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## BIDS ARE WANTED FOR WORK ON THE DODSON-MALTA DITCH

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE RECLAMATION OFFICE IN  
THIS CITY ON SATURDAY JULY 31--FORTY-THREE  
DIFFERENT SCHEDULES IN THE UNIT

Department of the Interior, United States Reclamation Service, Helena, Montana, June 25th, 1909.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the U. S. Reclamation Service, Malta, Montana, until 2 o'clock p. m., July 31, 1909, for the construction of canals, waste water ditches, and dike in connection with the Dodson South Unit of the Milk River Project, involving the excavation of approximately 400,000 cubic yards, and furnishing of such material and doing of such work as may be necessary for the completion of the work.

Particulars may be obtained by application to the U. S. Reclamation Service, Malta, Montana,

H. N. SAVAGE,  
Supervising Engineer.

Proposals will be received on any or all schedules. Bidders wishing to submit proposals based on the award of all or none of Sections 1 to 4, all or none of Sections 5 to 7, all or none of Sections 9 to 20, all or none of Sections 21 to 29 or all or none of Sections 32 to 33, may submit proposals on schedules 5, 9, 23, 33, or 43, respectively.

Each proposal must be accompanied by certified check, payable to the Secretary of the Interior, as a guaranty that the bidder will, if successful, promptly execute a satisfactory contract and furnish bond for the faithful performance of the work. Each proposal must also be accompanied by the guaranty of responsible sureties to furnish bond as required if the proposal is accepted.

The following certified checks and bonds will be required:

Schedule	Amount of Certified Check	Amount of Bond
Schedule 1.....	\$35.....	\$250
2.....	70.....	450
3.....	105.....	600
4.....	140.....	750
5.....	175.....	900
6.....	210.....	1050
7.....	245.....	1200
8.....	280.....	1350
9.....	315.....	1500
10.....	350.....	1650
11.....	385.....	1800
12.....	420.....	1950
13.....	455.....	2100
14.....	490.....	2250
15.....	525.....	2400
16.....	560.....	2550
17.....	595.....	2700
18.....	630.....	2850
19.....	665.....	3000
20.....	700.....	3150
21.....	735.....	3300
22.....	770.....	3450
23.....	805.....	3600
24.....	840.....	3750
25.....	875.....	3900
26.....	910.....	4050
27.....	945.....	4200
28.....	980.....	4350
29.....	1015.....	4500
30.....	1050.....	4650
31.....	1085.....	4800
32.....	1120.....	4950
33.....	1155.....	5100
34.....	1190.....	5250
35.....	1225.....	5400
36.....	1260.....	5550
37.....	1295.....	5700
38.....	1330.....	5850
39.....	1365.....	6000
40.....	1400.....	6150
41.....	1435.....	6300
42.....	1470.....	6450
43.....	1505.....	6600

The envelope in which the proposal is transmitted must be marked "Proposal for Canals, Waste Water Ditches and Dike," and must be addressed United States Reclamation Service, Malta, Montana."

## A SANE FOURTH TIMELY ADVICE

As a result of a "sane and safe Fourth" there is a marked reduction in the casualty list in Chicago, Washington, Toledo and Cleveland. This life-saving was brought about by a crusade against fire-crackers, toy pistols, fire-arms, torpedo canes and other instruments of destruction. A campaign in these cities will be earnestly urged to make the "noiseless Fourth" a permanent institution. Some of the plans under discussion by the leaders will be as follows:

Vigorous prosecution of dealers who sold forbidden explosives this year; continuance of the Sane Fourth Association as a permanent organization; and an extensive plan of education for 1910 to be started early in the year. Literature to be distributed contrasting the small number of casualties and accidents in the cities hereinbefore mentioned with those of other cities where the "noisy Fourth" prevailed.

The total number of dead and injured for the three days celebration in the United States is:—Dead, 64; injured 2257, and loss by fire \$813,965. Malta, ever progressive, followed out the plan adopted by the larger eastern cities with the result that no one was killed or injured, no runaways or destruction by fire caused by the discharge of crackers or other explosives.

Chas. Pelletier of Dodson, was in town Saturday and made final proof on his homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilcox of Harlem, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schillings over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George White of Glasgow, parents of Edward White of this city visited at the latter's home Sunday while on their way home from the A-Y-P exposition.

Miss Edie McGregor, of St. Cloud, Minn., who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. E. Seerest, went to Hinsdale Saturday to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGregor and family at their farm home near Hinsdale.

An Englishman who visited America a quarter of a century ago has recently gone home from a second visit and says that without exaggeration American girls of today are allowed a greater degree of liberty in making acquaintances and in receiving attentions from men than they were on his former visit here. He speaks of this freedom in an alarming tone of voice which carries with it kindness for the future welfare of our younger girls. This is a fast age and there never was a time when girls needed more the counsels of parents and their wise and tender vigilant care and guidance than now. It is the duty of mothers to see that their daughters are surrounded with the safeguards of discriminating exclusiveness, to allow no friendships until they are satisfied that their young men associates are compatible with the highest standards of womanhood. Had Elsie Siegel's mother exercised greater vigilance as to her daughter's visitors and her whereabouts, the girl might have escaped the horribly tragic fate she met.

On November 27th, there will open in the Coliseum of Chicago, a land and irrigation exposition which will continue until December 4th. This will be the first exposition of its kind ever held in the world and at it there will be shown all the machinery and plans and devices of all kinds for reclaiming arid land. The exposition has the backing of the railroad companies and of the U. S. Government. The Department of Agriculture will make a fine display. This will include displays from the Bureau of Plant Industry, showing plants, trees and grains adaptable to irrigation conditions. The Bureau of Entomology will exhibit large models of insects and also large collections of specimens of insects both injurious and beneficial to crops, which will be an exposition for serious study and will well repay the attendance of farmers.

## JIM HILL WILL BUILD NORTH

A report from Helena says "that the Great Northern railway intends to invade the territory of the Canadian Pacific is indicated by the filing with Secretary of State Yoder of a copy of a resolution recently passed by the Board of Directors providing for the building of a branch line, leaving the main line at Poplar, Valley County, Montana, northward to the interna-

tional boundary, a distance of 80 miles. The opinion is held by some that this is a retaliatory move to prevent the Canadian Pacific from carrying out plans for extending the 800 line across Montana along the Missouri river and thence southward to Great Falls, surveys for which are said to be partially completed."

## THE TRUTH WITH A TOUCH OF HUMOR

President Taft's remarks to the Yale graduates were not intended to be unduly solemn, says the Chicago Record-Herald, but truth playfully expressed is still truth. The question whether the President had the tariff in mind when he spoke of the necessity and wisdom of living up to party promises is of no importance. If he didn't have the tariff in mind then, he will have it later. The principle is in his mind, and the application will be made as occasion may require.

"It is certainly true," said the President, "that if the Republican party does not live up to its promises, and to what the people expect of it, it will be relegated to a position like that of his majesty's opposition." The statesman who uses these words at this particular time clearly means to do his part toward keeping the party's pledges. The stand-paters have every reason to feel nervous about the hearing of the observation on the Aldrich tariff in its present form.

## MALTA'S FIRST MAYOR--WHO SHALL IT BE?

Coming events cast their shadows, and as we are on the eve of election for incorporation the leading question is—who shall be elected the first mayor of Malta? Who is eligible to the office? Who will best serve the people?

Malta has splendid material from which to choose and it behooves the man with the ballot to vote for the man who will fill the position best regardless of party affiliations. Let us nominate a man with strength of character to do at all times what he knows to be right. A man who possesses honesty, courage, and in addition to these, one who has an abundance of good common sense. A man who will act with the bold, unfettered authority that springs from an honest belief in the justice of his opinions, and never put his plans out of focus by shifting his ground. When once resolved he is right he should be as unmoved as a fixed star.

We should elect a man with executive ability and experience so that holding the reins of city government

will not be an experiment to him, and we should look to the candidate who is broad minded enough to rise above petty grievances and personalities and mete out justice to all, no matter what nationality, religion, or position is at stake.

There are two factions in Malta, those for incorporation and those opposed to incorporation, but THE ENTERPRISE believes these two factions should be, and can be held in harmonious balance. Are we not all working for the prosperity and progress of our little city? In this connection the possibilities are so great that even if we are inclined to prejudices, which we are not, we could not afford to entertain them. We believe all of our citizens have good intentions and will follow these good intentions out in helping the mayor of Malta in enforcing law and order.

Who shall we nominate for the first mayor of Malta? Think it over, measure your man, trot him out and after election be loyal to him.

## PATRONIZING HOME MERCHANTS

If your home merchant with whom you have dealt for years, and whom you know to be perfectly reliable, and who has accommodated you when your bank account was low, does ask you a cent or two more for a pound of sugar or a yard of cloth than some third class mail order house, do you think you are doing right by giving the agents of these houses orders for supplies? THE ENTERPRISE has been informed that the two agents who were in Malta recently, soliciting grocery orders for a Chicago firm, were given orders for hundreds of dollars worth of groceries, and no doubt but that much of these low-priced supplies were of inferior quality to the goods carried by our home merchants.

A small town should learn early that reciprocity is the best method possible and that patronizing home industry pays. If a grocery dealer sends away for dry goods, he should not expect the patronage of the dry

goods merchant; and vice versa. If a lumber dealer sends away for groceries, dry goods or hardware, then the people in his community, if they followed his example, would send out of town for building material or anything needed in his line.

In one of our stores recently a man was heard protesting loudly against the price of a commodity as compared with a similar article "back east," but the inconsistent man did not tell the dealer that he was receiving twice the wages he would receive for the same class of work "back east." If one stops to consider the high freight rates and other expenses attached to the handling and selling of goods, prices are not exorbitant. It is the duty of every citizen of Malta and vicinity to patronize his home merchant. If this is not done, the town will not grow, business will lag, ill feeling will be created and disastrous results follow. TRADE-AT HOME.

## A NEW BRIDGE ACROSS MILK RIVER AT WAGNER

At a special meeting of the Chouteau County Board of Commissioners held at Ft. Benton last Monday a bridge across Milk River was granted the people of the eastern part of the county at Wagner. Bids will be immediately advertised for and it will not be long before the citizens of that enterprising little burg will be re-

ceiving and enjoying the benefits derived from the erection of the bridge, for without it trade has been crippled, children deprived of school, and many other inconveniences endured. The Board of Chouteau County Commissioners deserve commendation for the prompt action taken and good judgment displayed in the matter.

## DRY LAND CROPS ARE SAFE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST ASSURED

REPORTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE INDICATE THE  
LARGEST HARVEST IN THE STATE'S HISTORY--  
DRY FARMING IN MONTANA IS A SUCCESS

Billings, Montana, July 12.—(Special.)—Reports received from all parts of Montana indicate that the dry land crops are safe. Persons who have visited the agricultural districts within the last two weeks declare that the outlook for bountiful harvests was never more bright. Throughout eastern Montana the grain fields present a most inspiring appearance and the farmers of Custer, Dawson, Valley, Rosebud and Yellowstone counties predict bumper crops. In the Judith Basin the bench land wheat yield is assured, the grain having been insured against the summer heat by the recent copious rains. In the Milk River Valley it is announced that the dry farm crops will excel those grown by irrigation. The same story is told in reports from Cascade and other counties in other parts of the state, particularly in the Gallatin Valley, which is famed for its phenomenal harvests of wheat and other grains on non-irrigated land.

With the demonstration of the success of dry farming throughout the state during the last two years and the assurance of bountiful crops this year, there has been renewed interest taken by Montanans in the Dry Farming Congress which will meet at Billings, October 26-28, and the International Exposition of Dry Farm Products, October 25-29, 1909. Montana dry farmers captured the lion's share of the premiums at the Third Dry Farming Congress at Cheyenne last February, and they are going in to win all along the line this fall. According to Prof. Alfred Atkinson of the Montana College of Agriculture and member of the executive

committee of the Congress for this state, the only competitor Montana need give serious thought to in the competition for prizes for wheat and other small grains, is northwest Canada, and he believes Montana will prove supreme in these products when the exhibits are judged. Practically all the counties in the state with agricultural districts are preparing to send exhibits of their best crops to the Billings exposition and the committee is confident that this display will be the finest and, from an educational viewpoint, the most profitable exhibition of agricultural products ever shown in the west.

On top, the Indian Motorcycle; Greatest Hill Climber in the world. Lookout Mountain, 4.9 miles, 2100 ft. high. Stubbs, on Indian 6.50 2-5. (Best auto 6.30 2-5.) Giant's Dispair. Wray, on Indian, 1.41 2-5. (Benz. Mastodon Auto 1.31 3-5.) Shingle Hill, Wray on Indian, .52 2-5. (Benz. 150 h. p. Auto .51 1-5.) Built to go anywhere. Hender Mfg. Co., Springfield, Mass. Montana representative, Coburg, Montana.

Burk's Big "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show reached town last Thursday and gave a fairly good street parade but the show, which was largely attended was not worth the time taken to see it, unless it was to demonstrate the old saw—"the American people are easily humbugged."

Quite a number of the ranchers in this locality have commenced haying and judging from what has been cut and the stand of grass in other parts of the county, the hay harvest will be larger than for years.

## LOCALS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Ott Cassidy went to Mondak today on official business.

For hot weather Togs, light, cool underwear, see Kilduff.

Mrs. M. J. Larson is entertaining St. Mary's Guild this afternoon.

Great Falls is experiencing another epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Cox at the parsonage tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Found:—A bunch of keys. Owner may have same by describing the keys and paying for this notice.

The many friends of Mrs. Ott Cassidy will be pleased to learn that she has just about recovered from her recent severe illness.

The Great Falls Daily Leader says a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sowers at the Columbus Hospital Monday July 12th. Congratulation.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the M. E. church Friday evening, July 23. All interested in this work are most cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. R. A. Price, mother of our popular townsman, W. Q. Price, reached Malta Monday from Clay Center, Kansas, and will remain at the home of her son indefinitely.

Last Thursday, Burner Survant had the misfortune to run three nails into his right leg below the knee. The wounds became very painful and for the past three days Burner has been confined to his room but his condition is somewhat improved and he will probably be as well as ever again soon.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club, Tuesday evening, B. W. Brockway was elected delegate and Harry Cosner alternate, to attend a meeting of the Milk River Information Bureau, to be held at Glasgow, July 17. The club is planning to give a grand ball and concert in the near future. Phil Caselberg, J. F. Murray and L. C. Edwards were appointed a committee to make arrangements for it two weeks.

Joe Sipples of Coburg spent Sunday in Malta.

Paul Hirsch Manager of the Golden Rule Store at Dodson, visited in town over Sunday.

Milo LaRock of Cowan, was a business visitor in town Friday and Saturday of last week.

Rev. Father Sansone, of Havre, conducted services in the Malta Catholic church last Sunday and visited among his parishioners Monday.

Do not forget that next Tuesday, July 20th, is election day for Malta, and if YOU vote and vote right, we shall be able to incorporate.

Mrs. E. S. Halloway of Harlowton, joined her husband in this city last Saturday, coming from Great Falls where she had been visiting friends.

The Woman's Club of this city is in receipt of an invitation to attend a reception to be given by the Woman's Study Club tomorrow afternoon at Harlem.

D. L. Rickards of Washington, D. C., Special Field Inspector, returned from Helena Monday and will resume his work in Malta and vicinity for a number of weeks.

B. W. Burnett of Coburg, agent for the Indian Motorcycle was in town Monday and has something of interest to say about his machine elsewhere in this issue.

A dance will be given by Adolph Erenux at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Houle, Thursday evening, July 22nd, 1909. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time. Tickets \$1.00.

L. C. Edwards returned from his eastern trip Friday, having left Mrs. Edwards and children at Church's Ferry to continue their trip to Manitoba where they will make an extended visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Edwards reports a most enjoyable trip, having been to New York, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Philadelphia and some of the leading Canadian cities.