THE WEEDS OFF AND STORE ALL THE MOISTURE POSSIBLE--DOUBLE YOUR YIELD WITH SCIENCE

Thorough tillage of the soil is something worth while. The scientific tillage of the soil brings rich returns for the labor. As an investment there is nothing quite its equal.

Do you realize what this means? It means that the actual value of the land of the average township will be increased three or four million dollars. It will be worth that much more than where the farm methods are of the old slipshod variety.

On an average township in the arable area there are probably 20'000 area of land subject to tillage. It is entirely possible, indeed quite probable, that by scientific tillage of the soil the average crop in either the semi-arid or the humid regions, can be raised $10 an acre.

It has been demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the dry country especially and elsewhere the results are just as good, the average production of wheat, for instance, per acre can be increased from 12 to15 bushels now recorded, to 50 or 60 bu. an acre.

This doesn't mean an occasional large yield, but it means a regular thing. What if it does cost $2 or $3 an acre more to farm this way The difference between 15 bushels an acre and even 30 bu. an acre is worth having.

But all this means a great deal to the farmer, and it means a great deal also to the community in which he lives to his country and state, to the towns and cities and thier merchants and professional men, to the railroads, the shopper, the dealers, to everybody.

There is no occasion for controversy as to what summer tillage means or that it means something entirely different fron the old and familiar summer fallow which has been followed in some countries for centuries.

The term "summer tilling" applies to work where the land is carefully cultivated from early spring and no weeds allowed to escape. There are several objects for summer tilling viz:

1. To store all the moisture possible inthe soil below.

2. To admit the air in proper quantities therebypromoting certain chemical action which develops nitrates and other elements for plant life.

3. To obtain a perfect seed bed.

4. To obtain a perfect soil condition that a perfect root system may develop.

5. By no means less, to obtain a physical condition of the soil that shall permit of as perfect control of air and water as possible, fully appreciating that the final crop yield depends very largely upon this point providing a dry season follows.

The familiar "summerfallow" is based on the theory that the soil needs rest. Now that is just what the soil doesn't need, for a soil at rest is a dead soil.

"Summer fallow" is quite generally understood to refer to a treatment of a field as practiced for many years, usually allowing a fair to a prolific growth of weeds then to turn them under with a plow and sometimes it was harrowed a few times and sometimes not at all until the crop was put in for the then supposed purpose of letting the land rest. But the growth of the weeds is of itself proof that the soil is not permitted to rest. Summer fallow is therefore quiet as apt to be harmful as helpful for the soil.

The Canadian government and Sheriff Small are now offering $500 reward for information leading to the retention or capture of W. W. Fuqua the alleged horse thief who escaped from Small in this city Tuesday night, June 8th, while he was being taken from California to Glasgow.

BAND CONCERT WAS A SUCCESS

Friday evening, June 11, a crowded house greeted the Malta band in its second concert of the season. From start to finish the entire program was of lively interest and each number was heartily applauded.

The band was assisted by the Malta Orchestra. Solos were sung by Misses Elizabeth Kilduff, Marie Cox and Grace McGregor, each one graciously responding to hearty encores.

The instrumental solos by Miss Leah Caselberg and E. L. Hendrix were much enjoyed, as was also the quartette, consisting of Misses Cox and Peck and Messrs. Facey and Sklower.

After the concert was finished the floor was cleared for dancing until 1:00 a. m.

Quite a number of out of town people from Glasgow, Saco, and Dodson were present and spoke highly of the efficiency of the band under the leadership of Prof. T. M. Facey.

We understand that Professor Facey is planning another entertainment by the band different from anything ever given by Malta talent.

The band can rest assured of a full house when they are ready to give another entertainment.

Thomas A. Fast, one of the progressive young men of Deering, N. D., is spending the week in Malta. Mr. Fast filed on a claim northeast of town last fall and his visit here is to build a shack upon his ranch and establish his residence upon it but as he is Rural Mail Carrier at his home town, Uncle Sam does not require continuous residence here.

The Great Northern Ry. Co. has granted a fare andone-third for the Montana State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Great Falls June 20 to 26 inclusive. Those desiring to attend should be careful to request a certificate from the local agent showing purchase of the ticket which is to be countersigned by the general secretary of the Federation and when such certificate is presented the railroad agent at Great Falls will collect a one third fair only for the return trip.

This announcement is pleasing to all who are interested in this line of work. The work accomplished by the Clubs and Federation along certain lines has been of considerable benefit to the State and especially to the locality in which they are organized and existing.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lenahan of the Great Falls diocese, will conduct services at the Malta Catholic church next Sunday, June 20th. The holy sacrament of confirmation will be administered at 10:30 in the morning and a special service held Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. Father Sansone will also be present.

A. Lincoln Vaupel of Deering N. D., reached Malta Saturday morning and drove out to his ranch Sunday morning to spend a few days with his family who have recently moved out from Malta. Mr. Vaupel is a cattle buyer and leaves for Chinook the latter part of this week.

Remember the eclipse tomorrow.

H. H. Nelson Resigns

The following is a copy of a letter from Superintendent of Construction H. H. Nelson, to R. M. Trafton, President of the Lower Milk River Water Users' Association:

"Malta, Montana, June 15, 1909.

Mr. R. M. TRAFTON, President Lower Milk River Water Users' Association,
Malta, Montana.

DEAR SIR:—

Now that our Association is no longer a "Contractor" it can have no need for a Superintendent of Construction and for this reason and also that all expense possible be cut off at once I herewith tender my resignation as Superintendent of Construction of the Lower Milk River Water Users' Association, the same to take effect on this date.

Very respectfully submitted,
H. H. NELSON,
Superintendent of Construction."

Whether Mr. Nelson's resignation is accepted or not, he will continue to work his outfit on the ditch as a contractor and do in the future as in the past, all he can to further the work on the project that means so much to the people of the valley.

J. F. Murray made a business and pleasure trip to Great Falls Friday evening, returning to Malta yesterday morning.

Saints Coming to Malta

Representatives from the St. Paul Jobbing Houses and Manufacturers left that city the first of this week in a special train and will travel through North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Minnesota. They are coming out to meet their friends and customers and to familiarize themselves with the condition of the cities and territory through which they pass. They will stop in Malta, Wednesday, June 23rd, from 12:45 to 1:15 p. m., and while this does not give the Maltaites much time to show their hospitality we can at least give them a right royal welcome, showing them we appreciate their visit and will also give time enough to do some advertising for this great Milk River Valley.

THE ENTERPRISE fully expected to give its readers the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners while in session at Glasgow last week, but for some reason or other, up to the time of going to press the minutes have not been received from the County Clerk and Recorder.

Edward Suter who has been employed in the commissary department of the Reclamation Service at Point of Rocks near Dodson, is rusticating on his ranch northeast of town, and occasionally wrestling with Mother Earth.

CUPID IS BUSY

The Methodist church was the scene of a pretty wedding Friday afternoon June 11th, when Jeanie Duncan and George A. Forbes were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. E. L. White of Glasgow. Following the ceremony the happy couple and the guests repaired to the Gr at Northern hotel where a tempting wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are spending the honeymoon at Great Falls but later will be at home to their friends on the groom's ranch. THE ENTERPRISE unites with friends in wishing them much happiness.

This morning at 10:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Jones in Dodson Miss Evelyn Perkins was led to the Hymeneal altar by Dr. R. P. Minnick of Saco, Rev. Leonard J. Christler of Havre, using the beautiful ring service of the Episcopal Church in the ceremony, which was witnessed by only the intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Dr. and Mrs. Minnick will leave at once on an extended wedding trip, visiting at Seattle, Denver, and Salt Lake City. With such an auspicious beginning to the matrimonial journey of life the many friends of both the Doctor and his popular bride can see only happy and prosperous days in store for them.

Dan McKay was up from Glasgow Thursday looking over the crops on his ranch near town. The heavy roads prevented Mr. McKay from shipping a couple of car load of brick from Malta.

MALTA IN BRIEF

W. H. Martin is home from Wheelock, N. D., and for a while will buy and ship horses from Malta.

St. Mary's Guild will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLellan on Wednesday afternoon, June 23rd.

Mrs. Essie Mead of Cowan, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray the latter part of last week.

B. H. Koke was called to Great Falls again last Friday evening by the alarming condition of Mrs. Koke but word was received here the first of the week that she was better and Mr. Koke expects she will be able to come home with him in about ten days.

The government contest cases against Brady, Bateman, Switzer & Co., of the Great Falls outfit near Ashfield, involving over 17,000 acres of land are still being tried at Glasgow, and will continue indefinitely as there are eighteen of the cases altogether.

R. M. Trafton is at Coburg this week arranging the stock of goods in his branch store at that place. Mr. J. W. Achenbach who is at present associated with the Malta store will act as manager for Mr. Trafton and will open up the Coburg store next Monday.

While hovering northeast of Malta this morning, the stork left a beautiful little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland W. Powell. Both the mother and baby are reported to be getting along nicely. THE ENTERPRISE joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations.