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COMMISSIONER J. H. HALL CON- TRADICTS STATEMENTS OF EASTERN PAPER

ST. PAUL DISPATCH PUBLISHES SENSATIONAL ARTICLE CREAT- ING UNFAVORABLE OPINION OF TREASURE STATE

Every winter some exaggerated and damaging story about Montana makes its appearance in some paper outside the state. A sensational article will be paid for and published while one setting forth the salubrity of the climate, the great inflow of population, and the marvelous crops produced will not be accepted, even if well gotten up and offered free. Our state having superior advantages is drawing population from the older states and this may be a reason besides the love of the sensational for the appearance of such articles.

As a sample of the unjust and sensational advertising Montana sometimes gets, I reproduce an article published in the St. Paul Dispatch, Feb. 8, 1911.

Snow Starving Montana Stock Crust On Surface Keeps Thousands From Grazing on Blackfoot Reservation Much Snow At Hibbing. Snow This Week Spreads Thick Blanket Over Big Area In The Northwest

Helena, Mont., Feb. 8.—With from three to four feet of thickly crusted snow covering the grazing land of the Blackfoot Indian reservation, and one of the coldest spells in the history of that section of the state prevailing, hundreds of head of cattle are reported to be perishing, while grave fears are felt for the safety of thousands of others.

Fifty thousand head of range cattle are at large on the reservation, and unless the present cold spell, which has lasted since December 23, with but one break of a few hours, that served only to crust the snow, is replaced by a chinook wind before many days, a large percentage of them, it is feared, will starve or freeze to death, according to A. E. McCarter, the Indian agent in charge of the reservation. Eighty head of steers, which had foundered in a single drift, were counted by him from the train which brought him to Helena from Browning yesterday.

Driven by the blizzard, thousands of cattle were seen along the right of way, and several times the train was brought to a standstill, while the cattle, half starved and half frozen, were driven from the tracks. Live-stock companies, allowed to pasture cattle on the reservation by virtue of special permits, it is said, will suffer heavy losses. Of the 5,000 head of range cattle owned by the San River Land and Livestock company, it is feared hundreds will perish. Officers of the Floweree Cattle company, which also has approximately 5,000 head of cattle on the reserve, fear severe loss. Although the Indian rangers disposed of much of their hay last fall, most of them still have enough on hand to carry them for some time. Many Indians, however, have large herds on the road and for these fears are held—Friday, Feb. 3, 1911.

In reading this article your attention will at once be drawn to the fact that the writer at Helena is far distant from the Blackfoot Reservation and can have no first hand knowledge of his subject. Also the Blackfoot reservation is not typical of Montana, it being a high country near the main range of the Rocky Mountains. Another consideration is that the United States Government is in control of the reservation and no cattle can be brought into it except on leases issued by its authority or belonging to its wards. If cattle are allowed to remain where they are unable to get food the responsibility rests with the government officials.

No one in Montana believes that any considerable loss of cattle will result from the snow conditions in the reservation. I am informed, also, that some of the cattle in distress have drifted across the line from Canada.

My objection is that such sensational articles create an unfavorable opinion of Montana generally. Conditions in the mountains of New Hampshire or New York are at times bad, but such places are not taken as typical of those states.

The conditions in the Blackfoot Reservation are not representative of the range conditions in Montana; and surely such reports are libelous if they lead people to believe that similar conditions or anything like them prevail anywhere else in Montana outside of high mountain regions. No such conditions exist anywhere between Glendive and Missoula on the Northern Pacific, Glasgow and Kalispell on the Great Northern, Dillon and Butte on the Oregon Short Line, Baker and Missoula on the Milwaukee, unless in mountain passes. Everywhere as one travels on cars he can see stock feeding on grass in the fields. In all our cities on nearly any winter's day girls may be seen going to or from school without hats or caps. The winter days are generally delightful, rarely cold enough to distress any one, and the air, though cool, is brisk and stimulating and the sun shines brightly. Blizzards are rare.

If some concerted effort were made by Montana editors to put a stop to such damaging reports as the one published in the St. Paul Dispatch, they would render a service to the state and to the cause of truth, and I ask each one to write a letter to the publisher of that paper stating the facts as to the winter climate of Montana and his opinion of the article referred to.

Compared with the winter climate of Minnesota, the winter climate of Montana is infinitely superior, as those who have lived in both states know. Very truly yours,
J. H. Hall, Commissioner.

Spring goods are beginning to arrive at Kilduff's.

Tin repairing, plumbing, windmill and pump repairing, etc. etc.
Edwards & McLellan.

Miss Cecil Myers spent the latter part of the past week with her parents at Brookside.

Spring styles in Flossheim shoes now on display.

Edwards & McLellan.

J. G. Arnot of Park River, N. D., is assisting Cashier J. D. Larson in The First National Bank.

Mrs. J. F. Kilduff and little son, Campbell, are visiting friends in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Miss Alberta Rader went to Saco Friday to take the teachers' examination. She returned to Malta Saturday night.

Now is the time to look 'em up. 100 egg New Jewel incubator, 150 chick brooder.
H. H. Koke.

E. G. Lee, chief clerk of the local reclamation service, returned Friday after a most enjoyable visit with relatives at Rosberg, Arizona.

New line of Beds, Bedding, and Bed Springs, see Kilduff.

Geo. O. Sanford, project engineer of the U. S. B. S., returned Saturday from Helena, where he had been in conference with higher officials regarding the irrigation project.

Now is the time to buy that new Kitchen Range. We sell lots of them and have yet to learn of a dissatisfied customer. Edwards & McLellan.

THE ENTERPRISE made a mistake last week in chronicling the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Fowler, instead the stock brought home a boy baby.

Kilduff carries the most complete stock of hardware in the city.

Casper Schmitz, a brother of the prominent rancher and horseman, Nick Schmitz, has had the misfortune to break the bones in one of his feet and will be compelled to use crutches for a number of weeks.

Two breeds, John Allery and Sampson Parker, who were escorted to this city last Monday from the county jail by deputy sheriff C. W. Powell, were tried in Judge Rader's Court that afternoon but dismissed because of insufficient evidence. The men were arrested about three weeks ago by deputy Stock Inspector Tom McDonald charged with slaughtering two steers belonging to Ike McEwen. Attorney C. H. Stevens appeared for the defendants.

U. S. Commissioner Returns To- morrow

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Brockway are expected home tomorrow from Davenport, Iowa, where they have spent the past several weeks in visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hugo Stolly.

Seed Grain For Sale

The St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator Co. will soon ship into Malta and have for sale quantities of wheat, oats, barley, and flax. Mr. Simonson, one of the dry land farmers north of Malta, will have charge of the Elevator, and those desiring further information should see him.

For ground feed and shorts see Edw. Pierson.

Ladies, you can get the Nemo Corset at Kilduff's.

Any one desiring a competent nurse, call at the Munson Hospital.

The best eating apples in town at The Bon Ton.

Most complete line of hardware in town. Edwards & McLellan.

We sell, and guarantee, Keen Cutter tools. Edwards & McLellan.

Miss Maggie Davidson of Wagner, was calling on Malta friends Monday.

Sincerely Suits for men, Latest styles and best fabrics. Edwards & McLellan.

The Ladies Aid will be entertained by Mrs. John Servant Thursday afternoon, March 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hurley and little daughter, Marguerite, were Malta visitors Monday.

20 per cent reduction in price on all our overcoats.

Edwards & McLellan.

Mrs. E. Smith spent Sunday at Dodson, the guest of her brother, Clarence Brockway, and family.

Mrs. Ray Campbell and children returned Monday from a five days' visit with Mrs. Lyman Barnes at Glasgow.

A beautiful baby boy was born Sunday at the Munson Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann of Guilford, Montana.

Gentlemen, you can find spring styles in Kingsbury and Regal Hats here. Edwards & McLellan.

J. H. Atwood was at Glasgow the latter part of the week where as a member of the board of education he had official business.

Don't forget that we have a big stock of "Minnesota" Paints and Oils. Edwards & McLellan.

Mrs. Frank Murray and baby of Wagner visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Prey the first of the week, returning home Tuesday afternoon.

The most complete line of enamelled ware ever in Malta at prices that will save you money. Edwards & McLellan.

J. F. Kilduff returned the latter part of the week from Boulder Hot Springs where he was greatly benefited by taking treatment for a rheumatic attack.

If you need a Gasoline Engine and Pumping Outfit come and see our "Chore Boy". We can save you money. Edwards & McLellan.

Fire broke out in the Dignau block at Glasgow early Monday morning and destroyed a portion of the building before it could be extinguished. It originated in the tailor shop.

Miss Edna Partridge had a birthday party last Friday. The young girls had a fine sleighride out to her home and were delightfully entertained. Some of them did not return until Saturday morning.

Congress has passed an act which was approved February 13, 1911, giving all homesteaders whose time to establish residence expired on or after Dec. 1, 1910, until May 15, 1911, in which to establish residence upon their lands. This extension does not shorten the time in which either commutation or five year proof may be submitted.

Rev. Father Veamaat of Chinook, spent a very busy day in Malta Sunday. He conducted services at Corpus Christi church Sunday morning besides attending to other parochial duties. In the afternoon the infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Munch and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann were baptized. Early mass was also held Monday morning.

Proceeds Of Ball For Cemetery Fund

The bachelors who gave the masquerade ball at Garland's Hall on Washington's birthday, have demonstrated that they are not only wide-awake patriotic citizens but are public spirited as well, and are deserving of much praise for giving the proceeds to such a good cause. The following from the committee is self-explanatory:

Much appreciating the large attendance of the Masque Ball given by the Bachelors' Club, we, the committee, after paying all bills, having a balance of \$13.25 left, conclude to donate it to the Cemetery Fund, and the money to be left with Mrs. M. T. Osgood to be delivered to the right parties.

Committee
J. H. Kynast E. McMoran
I. Murphy James E. Stowe
H. A. Parker C. B. Caldwell
John Parsons

News From Down The River

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Ike McEwen has been suffering from rheumatism.

Geo. DeFeyer is very busy these days chopping and hauling cord wood. He is fortunate in having the valuable assistance of his brother-in-law, Hugh Taylor.

James G. Garden has arrived on his homestead with a large load of provisions. Mr. Garden contemplates rustication on the river for the remainder of the winter.

Karl Martin is on one of his periodical visits to his father's ranch. He is overjoyed in having the companionship of his old time chum, Frank Amlette, who has recently returned from Canada.

Joseph Webber is building a large and commodious house. Joe has been informing his friends that he will soon become a benedict. The fortunate young lady is said to come from the neighborhood of Fox Tail Lake.

The White Water Sheep Co. House was broken into while Mr. Dibble one of the firm was on a visit to Great Falls. A number of coyote pelts and other articles of value were stolen. No clew to the perpetrators.

Jack Corrigan had the pleasure of entertaining to dinner yesterday James G. Garden, John Mitchell and Arthur Westermann. Mr. Mitchell and Westermann have a splendid pack of hounds and are very successful hunting coyotes.

Lyman Anstin, who has been hauling corn from Malta to feed his sheep through the severe weather got stalled in a snow drift the other evening. Fortunately, he was close to the hospitable home of Bert Moore where he found accommodations for the night.

Eugene Laird returned Saturday from Seattle where he has spent the past three weeks in receiving instruction about the make and use of automobiles. As the weather was all that could be desired, Mr. Laird got some valuable information, for autos are in use there constantly. Incidentally, he enjoyed the sights of the city, visiting the docks, inspecting the foundation of the forty-three story building, which when completed will be the largest of its kind in the world, and looking over the steamer, Buford, which stopped for a while at Seattle to take on supplies and receive donations for the starving Chinese.

County Treasurer J. C. Duncan and Mrs. Duncan were calling on Malta friends last Friday while enroute to the County Seat where on March 6th Mr. Duncan will take charge of Valley County's treasury. The Duncans have spent the winter very pleasantly in Pennsylvania and New Mexico; leaving their home early in December they went to Pittsburgh where relatives were visited and friendships renewed. Mr. Duncan had some business in the county that required his presence here the first of the year but Mrs. Duncan went on to New Mexico where later Mr. Duncan joined her. There in the warm sunshine and amid the flowers the weeks passed so quickly that it was not long before duty called the treasurer north to our snow bound country. With all the varying scenes and states visited, Mr. Duncan, like all loyal citizens, says, "Give me Montana." While Mr. and Mrs. Duncan were in our city, they were entertained at dinner Friday by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall.

PROFESSOR THOS. SHAW GIVES INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROW- ING OF CROPS

TELLS WHEN AND HOW TO PREPARE GROUND, HOW CROPS OF VARIOUS KINDS SHOULD BE PLANTED

Very many letters are being received from time to time with reference to the growing of crops of various kinds under northwestern conditions. In order to answer these letters and to meet the needs of others who may want such information, this letter has been prepared, in the hope that wide publicity will be given to it by the press.

If the farmers have no land broken, they should be on their claims as soon as spring opens and everything should be ready for going promptly to work. They should have feed for their horses until the autumn. Nor should it be forgotten that food in the Northwest is both scarce and dear. The plowing ought to begin as soon as the ground can be plowed. It is seldom that it is too wet for being plowed in the dry areas of the Northwest, even in the early spring. As soon as the land is plowed it should be pressed down with the roller or the disk, and then harrowed, even though it is not sown until later. The moisture will be thus held.

Three crops may be grown on land thus plowed with the most promise of success. These are flax, corn and potatoes. For all of these, and for all crops that are grown, there should be a good seed bed. This means that the surface should be made fine to the depth of about three inches.

The flax should be sown with the drill not later than May 15. The seed should be sown at the rate of 12 quarts to the acre. It should be buried 1 to 2 inches deep, according to the surface moisture. Unless the farmer is assured that wilt is not present, he ought to treat the seed with formaldehyde. If the seed bed is smooth and not soddy, the flax may be harrowed when it is 3 to 4 inches high with a very light harrow, especially if the weather is dry. If the ground is rough or soddy, the harrow should not be used on it.

The corn may be planted in drills if for fodder, or in hills if for grain, so that it may be cultivated both ways. Forty-two inches is a good distance between the rows, and also between the hills. The seed ought to be purchased at once, for the seed is going to be both scarce and dear. For fodder the Northwestern dent and Stowell's evergreen sweet are among the best sorts. For the grain, the Golden dent, Minnesota No. 13 and the Rustler white dent are all good. For high elevations, the Mercer and the Triumph which are flints may answer better. Five to six seeds should be dropped in a hill. Unless for large areas, the hand planter may be used for the hill planting, and the grain drill may, in very many instances, be used in planting the corn in the drills for fodder. The newcomer should not fail to sow a large area to provide fodder for the horses. Unless he does he may have to buy hay and at a dear price.

The potatoes may be planted in rows or in hills. They should be put down well in the soil. Both the corn and the potatoes may be greatly profited by an occasional harrowing until they are several inches high. These three crops may be grown by methods that differ considerably from those given, but they are not so sure in a dry season.

Spring wheat, especially of the durum variety, may succeed in a reasonably moist year. The same is true of speltz, white hullless barley and oats. But these are not nearly so sure on land thus plowed as the three crops first mentioned. It is always better to have the land prepared the previous year for a dry country, but many homesteaders can not begin thus. This paper has been written in the hope of giving some aid to them and to others who may be similarly situated. Four pecks each of durum wheat, oats and speltz may be sown per acre, and three pecks of

white hullless barley.

It is all important to get these crops in reasonably early. The corn may and should be planted by the middle of May and the same is true of the potatoes. Spring wheat, oats, speltz and barley can not easily be sown too early. Flax may sometimes succeed sown as late as June 10th, but the risk in sowing it so late in a dry season is very great.

Proclamation

An election of all the qualified electors residing within the incorporation limits of the town of Malta, Valley County, State of Montana, is hereby called to be held on the 3rd day of April, 1911, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

One alderman from each ward.
By order of the Board of Aldermen of the town of Malta, Valley County, State of Montana,
Dated February 23rd., 1911.

John A. Tressler,
Mayor.

F. W. Hall,
Town Clerk.

COWAN

Mildred Garland, who is attending school in Malta, spent a few days with her parents last week.

Roy Mead secured the contract to furnish wood for the schools of the district for the current year.

Harry Carroll returned Tuesday of last week from Elmira, N. Y., his old home, where he had spent the winter, and is stopping at the Mead ranch.

Miss Pearl Watson, who has been visiting in Malta recently, was here on Monday, enroute to her claim near New Langdon. Later she will teach the spring term of school in that district.

The school board met on Tuesday of last week and among other business transacted, appointed Ray Watson, W. H. Raltz and Roy Mead judges of the election for trustees, which will be held April 1st.

James Garden came in Tuesday from Sevenmile and on Wednesday proceeded to his claim on Milk river, about six miles below this place, where he is occupying his new shack recently erected by Joseph Webber.

SCHOOL NOTES

There are many absences due to sickness.

Alfred McCoy is absent with grippe.

Cecil Myers is back in school after a trip home.

Donald McCoy is back in school after an attack of the grippe.

Esterre Truax is ill with pneumonia at Professor Bellinger's.

Professor Bellinger was out of town for Friday and Saturday.

Alberta Rader spent Thursday and Friday at Saco taking the teachers' examination.

George Wolf, Fred Bickford, Grayford and Donald Madison, and Ada Miller are ill with the measles.

The Misses Bocan and O'Conner entertained a few friends at progressive whist Saturday evening in honor of their friend, Miss Pearl Watson. Some fine samples of the young ladies cooking were served and the guests enjoyed a pleasant evening.

On Thursday those neither absent or tardy had a half holiday. Professor Bellinger's room had 5; Miss Francis' room 18; Miss O'Conner's room 19; Miss Bocan's room 18. Mr. Bellinger's room led for punctuality this month, having only two cases of tardiness.

The largest line of the best wearing shoe made—that is the "North Star," look them up at Kilduff's.