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HINSDALE SHEEPMAN KILLED AT SOUTH ST. PAUL YARDS

ROBERT THOMPSON, OF THE FIRM OF BRANDS, THOMPSON & MONTFORT, MEETS DEATH BY BEING CRUSHED BETWEEN LOADING CHUTE AND TRAIN

Robert Thompson, the well known sheep man of the firm of Brands, Thompson & Montfort, who have been in the sheep business in this vicinity during the past two or three years, met his death at the South St. Paul stock yards last Tuesday night. The following account of his death is taken from the South St. Paul Daily Reporter of the 10th.—Hinsdale Homestead.

Robert Thompson, a livestock shipper from Hinsdale, Montana, was crushed to death between the loading chutes and a moving train in the stock yards last night. The body, still warm, was found about 11:15 by the night train men. His ribs and chest were crushed in and both hips were badly bruised, showing he had been rolled by the train.

No one saw the accident. Thompson had been about the stock yards early in the evening arranging for the shipping out of four cars of sheep with which he arrived Monday night from Montana. His consignment of sheep was moved out of the yards about 10 o'clock last night. It will probably never be known definitely but it is supposed that the man, in trying to scale one of the cars, fell, and so met his death.

Thompson was identified by papers found in his pockets which gave his name and showed that he was a member at Corunna, Michigan, of the Old Fellows and also a Mason. He is believed to have relatives at Corunna and efforts are being made to locate them.

Charles D. Howell, formerly postmaster at Havre, Mont., who is charged with holding up the clerks in the Great Northern express office and securing \$12,000 a short time ago, has been identified as the bandit who impersonated a United States postal inspector to get into a Great Northern mail car at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, March 15, 1908, and after subduing the clerks in the car, rifled the registered mail. The crime stands out as one of the most cleverly planned robberies in the northwest. Disguised as an inspector, the bandit boarded the Oriental Limited train just as it pulled out of Bonners Ferry, and holding the two mail clerks at bay at the point of a revolver, locked one of them in the clothes closet and tied the other to a chair with a rope, after which he rode a distance of 100 miles into Spokane, spending almost four hours in rifling registered mail and loading and unloading mail sacks along the route. The bandit puffed complacently on a cigar while at work.

Malta Market Report

(Furnished by St. A. & D. Ele. Co.)
Wheat—No. 1 Northern - \$ 86c
No. 2 Northern - - - 84
No. 3 Northern - - - 81
No. 1 Durum - - - 69½
No. 2 - - - 66½
Flax - - - 1 57½
Oats - bulk per cwt. 1 00
Barley - - - 74
Rye - - - 48½

FARMERS' INSTITUTE IRRIGATION SCRIP NO GOOD

Malta, Montana

Thursday, Nov. 18th

At 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.
IN BANK HALL

GREAT NORTHERN MAKES GOOD

The Great Northern fast mail yesterday completed a thirty-three days' record in the maintenance of a forty-eight-hour schedule from St. Paul to Seattle. Not only has the train been able to keep within the time limit on every run, but it invariably has been traveling under the schedule about half an hour daily.

Officials assert that the Great Northern fast mail is the fastest long distance train in operation in the world at present, and the record of the past thirty-three days is regarded as remarkable. It is pointed out that the schedule maintained by the Great Northern via St. Paul is three hours shorter than that maintained by the Harriman lines from Omaha to San Francisco, the distance being comparatively the same.

St. Paul is now the gateway for most of the mail for Western states, Alaska and Oriental ports. There is now brought this way all the mail that originates in the states east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio river. Much of the mail from this territory used to be sent by way of Omaha, but was diverted this way when the Great Northern established its superior service.

The government will weigh the mails in this district for three months beginning in February, to ascertain the basis for payment for mail transportation for the next four years. It is to get this contract that the Great Northern is maintaining its forty-eight hour service.—Pioneer-Press, St. Paul.

IRRIGATION SCRIP NO GOOD UNTIL NEW LAW IS MADE

NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAS A RIGHT TO PERMIT A REDUCTION OF WATER RIGHT CHARGES IN RECLAMATION PROJECTS TO OFFSET CHARGES

Residents of the Milk river valley who have received reclamation scrip in payment for work performed on the Dodson unit of the government irrigation project, will probably have to wait for the money guaranteed by certificates. Scrip of that character, to the amount of thousands of dollars, was accepted by local contractors for services rendered, the reclamation officials believing the law permitted them to draw upon the reclamation fund in that way. The scrip was to be used by settlers in part payment for their dues to the government when water was supplied to their land.

But according to a recent Washington dispatch, the issuance of this reclamation scrip was illegal and until validated by special act of congress the paper is practically worthless. The news conveyed in the dispatch is to this effect:

"No government officer has a right to permit a reduction of water right charges in reclamation project as an offset against amounts due by the government for labor or material furnished and which were evidenced by certificates issued while the so-called co-operative plan of construction works was in force. Persons who performed such labor or furnished materials may be paid from money in

the reclamation fund. An opinion to this effect was rendered today by the government law officers."

The holders of this alleged illegal scrip, however, need not anticipate repudiation of their claims. The certificates represent value received by the government, work performed upon irrigation canals and ditches to the amount certified by reclamation officials, and the debt will be paid. A large amount of this scrip was purchased from the settlers at a discount by local merchants and others, in anticipation of delay in getting the cash, and the present holders will have to carry the paper until the tangle can be unraveled. But they will certainly receive a square deal by enactment of the necessary legislation.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stiles, of near Wagner, visited in Malta the latter part of last week.

Miss Flora Beasley went to Dodson Monday. She will be employed in the new Wagner hotel.

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. Beautiful, dainty and useful articles for Christmas gifts will be found at this sale. The ladies will also serve a hot chicken supper.

WEEKLY LIVE STOCK REPORT

(Specially prepared by Clay, Robinson & Co.)

Chicago Union Stock Yards, Nov. 15. The selling interests had fairly good control of the western range cattle trade last week. Receipts were materially reduced and the general demand very good. Prices for the strictly good to choice beef steers were advanced 10 to 15c over the previous week and other kinds went on a strong basis. Both local slaughterers and eastern shippers were hungry for the fat, heavy kind. Top beefs made \$7.00, obtained by Clay, Robinson & Co. for a load of the C. R. Taylor 1,303-lb offerings from Montana. Bulk of selling was at \$4.90 to 5.65. Cows and heifers 15 to 25c higher for the week, demand for fat

heifers being very urgent. Sales in main were at \$3.65 to 4.85. Demand continued strong for feeders. Receipts for the week totalled 18,000, compared with 26,500 the previous week and 8,000 the corresponding week of last year. Marketing for the season to date 309,700, against 276,000 the like period of 1908.

Revised quotations for western range cattle:

Choice to prime steers.....	\$6 60 to 7 50
Medium to good steers.....	5 40 6 50
Plain to fair steers.....	4 90 5 35
Canning steers.....	4 35 4 65
Good to choice heifers.....	4 75 5 50
Plain to medium heifers.....	3 75 4 50
Good to choice cows.....	4 25 4 85
Plain to medium cows.....	3 60 4 00
Plain to good cutters.....	3 10 3 50
Common to good canners.....	2 75 3 00
Good to choice feeders.....	4 75 5 25
Common to medium feeders.....	3 50 4 50

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

M. J. Larson of Dodson spent Sunday with his family in Malta.

John Survant made a business trip to Chinook Friday returning Saturday night.

Don't forget that St. Mary's Guild will serve supper and hold a bazaar Tuesday November 30.

Mrs. J. F. Kilduff visited Mrs. Dr. Williams and other friends at Harlem the latter part of last week.

Mrs. James Battram was quite ill the latter part of last week but is reported considerably better now.

Byron Hurley, Wagner's popular business man, visited with his family a couple of days the latter part of last week.

J. B. Dolson, one of the energetic contractors on the big ditch, was a business visitor in Malta the first of the week.

Reese Williams writes THE ENTERPRISE requesting his paper forwarded to Los Angeles, Calif., as he is now enjoying the comforts that that sunny clime affords.

James B. Davidson, son of County Commissioner A. Davidson, returned to Malta last Friday after an absence of over two years. Part of the time away was spent in Alaska and other remote parts of habitation and now he is thoroughly enjoying this visit with relatives.

Please do not confuse the Ladies' Aid Society with St. Mary's Guild. They are two separate and distinct organizations. The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual bazaar December 15th, while the Guild has announced their bazaar for November 30th. Don't think they are one and the same thing but attend both of them.

Dentist and Mrs. L. E. Montgomery will spend this week at Saco where the doctor has a number of patients. They will then go west for quite an extended western trip, visiting a number of cities and spending some time in Idaho where they have a homestead. They expect to be gone about three months. Miss Neilson of Rugby, North Dakota has returned and takes Mrs. Montgomery's place as cashier at the R. M. Trafton store.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Robb, of Wagner, were in Malta shopping the latter part of last week.

Maurice H. Thuerk, of the Dodson Trading Company, of Dodson, transacted business in town last Friday.

Mrs. John Survant spent Sunday at Hinsdale, visiting Mrs. Hesser who has recently returned from California.

A letter from Wm. Falls, the popular "trick" man who held the night job at the depot in this city last summer, locates him at Kaloua, Washington, holding down a shift for the Northern Pacific.

Rev. Fr. Sansone conducted services in the Corpus Christi church last Sunday. The church society recently installed a large bell in the edifice and the sound of the bell ringing out clear and far calls the members to worship.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING

Tomorrow afternoon and evening a Farmers' Institute will be held in this city in the Bank hall. The meetings will be promptly called to order at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. and it is sincerely hoped that the people of Malta and vicinity will lay aside their labors for the afternoon and evening and attend this commendable gathering. Some of the most prominent speakers in the state will be present, besides there will be many local farmers who will tell

their experience in the past season. Malta has this year made a wonderful start in agriculture and for this reason the good work should be kept up and new and better ideas should be formulated for the coming year. There is no better place to learn how to farm in the modern and scientific way than at a Farmers' Institute, and farmers of this vicinity should not fail to take advantage of this meeting. Remember that it is tomorrow, Nov. 18th.

ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF MALTA

ORDINANCE NO. 11

An ordinance to prevent minor children from being on or loitering about the streets and public places of the Town of Malta at unreasonable hours without proper permission or proper attendance.

Be It Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Malta.

Section 1. That from and after thirty days after the date of the passage and approval of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for minor persons (male or female) under the age of sixteen years to be on any of the streets or in any public place within the limits of the Town of Malta after the hours of eight o'clock p. m. until the hour of four o'clock a. m. of the next day, from the first day of October in each year until the first day of April of the succeeding year; and after the hour of nine o'clock p. m. until the hour of four o'clock a. m. of the next day from the first day of April until the first day of October in each year, except by written permission of the parent or parents, guardian or other adult person having control of such

minor, or that he or she be attended by some relative, guardian, custodian, or other proper person, and with the permission of the person authorized to grant the permit above mentioned. Provided, however, that the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any minor boy or girl under the age above mentioned engaged in any lawful occupation or business for the purpose of earning a living.

Section 2. Any one violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars, or be imprisoned in the Town jail for a term not exceeding ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and any minor so found upon the streets or in the public places after or before the proper hours shall exhibit to any officer demanding same the proper permit, unless properly attended or accompanied as in this ordinance provided, or engaged in some lawful business; and on his or her failing or refusing to exhibit such permit when so demanded, he or she

shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the provisions of this ordinance, and shall be punished as hereinbefore provided.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after thirty days after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed by the town council and approved October 13, 1909.

JOHN A. TRESSLER,
Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 12

An ordinance prohibiting minors from being employed or allowing minors to resort to or frequent saloons, gambling houses, concert or dance halls.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Malta:

Section 1. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, co-partnership or corporation to employ minors in any saloon, gambling house, concert hall or dance hall.

Section 2. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons,

firm, co-partnership or corporation to allow or permit any minor to loiter in or around, to be in or about, to frequent or remain in any room, apartment or place in or connected with any place of business or other place mentioned in Section 1 of this ordinance.

Section 3. Any person or persons, firm, association, company, co-partnership or corporation, or any agent, servant or employee thereof, who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction, be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after thirty days after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed by the town council and approved October 20th, 1909.

JOHN A. TRESSLER,
Mayor.

(Seal)

Attest:
F. W. Hall,
Town Clerk.

LOCALS AND PERSONAL NEWS

Ben. M. Phillips was in Malta the middle of last week.

The cold weather the past week has been the means of livening up business for our merchants.

The M. E. Sunday School elected Mrs. Homer Cox and Miss Mabel Peck delegates to attend the Sunday School convention which is held at Glasgow this week.

A meeting of the Modern Woodmen will be held in their camp room the first Monday in December for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. All members are requested to be present.

The young ladies of the Dorcas Club meet with Miss Peck Monday evening of each week. Their fingers are very busy now days for they are preparing an infant's complete outfit or wardrobe for the annual bazaar to be held December 15.

Young man, for a neat fitting, all wool suit of clothing see Kilduff.

Harry Cosnor made a professional visit to Zortman the latter part of last week.

Malta and vicinity was visited by the first snow storm of the season Saturday, snow falling to the depth of two and one half inches. There was very little wind with the storm so that few snow drifts were made and quite a few sleighs were out Sunday and Monday. No reports of any loss of stock or sheep have been heard of.

Poor old Chief Rocky Boy and his dilapidated band of Chippewas, who have been disowned several times by the United States and likewise by the Canadian government, have at last been provided with a home and 80 acres of land for each member of the tribe. A few days ago, under the direction of Major Logan, of the Belknap reservation, they were moved from Colorado Gulch near Helena to the Blackfoot Reservation, where Alloting Agent Armstrong has been busy making preparations for their reception.

If all the people in our little city when they feel like saying something mean and harmful about somebody else will remember the following, there will be much less ill feeling: "When an eminent painter was requested to paint Alexander the Great so as to give a perfect likeness of him, he felt a difficulty. Alexander in his wars, had been struck by a sword and across his forehead was an immense scar. The painter said: 'If I retain the scar it will be an offense to the admirer of the monarch, and if I omit it, it will fail to be a perfect likeness. What shall I do? He hit upon a happy expedient—he represented the emperor leaning on his elbow, with his forefingers on his brow accidentally, as it seemed, covering the scar on his forehead.' We could make this our resolve:—Paint each other with the finger of charity upon the scar of man or woman, hiding the ugly mark, and revealing only the beautiful, the true and the good. Gossipers and slanderers are narrow-minded, small-souled people and it's usually the ignorant who criticise and ridicule the most."