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GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR MALTA AND VICINITY

INDICATIONS POINT TO SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH OF CITY AND RAPID INCREASE IN POPULATION. BUILDING BOOM HAS COMMENCED

With the coming of the warm spring days it is pleasing to observe the increased activity in and about Malta. On our streets, in our stores, on the farms, in our homes (house-cleaning is the cry) everywhere there is increased activity and a revival of business.

Our merchants are busy preparing for a large spring and summer trade, having purchased new and complete lines of merchandise and for the past month consignments of these goods have been received daily, until no town in northern Montana can boast of stores carrying or exhibiting larger stocks, or where the merchandise was more carefully selected—Malta's merchants are familiar with conditions in northern Montana.

To the town booster the sound of the hammer is sweet music and denotes that the building boom has commenced as early as it did last year when Malta made rapid and substantial strides forward. Bids are under consideration for a number of residences to be built within the next few months—the Cosner Garage on Fifth Avenue is now in the hands of a force of workmen, and the United States reclamation service offices in Survant's addition to Malta are soon to be commenced—thus Malta will grow.

In the country the farmers are most busy making arrangements for early planting and seeding, confidently expecting "a good year." For the past week, or since the roads have dried out, numbers of them have been in town buying grain for seed and hauling it to their ranches. Others who could not buy the kind desired have ordered it, and indications are that a large area will be seeded. On the farms there is much to do and some farmers are already preparing the soil for the seed, others are fencing, fertilizing, and a few have started the breaking plows to turning the sod.

New settlers have commenced to arrive but these are only the vanguard to hosts of others who are expected in the next few weeks to arrive and lay claim to choice homesteads in Valley county, others are returning after spending the winter at a distance, and still others, at the end of the six month period, are returning to establish residence upon their claims.

St. Patrick's Day Social

A large number of Malta's people gathered at the Methodist Parsonage last Friday evening to enjoy the hospitality of the ladies and friends of the church, by partaking of ice cream and cake. A good sum was realized which will be applied to the various benevolent enterprises of the Church.

If you want a good meal try the Malta Cafe.

Car of Early Rose potatoes just received at Kilduff's.

Select Swedish 60-day oats for sale by Edw. Pierson.

Get your wall paper at Edwards & McLellan's and get it trimmed.

For the "Stetson" stuff see Kilduff.

Go to Edwards & McLellan for Poultry Fencing.

Mrs. Mary Deans visited friends at Saco last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. R. V. Tucker was hostess to St. Mary's Guild yesterday afternoon.

Wanted:—Situation on ranch by man and wife. Inquire at this office.

No shoe wears like a "North Star" Shoe, they fit well, and look well. See Kilduff.

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

Encouraging.

They had put off the wedding day from time to time but the other evening they decided upon March 27th as the day, for since Garland's Backet store was to open then they could furnish their home on his present income and need not wait for a raise in salary.

Get your fresh bread at the Malta Cafe.

For ground feed and shorts see Edw. Pierson.

For Early Rose potatoes call on Merchant.

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

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

For Sale—One team of workhorses. Inquire Mrs. P. Clark, Malta, Mont.

You can do better in the hardware line in Kilduff's complete stock.

Saturday and Sunday you can get delicious ice cream at The Bon Ton.

Edwards & McLellan now carry a complete line of wall paper, paints and oils.

Senator John Survant spent the first of the week at Hinsdale, looking after his business interests.

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

Brussels and Axminster Rugs, Pure wool rugs, Carpet by the yard, Odd size rugs, and Carpet Squares at Kilduff's.

Mrs. Ed. Miller from southeast of town was the guest of Mrs. J. L. Merchant one day the latter part of the week.

Schuster and Stevens located Jas. Yakesh on a line quarter section of land south of Malta last Friday. Mr. Yakesh is from Wisconsin.

SCHOOL NOTES

Frank Sperry left school Tuesday.

The Pray children left to go to the ranch this week.

Fred Bickford and Vernie Biekle have left school.

Seven cases of measles are reported in the Dunbar family.

Georgia Tressler, Arthur Rader, and Peter Smith have the measles.

Professor Bellinger returned to his classes last Wednesday afternoon.

Carrie Wolf, Ruth Miller and Verma Erickson are back in school again.

The Madison children have left school as the family has returned to Iowa.

J. A. Ebaugh was a Fort Benton visitor last week.

Fresh bread, pies, cakes, and doughnuts at the Malta Cafe.

For Mattresses, Beds, and Bedding, see Kilduff.

Spring styles in Florsheim shoes now on display.

Edwards & McLellan.

R. M. Trafton made a business trip, between trains, to Coburg, Monday.

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

We receive Tea and Coffee every little while, that is why it is always fresh and pure at Kilduff's. Costs you no more than the other kind.

Julius Schmidt and Frank Martin left Malta several days ago and went to Cut Bank, Montana, where they have gone into the saloon business in partnership.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Laird are the happy parents of a ten pound girl who arrived at their home last Sunday evening, and are receiving congratulations from their numerous friends and acquaintances upon the visitation of the stork.

F. N. Utter Additional Judge

Tuesday, Governor Norris appointed Attorney Frank N. Utter of Havre additional judge for the Twelfth Judicial District, his appointment to be effective at once. Mr. Utter is a republican and former county attorney of Chouteau county. He will reside in Glasgow.

Meals at all hours at the Malta Cafe.

J. H. Atwood is the deputy assessor for Malta.

Get your breaking done now. See R. B. Morris.

C. E. Knapp, of Chinook, was a business visitor in Malta Monday.

For Rent. By April 1st, five room cottage. Inquire at this office.

County Assessor James Fox was a business caller in town Tuesday.

R. W. Garland will open his new store next Monday. Read all about it in his announcement.

Hon. B. D. Phillips was a visitor in Malta Monday, leaving here for Helena Monday night.

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

Rev. Father Vermaat will hold services in Corpus Christi church next Sunday at the usual hour.

A large assortment of ten cent and fifteen cent writing tablets just received at The Bon Ton. Best values in Malta.

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

Louis Gaslin, proprietor of the Malta-Zortman stage line, has purchased a fine seven-passenger Franklin auto which he will use in connection with the regular stage for passengers.

District Court was in session at Glasgow this week and Judge Tattan disposed of several cases. A decree of divorce was granted Eleanor Parker from Vern Parker. There will be another session of court Feb. 29.

H. S. Munson, who for the past six weeks has served faithfully and well in A. W. Schilling's place as Agent at the depot, was relieved by Mr. Schilling's return the 17th, and has gone to his homestead seventeen miles southeast of Malta where he will again take up agricultural pursuits.

School District No. 26

The ENTERPRISE is in receipt of a letter from Miss Flora Sims, superintendent of schools of Valley County regarding the establishment of district No. 26. Miss Sims writes:

"My attention has been called to a paragraph that appeared in the Valley County News of March 10th, in which it is stated that Supt. Sims created District No. 26. I am writing the News to correct that statement as it was Miss Harris who created that district in December."

Readers of THE ENTERPRISE who have a "tenacious" memory will recall that in our issue of December 22nd, 1910, we gave all about the establishment, by Miss Harris, of school district No. 26.

J. R. McCoy's steam well drilling outfit reached Malta Tuesday and was unloaded from the car yesterday. Now he is ready to drill wells. Read his advt. elsewhere in this issue.

R. M. Trafton shipped two 25 horse power Mogul engines into Malta this week and when they were unloaded tried them by making a run down Front Street. We understand the engines are for sale.

5020 feet of lumber drawn by one team was a new record made by Geo. Wilcox with one of Geo. W. Hewitt's teams Tuesday. The lumber was hauled from the G. N. Ry. tracks to the Imperial Lumber Co. yards. It is safe to say that no bigger load of lumber was ever drawn by one team in northern Montana.

JOHN DEERE plows have been on the market for more than 20 years and there never has been one single moment in all those years when a rancher could not buy some other make of plow for less money than he would have to pay for a JOHN DEERE, and still there are more JOHN DEERE plows sold than all other makes put together. There must be a reason for this—better ask Kilduff.

Election Of School Trustees

The annual election of school trustees will be held in the school house Saturday, April 1st. Three trustees are to be elected to succeed the trustees whose terms expire this year. Those who are willing to act and have been named as candidates are Jas. A. Battram, three-year term; Andrew Schilling, two-year term; and Wm. J. Tressler, one year term. The outgoing trustees are G. L. Partridge, Geo. B. Clanton and H. G. Robinson.

TO RENT:—On shares for half of crop, 25 acres of stubble ground, two miles east of town. Inquire of R. J. Howerton.

Born:—An eight pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morrow, Saturday, at the Ebaugh hospital. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Fred Beasley came up from Dodson Saturday and spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Beasley, and his sister, Mrs. E. E. Crofut.

Wm. Johnson of Zortman, who has been to Helena on a vacation for some time arrived in Malta Thursday enroute to his home.

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.

Any one desiring a nicely furnished room in new and modern building can get same by calling at Mrs. Otto Munson's. She will rent all the rooms on the second floor, reserving those on the first floor for patients.

Reuben Morris arrived from Havre this morning to look after his father's ranch southwest of town. He will engineer the Morris steam breaking outfit and is ready to make contracts with parties wanting breaking done.

Walter Gerber of Langdon, N. D., who last summer filed on a homestead north of Malta in the settlement known as New Langdon, arrived in Malta the latter part of the week with a car of emigrant goods which he had transferred to his claim. His family will come west some time later.

Mrs. Jake Rimple of Gull Lake, Canada, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Craig of Woolbridge, and numerous friends in and about Malta for a number of weeks, left for her home Monday night. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mattie Crooks, who will enjoy several week's vacation in Canada.

A full membership of the state board of sheep commissioners has been appointed by Governor Norris for the ensuing two years. A. S. Lohman of Chinook is the Chouteau county member of the board; Alexander Elliot of our city, the Valley county member; and G. M. Coffey, of Bynum, will represent Teton county.

A condemnation suit has been instituted in the federal court by the government to condemn 131 acres of land lying four miles west of Dodson, which will be flooded by the Dodson dam of the Milk river project. The defendant is Daniel Nichols. He wanted \$20 an acre for the land and the reclamation service offered him \$12.—The River Press.

The Chinook electric light plant is to be in operation by the last of this month. The dynamo and engine arrived last week and the work of installing them commenced March 13, and is to be rushed along. The line work is practically completed and a good start has been made in the work of connecting the buildings with the line wires. It is expected that the plant will be ready for operation in about fifteen days more. The work of installing the plant has been delayed considerably by the severe weather and by the non-arrival of the machinery, shipment on which was later than promised by the manufacturers.

The people of Strater gave one day of the year in celebration with the sons and daughters of the Emerald Isle and the St. Patrick's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Suter will long be remembered by the participants. Nearly the entire neighborhood was present and a delightfully pleasant evening spent. The usual program, consisting of whist, games, conversation and dancing was carried out, and a big spread was served from well filled baskets at midnight. The patron saint would no doubt have been highly pleased could he have beheld the gay and happy crowd celebrating his day.

GROWING CORN UNDER NORTH-WESTERN CONDITIONS

CORN MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY GROWN IN NORTHERN MONTANA. PROFESSOR SHAW NAMES BEST VARIETIES AND CULTIVATION REQUIRED

The varieties of corn to grow under Northwestern condition will depend on the object for which it is grown. When grown for silage, for ensilage or for fodder, the best varieties include the Northwestern dent, Stowell's evergreen sweet and Minnesota No. 13, all of which are dent corns. It also includes the Mercer, Longfellow and the Triumph, all of which are flint corns. Of these the Northwestern dent is more generally grown at the present time than any of the others. When grown chiefly for the grain, the Golden dent, the Rustler white dent, Minnesota No. 13 and the flint corns named are among the best, also Northwestern dent. The Minnesota No. 13 will probably occupy the first place when grown southward and the Golden dent when grown northward. When grown to be harvested with sheep or swine, the small squaw corn or the Gem will best answer the purpose, as they grow but little stalk and good ears.

The best crops of corn will be grown on clover, alfalfa or other sod. Good crops may also be grown on new breaking. If the sod land has not been plowed before, plow it early and deeply in the spring, and compress it with heavy roller or disk, and then make on it a good mulch to the depth of 2 to 3 inches. When moisture is plentiful it may answer well to defer the plowing until the grass has started nicely. This will facilitate the quick rotting of the sod. In the dry areas of the Northwest, a good crop of corn may usually be grown. The ground should be plowed early if possible, in the autumn, and then in the spring a good seed bed should be kept on it, until the corn is planted. In a very dry season, spring plowed land may not have moisture enough in it to perfect a crop of corn. Fall plowed land should be compressed and harrowed. Farmyard manure in moderate applications before the land is plowed will have an excellent effect on the crop, but if heavy applications are put on before the land is plowed in the spring, it may keep it lying too loosely.

In the Northwest corn may be planted in a soil less warm and in weather less congenial than will answer in the corn belt states. Northern grown seed has more of inherent ruggedness in it. This means that corn may, and should be grown relatively early in the northwest, as early in most places as May 5th to 20th. Though frost should cut it down once in the spring, its growth will only be retarded. It will come on again. Much less harm will result from a late spring frost than from an early autumn frost.

On small areas corn may be planted with the corn planter when grown for the grain. On large areas it will be planted with the corn planter. It should be put in hills about 3 1/2 feet distant. When grown for fodder, it may be put in with the corn planter in hills or in rows. In rows it is more easily harvested than with the corn harvester. The grain drill will plant it in rows. The most suitable distance between the rows is 42 inches. As the corn does not grow so tall in the Northwest as in the corn belt, it may be grown more closely. Each hill should have 4 to 5 stalks when grown for the grain, and one or two more stalks when grown for fodder. When grown in rows for the grain, the corn plants should be 6 to 8 inches distant, and when grown for fodder the plants may be closer. For hill planting from 5 to 7 or 8 quarts of seed will be planted per acre, and for drill planting about half a bushel, more or less, according to conditions. The seed should be put down to the depth of 2 inches or to a greater depth if the moisture is lower.

The harrow or weeder should be run over the ground several times after the crop has been planted, usually not fewer than four times, probably twice before the corn is up. Cultivation should follow and should be continued as long as it is possible to use the two-horse cultivator. When this can not be used longer, cultivation should be continued with the one-horse cultivator. The cultivation should be shallow. It ought to be enough to keep the ground quite clean.

The crop may be harvested with the grain harvester where the stalks are not too strong. The best implement for harvesting is the corn harvester. The crop should be shocked in the field in round shocks. It should then be stacked when cold weather comes, in long and narrow stacks. These stacks should contain but two lengths of sheaves with the butts out and lapping in the middle. Wide stacks would favor moulding in the middle. Where the snow fall is light, the corn may be drawn from the shock and fed as needed, but usually the better plan will be to shock the corn as outlined. The demand for seed corn will be very great the coming spring. Those who intend to plant should, therefore send in their orders early. The supplies now in stock by seedmen will probably be exhausted before the season for corn-planting arrives. This will mean that supplies furnished later will be drawn from sources farther southward, and will, therefore, be less well adapted to northern conditions. When seed is ordered early, ample time is given to test the seed so that its germinating power may be known.

O, You Back Yard!

Should be cleaned. With the advent of spring, and the approaching warmer weather it is well to remove the inartistic heaps of rubbish, consisting of tin cans, bottles, ashes, and garbage that has accumulated in the back yard, and the alleys, too. Some of the back yards in Malta contain barns and chicken coops where pigs, chickens, cows, and horses have been kept during the past winter and the atmosphere even now is becoming unhealthful and the condition resulting therefrom unsanitary. For the health of the public, if for no other reason, dirty premises should be cleaned. The following extracts from the public health laws of Montana may be "news" to some of our readers:

Sec. 35. If any person shall put any dead animal, or any part of the carcass of any dead animal into any lake, river, creek, reservoir, road, street, alley, lot, field or meadow or common, or in any place within one mile of the residence of any person or persons, except the same and every part thereof be burned or buried at least two feet under ground, or who being the owner shall knowingly permit the same to remain in any of the aforesaid places to the injury of the health, or to the annoyance of the citizens of this state, or any of them; every person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and every twenty-four hours that said person shall permit the same to remain shall be deemed an additional offense under the provisions of this act.

Rule 35. No person shall put any manure into any street, alley, or other highway within one-half mile of any house used as a residence. All manure from any barn or barnyard in any town or city in the state shall be removed at least once in each month of each year between the months of April and October, and at such other times as the local, county or state health officers may direct, and shall be deposited at some point not less than one-half mile from any house used as a residence, provided that manure may be placed on any field or garden where it shall be plowed or spaded under and not allowed to accumulate during the summer months.