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## BIGGEST SHOW OF ITS KIND WAS THE DRY LAND CONGRESS

MANY PROMINENT AND ABLE SPEAKERS DISCUSSED THE  
POSSIBILITIES AND ADVANTAGES OF THE SEMI-  
ARID COUNTRY—VISITORS SATISFIED

The gathering at Billings last week called the Dry Farming Congress was international in its representative character. It was successful in every detail. Near to it and connected with it was an exposition of soil products secured through the scientific methods of soil culture, which proved or justified all that was said by the many eminent and able speakers who discussed the possibilities and advantages of semi-arid countries.

Naturally, with the meetings held in a Montana city which has derived large benefit from dry land farming as it is understood, this state played an exceptionally prominent part in the proceedings. It must be a cause of satisfaction to the people of the state to realize from the discussions and addresses that Montana was recognized by representatives from other states as presenting the most favorable opportunities and the greatest resources from the new industry in addition to her better appreciated advantages. From the welcoming address by Governor Norris to the final adjournment Montana was in the display lines of every kind of advertisement.

The people of Billings fulfilled the most generous expectation of their friends as entertainers. "The Billings spirit" was everywhere manifest, from the lavish decorations with bunting for day time and electricity for night to the trimmings that went with refreshments. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies contributed in cash for appropriations, in fact for the arguments, and with sleeping cars in ample number for the temporary accommodations of the crowds which might otherwise have exceeded hotel facilities. Among the best contributions from this source was the address by James J. Hill, as it was among the best of information contributed from any source. He is prominent as a

builder rather than a boomer. Knowledge of the work which the congress seeks to promote may be best gathered from his conservative arrangement of facts and estimates of possibilities and probabilities. What he here says, which is taken from his address at Billings, will be new and instructive to people of Montana, as well as to others outside of the state.

"The study of modern scientific agriculture is comparatively a new study. A great many people think those college fellows don't know enough to put a crop in the ground or to hoe a row of turnips. Well, it isn't necessary that they should. Your agricultural college and the others are in touch with all the advanced thought in scientific agriculture in the world. And all that these men have learned by experiments and thought is the common property of all. It would take practical farmers 50 years of their time and then they would not begin to learn what these men have discovered about scientific farming, simply because they don't know that modern scientific agriculture calls for as high a degree of intellect as any other science. The farmers haven't the time or the knowledge to do all these things that an experiment station and an agricultural college do for them. Let the experimental station analyze the soils and adapt the seed to the soil and the soil to the seed, ascertain the best time to plant and the proper rotation of crops. That is the proper work of your experimental farm and agricultural college. Let me, however, advise you to be very careful in whose hands you place this important work. If the man is not willing to sit up day and night he is not fit to be in charge of the work of the experimental farm, for far-reaching mistakes have come through his laziness. It is better a thousand times not to have him at all than to have him make a mistake."—The Montana Lookout.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Malta, Montana

Thursday, Nov. 18th

## WEEKLY LIVE STOCK REPORT

Chicago Union Stock Yards, Nov. 1. Receipts of western range cattle last week totaled 22,500, which, barring the weak ending October 2 was the smallest total since the week ending September 4, and compared with 31,000 the previous week. Supply for the season to date 265,200, an increase of 6,300 over the like period of 1908. The big drop in the offerings and keen competition among local and eastern buyers resulted in an advance of mostly 25 to 35¢ for steers and 15 to 25¢ gain for she stock, repairing all of the break for these offerings the previous week. Strong demand for feeders at prices 10 to 15¢ higher for the week. A new high price was recorded for steers when \$7.60 was paid for 35 prime 1,481-lb Montanas and for 18 prime 1,356-lb Wyomings. There is an excellent outlook for the trade the balance of the season, but it will not do to delay shipping of fat offerings, as there is a danger of meeting up with bad storms. Keep all stock that is intended for the market this season coming as fast as convenient. Bulk of beef steers last week sold at \$4.75 to 5.65 and most cows and heifers at \$3.60 to 4.50.

BUYERS DOMINATE SHEEP TRADE  
Total run of sheep and lambs last week was 140,800, an increase of 4,000 over the previous week and 59,000 more than the corresponding week of 1908. The proportion of rangers was very heavy, with fat offerings comprising bulk of the arrivals. The market was slow on most days, buyers are donning their bearish clothes at the start of each morning. Result was that ewes sold 10 to 25¢ lower than the previous week, wethers lost 10¢ and most lambs were 10 to 15¢ off while yearlings held about steady. Top sheep \$4.50 with bulk at \$3.50 to 4.25. Yearling stock in main at \$5.00 to 5.50. Pinnale for lambs \$6.00 and trading in main at \$6.75 to 6.90.

Feeder offerings were in larger numbers and buyers made every effort to lower the cost of the same,

however, lambs and wethers were held steady with the previous week. Yearlings lost 10 to 25¢, while the best wethers sold about steady and plainer kind, 15 to 25¢ down. Breeder ewes in fairly good demand at steady rates. Bulk of trading was at \$2.25 to 3.00 for ewes, \$4.00 to 4.85 for wethers \$4.50 to 5.00 for yearlings, \$6.50 to 6.85 for lambs and \$4.00 to 5.75 for breeder ewes.

## Delegates Returned

B. W. Brockway returned from Billings in Louis N. Hill's special car last Friday. Mr. Brockway states the Dry Farming Congress the best ever attended and met representatives from all parts of the world. Harry Cosner did not return until a day later, having stopped off in Great Falls to transact some business. He, too, was very enthusiastic over the exhibits and demonstration of implements for dry land farming. Commissioner A. Davidson stopped off at Judith Jap to visit old friends some of whom he had not seen for eighteen years and did not return to Malta till Monday morning. All attending the Congress were impressed with the Billings "boosters." The citizens there work harmoniously for the up-building of the city and the result is its phenomenal growth.

Mrs. Homer Cox entertained the Woman's Club socially Saturday afternoon at her home. The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation, and in a guessing contest in which Miss Peck guessed the most words and was awarded the prize, a vase by the hostess. Lunch, consisting of sandwiches, olives, pickles, meat, salad, cake, fruit salad and coffee, was served.

The next regular program meeting will be held Saturday of this week at the home of Mrs. M. Sklower.

## IRRIGATION EXPOSITION AND LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION

WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO NOVEMBER 20TH TO DECEMBER

5TH. ILLUSTRATED LECTURES BY RECLAMATION  
SERVICE WILL ADVERTISE COUNTRY

Project Engineer, Cyrus C. Babb, of the Reclamation Service, is in receipt of the following letter from E. T. Perkins, Engineer in charge of the Chicago office:

777-779 Federal Bldg., Chicago.  
Mr. C. C. Babb, Project Engineer,  
Malta, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

The United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, to be held in the Coliseum, Chicago, Ill., November 20th to Dec. 4, and the International Live Stock Exposition November 28 to Dec. 5, will be attended by several thousand people who are interested in irrigated lands. The Reclamation Service will participate in these expositions by giving illustrated lectures on the work of the Service, and will have on display numerous colored transparencies representing engineering features of various projects and scenes on irrigated farms.

It is proposed to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by these expositions to advertise the lands under Reclamation projects. A branch of the Reclamation Settlement Section has been established in Chicago, in Room 802, Federal Building, where a creditable exhibit of colored pictures, photographs and products of irrigated lands will be installed. The Milk River project should be represented in this exhibit, and this letter is to solicit your co-operation in securing small samples of fruits, grain and other farm products. The fruit should be inclosed in glass jars attractively labeled. I wish that you take the matter up with your local Chamber of Commerce or other representative body and ship me as soon as possible, charges prepaid, the exhibits than can be furnished, as more exhibits will probably be received than can be displayed, we will use our best judgment in making such selection as may be necessary.

Very truly Yours,  
E. T. Perkins,  
Engineer in Charge.

## COMPLETING CANAL

With the prevailing fine weather prospects for the completion of the Dodson-Malta canal are most auspicious and ranchmen who have land under this canal should not fail to make preparations for the reception of the long wanted water. Practically all the most intricate work is completed. At Point of Rocks, the hardest job on the canal, the major portion of the hard work is completed, with the exception of some concrete work and cement lining at the outlet of the cut. A bridge will be constructed over the canal where it crosses the county road, at Point of Rocks, some time this winter. However, traveling will not be interfered with as the Reclamation Service has left a gap in the canal over which traveling is made possible. At the dam a small force is employed to complete every minor detail, and within a month the dam will be ready to bow to the will of the water wizards. The Great Northern Railroad is finishing up their work. The first of the week they began rip rapping the track above the dam to prevent the high water from damaging the road bed. Work on the lateral ditches has progressed beyond the most sanguine expectations, and with a month of good weather all the laterals will be completed, with the exception of lateral "F". This being the center lateral, and owing to the small acreage it will cover, there is no immediate hurry for its completion, however, it will be taken up early in the spring and will be completed in ample time for the needed irrigation.

## NOTICE

Hereafter W. C. Stevens' photograph gallery will be open to the public only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week.

## FARMERS WILL BE HERE

On Thursday, November 18, a Farmers' Institute will be held in this city, in the morning, afternoon and evening. In fact the entire day will be devoted to discussion of irrigation, dry land farming, horticulture, stock raising and dairying. It is earnestly hoped that all farmers and ranchmen who wish to farm successfully will attend this meeting. Prof. Thomas Shaw, of Minnesota, one of the most distinguished agricultural lecturers of the country, will deliver a most interesting address. Other speakers will be Director Frederick B. Linfield of the Montana Experiment station, F. S. Cooley, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, Edmund Burke, irrigation and soil expert and chemist of the experiment station and Verna Erwin, lecturer in home science.

It is said that a rancher living near Medford, Ore., has produced a deep-rooted vine which bears three crops of strawberries each year. It is claimed that the result has been obtained by grafting alfalfa roots to the roots of the strawberry vine. The vine and the result obtained is one of the most peculiar gardening stunts ever heard of.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church are making preparations for their Annual Bazaar and Supper, which will be held on December 15th. Any amount of dainty and useful articles for Christmas gifts will be found at this sale. And a hot chicken pie supper will be served. Don't forget the date, December 15th.

Mrs. Joe Sheets of Chinook and little child visited her sister, Mrs. A. Elliot in this city last week.

## ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF MALTA

### ORDINANCE NO. 9

(Continued from last week.)

Section 6. Any person or persons, private association, incorporation or company who shall engage in the business of banking shall procure a license before doing any such business and shall pay therefor ten dollars per quarter. Provided that any bank engaged in the business of banking as its principal business, and in connection therewith, shall as such bank, write insurance as an insurance agent, shall be considered a banking business only, and subject to license as such only. Provided further, that no officer of such bank employed therein who shall write insurance as an insurance agent, shall be required to obtain a license, but shall be considered a part of such banking business.

Section 7. Every real estate broker shall pay a license of five dollars per quarter. Provided that any person engaged in the business of real estate broker as his principal business, and in connection therewith shall write insurance as an insurance agent, or draw any legal instrument, deed, power, power of attorney or other document for which he charges a fee, shall be considered a real estate broker only, and subject to license as such only.

Section 8. Every brewer or manufacturer of malt liquors, and each person who manufactures malt liquors outside of the town limits and delivers the same to customers within the town, in packages shall pay a license as follows:

1. Those whose business amounts to five hundred dollars or more per month shall pay a license of eight dollars per month.
2. Those whose business amounts to less than five hundred dollars per month shall pay a license of five dol-

lars per month.  
Section 9. No person shall give a public entertainment for gain or profit without a license therefor from the town, and the charge therefor shall be as follows:

1. Menagerie or circus, twenty-five dollars for each day. Each side show, five dollars per day.
2. Any show other than a menagerie or circus, five dollars per day.
3. Street exhibitions, two dollars per day.
4. Theatrical exhibitions, opera or concert singers, minstrels, sleight of hand performances, legerdemain and other public entertainment not herein otherwise provided for, shall pay a license of five dollars per day, or forty dollars per quarter.
5. Public pedestrian or wrestling or sparring exhibitions, two dollars and fifty cents per day.

No license shall be required for any entertainment given by citizens of the town when the same shall not be for gain or profit to the person giving the entertainment.

Section 10. License may be granted under the provisions of this ordinance for one year or less, at the option of the applicant: Provided no license shall be granted at any one time for a longer period than one year or for a less time than that mentioned in the rates of assessments in this ordinance, and in all cases the period or terms shall be expressed in the license.

Section 11. No license shall be assignable or transferable without permission of the city council or mayor, nor shall any such license authorize any person to do business or act under it other than the licensee therein named.

Section 12. The town marshal shall make diligent inquiry and examina-

tion as to all persons in the town liable to pay license as required in this ordinance, and is hereby authorized and empowered to require each person to state under oath or affirmation the amount of business which he or the firm of which he is a member or for which he is agent or attorney, or the association or incorporation of which he is the presiding officer, has done in the last preceding month or quarter, and also to make a statement under oath, if required, in order to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, and thereupon such agent or other person shall procure a license for the period for which such license is authorized to be issued for the class for which such person is liable to pay. And in all cases where an under estimate has been made the applicant shall be made to pay a double license for the next month or quarter. Such license shall authorize the party obtaining the same to transact the business as provided in such license: Provided, that nothing in this ordinance nor in any license issued under it shall be so construed as to authorize any person to carry on any business without procuring such additional license as may be lawfully required by the laws of the United States or the State of Montana.

Section 13. Any person or persons, corporation or association, who shall transact any business, trade occupation or profession for which a license is required by this ordinance, without first obtaining such license, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance, and on conviction thereof before the police magistrate of the town shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, to which shall be added the amount due from such persons for such license, togeth-

er with the costs of prosecution, to be collected as in other criminal actions.

Section 14. No license shall be required to be paid by any person who sells any production of this State, raised or manufactured by himself, except as may be in this ordinance specifically mentioned.

Section 15. The Town Clerk shall not issue any license until the party applying therefor shall have paid into the town treasury the sum of money charged therefor by ordinance.

Section 16. All money paid into the town treasury from licenses shall be credited to the general fund unless otherwise ordered by the town council.

Section 17. A license may be issued to any corporation, association or partnership, or to two or more persons engaged in any joint enterprise, the same as to a single person, and for the same charge.

Section 18. License in favor of the employers shall protect the employee of the person, partnership, association or corporation, including officers of corporations engaged by the licensee or licensees in conducting or carrying on the business, trade, vocation or profession licensed.

Section 19. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after thirty days from the date of its passage and approval.

Passed by the town council and approved this 13th day of Oct., 1909.

John A. Tressler, Mayor.  
Attest:  
F. W. Hall, Town Clerk.

## NEWSY LOCALS OF MALTA

Court is in session at the county seat.

Oven F. McCone returned from Minot Friday.

Mrs. John Backslaw was a Dodson visitor Thursday.

Kilduff carries Iron Beds, Mattresses, and Steel Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall and Mrs. C. E. Seerest visited with the McGregors at Hinsdale over Sunday.

The dance given by the Malta Orchestra was well attended last Friday evening and everybody reports a good time.

Richard Towne and family of down on the Missouri have moved to Malta for the winter in order that the children may attend school.

When all other makes fail you, it is then the North Star Shoe is the shoe for you. Don't have to break in a pair Every Little White. They last, ask Kilduff.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLellan left Malta last Thursday morning for Alber Lea, Minnesota, where Mrs. McLellan's mother, Mrs. Landis, resides. They will visit with relatives and friends in different cities and expect to be absent a number of months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mead are the new and happy parents of a fine boy who arrived at their home Sunday. Altho he did not participate with the Malta boys in playing Hallowe'en pranks, he'll probably help celebrate Thanksgiving day, and let father and mother live with him until he's twenty-one. THE ENTERPRISE extends congratulations.