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PRECIPITATION FOR THREE DAYS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MILK RIVER VALLEY CLUB HAS RECORDED AT 4.86 INCHES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FINE NEW CLUB HOUSE

This locality has received a very great and unusual amount of rainfall during the past three days. A heavy rain began falling Sunday night and continued almost without cessation until Wednesday night. A steady, soaking, penetrating rain, accompanied by a decided drop in temperature, made the weather very disagreeable for all who were exposed to its inclemency for any length of time. The entire amount of precipitation from Sunday night until this morning as recorded by the U. S. R. S. was 4.86 inches which is almost one-half the amount, 11.44 inches, for the first eight months of the year or from January first to September first. August was thought to be a month of more than normal precipitation but the rainfall for the entire month was only 1.44 inches.

The heavy rainfall covered some of our streets, and a few of the basements on the lower portion of the city were flooded. Harvesting, which was in full swing, is stopped for several days; threshing, which was just commenced, will be postponed for some time. It is claimed by some that the rain will damage to some extent the flax and grain that was cut the latter part of the past week and was still on the ground uncut for.

The moisture received is of inestimable value to this part of the country. The ground has been put in the best possible condition for fall breaking and plowing. The river, creeks and canals are filled with water. Stockmen and sheepmen are rejoicing. Winter wheat will have plenty of moisture to insure a good growth. Pastures and hay lands are benefited, and the ground, if only a portion of the rainfall is conserved, put in splendid shape for the reception of next year's crop.

Mrs. Fred Holznicht and son Alvin, of Thief River Falls, Minn., and Mrs. Joe Salley and son, Donovan, of Red Lake Falls, Minn., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Koke for several weeks, left for their homes last Wednesday night.

The Shelby News says Miss Marie Cox is now bookkeeper at Guth's.

The Samoset is the confection perfection. A fresh supply just received at The Bon Ton.

R. C. Blasingame of Zortman, a prince of the old timers, spent a part of the week in town.

W. H. Chase left for Wales, N. D., the first of the week to look after his farming interests there.

Miss Lillie Davidson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Spence at Hinsdale the past week.

Our schools commenced the fall term Tuesday with a large enrollment considering the heavy down pour of rain.

Miss Vera Vaupel left Malta Saturday night for Minot, N. D., where she will teach school the coming year.

Thos. Utley of Miami, Mo., has returned home after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Survant.—Hinsdale Homestead.

Louis Frank, one of the old time stockmen in the vicinity of Baeth, was in Malta buying supplies the latter part of the past week.

Louis Hirschowitz of Helena, was shaking hands with old friends and attending to some business in Malta Tuesday. Mr. Hirschowitz is now conducting a general merchandise business in east Helena, and while competition is sharp in the capital city, he has established quite a large trade, sufficient to employ seven people in and about the store.

Despite the inclement weather Monday evening the Eagles' Ball was fairly well attended. Twenty-three tickets were sold and those present report a pleasant evening together. Music was furnished by the Malta Orchestra, consisting of Thos. M. Facey, leader; Joe Sklower, 1st clarinet; A. C. Cordry, cornet; H. E. Wharton, Trombone; Edw. White, drums; Miss Christine Hiertz, pianist. R. V. Tucker as usual was the good natured floor manager. The wives of a number of Eagles' added to the pleasure of the evening by serving ice cream, cake, and coffee.

Regular services of the Methodist Church for Sunday, September 10th, Sunday School 10:00 a. m., preaching 11:00 a. m., subject, "God," preaching 8:00 p. m., subject, "The New America." The morning topic will be the first of a series of sermons on the Decalogue. Our desire is to make these very interesting and instructive. A hearty welcome for all, C. E. Wharton, pastor.

Next Sunday morning at 9 o'clock a memorial service will be held at Corpus Christi Church in memory of the deceased son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvat. The ladies of the Altar Society are requested to receive communion in a body, also all the boys and girls who made their first holy communion. Confessions will be heard from 7:30 a. m. until 9:00 a. m. sharp. Don't overlook the fact that Mass is celebrated in Malta from now on twice a month.

On Sunday September 24th a Mission will open at Corpus Christi Church. This mission will be preached by the two well known missionaries Fathers Thos. Shaw and C. Maloy both of the order of St. Vincent de Paul. The mission will close

on Thursday, September 28th, with solemn high mass and Papal Blessing. Every morning during the mission there will be Mass and Instructions at 8 and 8 o'clock. At 10 a. m. Children Mission, at 4 p. m. Stations of the Cross, at 7 p. m., special instructions for Non-Catholics, at 8 p. m., rosary lecture and benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All our Non-Catholic friends of Malta are most cordially invited to attend all the exercises. Here is a chance to get a little better acquainted with the teachings of the great Catholic Church which to-day has over two hundred and fifty million members.

James M. Vermaat, Rector.

Robbers, suspenders, handkerchiefs, hosiery, at Merchants.

For Sale:—Team of good work horses. Mrs. P. Clark, Malta, Montana.

Don't compromise in choice of tools—Use Keen Kutter. Edwards & McLellan.

For a work glove that will fit the hand and give good wear, get the Hansen Glove from Kilduff.

ACTUAL RESIDENCE UPON HOMESTEADS WILL BE REQUIRED

Five years actual residence on a homestead will be required absolutely to the letter of homesteaders in the future. No longer, says the Havre Plaindealer, will the six month's period of exemption which most entrymen have taken advantage of from the date of their filings be considered as a part of the five years' residence which the law requires before final proof can be made. Instructions to this effect with a dissertation on the law involved have been received by registers and receivers of Montana land offices from Samuel Adams, acting secretary of the interior.

The practice of permitting homesteaders to make final proof after five years from date of entry in cases in which they have had only four years and a half of actual residence on claims is an erroneous one and was not intended by the statutes, according to the decision. Secretary Adams directs that after December 1 the full five years residence period shall be exacted from entrymen when making final proof.

In his circular of instructions to the land offices, Secretary Adams says:

"In the matter of proof submitted under the homestead law, it seems that a practice has existed according to entrymen, where residence is begun within six months following the date of the entry, credit for residence beginning with the date of entry. The result is that where a party takes up an actual residence just at the expiration of the six months following the making of his entry, he is accorded a constructive residence for the intervening months and is permitted to secure title on proof of residence for a period of only four years and six months. There is clearly no statutory authority recognizing the period of constructive residence referred to. On the contrary the statute is specific in requiring five years' residence."

Here Secretary Adams quotes section 2297 of the revised statutes, which says in essence, that "no certificate or patent issued until the expiration of five years from the date of entry," and that only in case that the claimant proves "by two credible witnesses that he, she or they have resided upon or cultivated the same for the term of five years."

Speaking of this section, the secretary says: "Thereunder a homestead claim could only be initiated by entry, and, as a consequence, it is provided that no patent shall issue until the expiration of five years from the date of entry, and, therein it is only plainly required that the party seeking to secure patent shall prove residence for the term of five years."

The instructions then cite section 3 of the act of May 14, 1880, under which the entryman's right was made to relate back to the time of his settlement, and Mr. Adams says that while "a party can now claim credit for a period of residence preceding the allowance of his entry, yet the five year period of residence required by law is nowise affected thereby."

"The practice of according credit for constructive residence," continues the instructions, "covering the period of six months following the allowance of the entry, is, perhaps, due to an erroneous interpretation of section 2297 of the revised statutes, by which section it is provided that on proof to the satisfaction of the register and receiver that a person has actually changed his residence or abandoned the land covered by his homestead entry for more than six months at any one time, then, in that event the land so entered shall revert to the government. While said section may contain for abandonment for a period of six months following the allowance of his entry, it is clearly not authority for according the entryman credit for constructive residence during that period."

"After most careful and mature consideration for this matter, I feel it my duty to disregard the erroneous practice heretofore obtaining in your office and to direct that you exact of homestead entryman proof of residence for the full period of five years as required by the state, before the same can be approved as a basis for the issuance of a patent thereon. Because of the long practice heretofore prevailing, I believe it right and proper to give ample time for notice of the contemplated change before putting the same into effect, I have therefore, to advise you that in all instances where ordinary final proof is submitted under the homestead laws on or after the first day of December next, the law as above interpreted, be followed."

Overshoes at Merchant's.

Garland's Variety Store for satisfied customers.

Men's Fur Lined Over Coats—new lot just in at Kilduff's.

When buying hardware, train your eye on the Keen Kutter brand. Edwards & McLellan.

Buy a "Monarch" malleable range of Kilduff—won't need to buy another, will last almost a lifetime.

"Sweetest Story Ever Told"—a box of Liggett's or Morse's Chocolates. Try them. Malta Drug Store.

Sincerity Clothes fit perfectly, hold their shape and give good service. We guarantee them. Edwards & McLellan.

Since the opening of the duck shooting season there has been kept up a constant bombardment on Lake Bowdoin. Doctor Hoyt, the well known Glasgow sportsman, came up in his auto, and Harry Cosner, the Maltese sportsman, went down in his auto to meet him. The two lunched together for the first time in the new club house and talked the matter over. Latest advice is to the effect that there are now fifty or more sportsmen at the lake, but that the season is still early, the weather too warm, and shooting poor.

The Milk River Valley Gun Club has just completed and furnished its club house. It is located at the west end of, and fronts the lake. It is two stories high, twenty by forty feet with an eighteen by twenty foot L, and a balcony around the entire building above and below. Fifty single beds of the same style as those used in the United States army have been placed in the building with every other proportionate comfort for the visiting sportsmen. It is the intention of the club to sow this fall large quantities of rice and celery seed, and to make this lake the greatest feeding grounds of wild fowl to be found in the entire north-west.

The Milk River Valley Gun Club is by no means a local club, as its membership extends as far east as St. Paul and as far west as Helena and Butte. In the neck of this lake there are two thousand three hundred acres of land that is absolutely unfit for anything but club house purposes. It is entirely isolated and at certain seasons so entirely surrounded by water as to be unapproachable except by boat. Ten hundred acres of the above tract is so low that it is especially adapted to the growth of young trees of which there could be nothing better for shelter and hunting purposes. This body of land, invaluable as it is, except for the purpose mentioned, is withdrawn from all form of entry. A call is now issued for the fall meeting of the club. The main object of which will be to interest the Maltese and sportsmen generally to assist in devising some means

whereby this land can be restored to entry, so that it may become available for club house purposes, and every sportsman both far and near will be requested to work to this end. Lake Bowdoin is immediately on the line of the Great Northern about ten miles east of Malta. It is thirteen miles around it, a favorite feeding ground for all varieties of water fowl and can be ultimately developed into one of the greatest as well as the most accessible shooting grounds in the world.

Hon. John Survant was attending to some business in Malta Monday morning.

"Gold Seal" overshoes wear longer than any other over shoe made. All styles at Kilduff's.

Do you need automobile oil, grease, polish, spark-plugs, or batteries. We have them. Garland's.

Arrow Brand Collars, "Summit" and "Elgin" Shirts, you will find at Kilduff's.

Kingsbury Hats—Right price. Right quality. Right style. Edwards & McLellan.

G. H. Thompson spent Sunday on his homestead near Box Elder, getting back to Malta Monday morning.

Deputy Sheriff C. W. Powell and Julius Listoe of Glasgow, attended to some business in Malta last Saturday.

Owing to the wash out of the bridge at Big Warm and the heavy roads the stage did not go out today.

The Bon Ton carries a full line of musical instruments, strings, and sheet music. We invite you to inspect the line.

Mrs. Wm. McLellan is spending a few weeks at the home of her sister at Clyde Park, in the southern part of the state.

Miss Isabel MacArthur of Lovejoy, went to Dodson Monday where Tuesday she began her work as teacher in the public schools.

Miss Rena Loen, who has been employed at the Jones Hotel the past six months, left Saturday evening for Minot, N. D., where she will visit friends for some time.

THE CHOUTEAU COUNTY FAIR

Everything is now ready. The biggest, the best, and the most largely attended Fair in northern Montana.

The program will be excellent and the biggest will be the first day.

All entries should be in place not later than Monday.

Those entering from a distance may place exhibits the first day, but should write for space now.

All races for the first day closes the night before. This is absolute.

The program will be as follows, for each day.

Several fast running races.
Several fast harness races.
Cow pony race.
Boys pony race.
Indian race.
Slow race.
Farmers' wagon race.
Motorcycle race.
Ladies' race.
Relay race.
Bucking contest.

Three big free acts each day.

The town will have its special illumination and a big automobile stock parade is being planned to take place on the street in the evening.

The bands will be there.
Base Ball Tournament. Games every day.

If this is not taken to be the biggest day visitors of a Fair ever put in we are sadly mistaken. That is all.

Don't forget that the auction sale is very popular and many are bringing prize stock to sell.

Chouteau County Fair Chinook, September 12-13-14.

For nifty stationery go to The Bon Ton.

Do you wear Ripon gloves? If not, why not? Edwards & McLellan.

"Acorn" soft coal burners and "Art Garland" self feed hard coal burners at Kilduff's.

New line of hosiery at Merchant's. Kilduff sells everything in merchandise. You will find it a good place to trade.

Not how cheap but how good, at prices that are right, is our idea. Come and see. Edwards & McLellan.

If you are going hunting, camping, or land seeking, we can furnish you a serviceable camp outfit at a very low cost. Garland's.

Make a present to your home of an Edison phonograph. Eastman Kodaks and a full line of supplies in stock. Malta Drug Store.

Mrs. White and her guest Miss Della Huber of Ellsworth, Wis., visited Mesdames C. B. Conant and R. P. Minnick at Saco last Thursday.

Miss Lydia Williams arrived in Malta last Thursday morning. She had a very pleasant vacation, having spent most of the time in the states bordering on the Pacific ocean.

Mrs. Henry Jappe of Big Sandy, who visited her daughter, Mrs. Jas. A. Battam, during the past week left for home last Monday night. Her daughter, Miss Alma, will stay on with Mrs. Battam and attend school in Malta during the coming fall and winter.

The Hebekeh lodge held its regular monthly social session last Friday evening. A number of visitors also enjoyed the hospitality dispensed by a committee of Mr. and Mrs. A. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Partridge and Miss Mabel M. Peck.

Dan McKay of Glasgow, spent the greater part of the past week in Malta at his homestead near town, and in superintending the loading of a car with brick and lumber—material left over from building—for shipment on the Great Northern east. Between talks on cabbage culture, and horticulture, Mr. McKay got in some clenchers on reciprocity.

CONSERVE THE MOISTURE NOW

If every farmer were compelled to haul and pour over each acre of his farm over 200 hundred barrels of water per day, he would gain some conception of the amount of moisture evaporation from an exposed, uncultivated soil at this season of the year. This evaporation varies according to the kind and condition of the soil, weater, location, etc., but under average conditions the sun and wind are rapidly drawing from the soil that moisture which will be needed later in the season for crop growth. It is just like drawing dollars from the farmers' pockets.

Now is the time to prevent this loss. Soil moisture is valuable. Past records show that an inch of rainfall in July means \$5,000,000 worth of corn in the state of Ohio. While farmers can not make an inch of rainfall in July, they can carry an inch of soil moisture over from May until July, and that means the same thing.

An inch of rainfall means 113 tons of water per acre. If this is allowed to escape at the rate of 200 barrels per day it will require only four days to lose the entire inch. Every farmer who fails to prevent this evaporation, is losing his share of that \$5,000,000. Are you one of the losers?

How can this evaporation be prevented? By cultivating the soil. Keep the surface of the soil in a fine, loose condition. Follow the plow with the harrow. Harrow the cornfield before the corn is up; after it is up cultivate often enough to keep a good soil mulch. Don't be stingy with the use of the cultivator.

The amount of moisture in the soil this spring was below normal. Moisture is essential to maximum crop production.

Conserve your soil moisture. Do it now.

Celebrated Albert Hosiery at Merchant's.

And you can do some better always in the hardware line with Kilduff.

Wear Florsheim shoes and get daily dividends in satisfaction. Edwards & McLellan.

For fall plowing there is no plow like a John Deere—ask the man who owns one then see Kilduff.

I am never sick cause Mamma uses the Nyal and Rexall remedies, each one fully guaranteed. Malta Drug Store.

"Leader" on men's shirts and underwear means the same as "Sterling" on silverware—absolutely the best. Edwards & McLellan.

We are opening up a new lot of goods of various kinds this week. Novelties, dolls, and etc., etc. Garland's.

Wm. McLellan returned Thursday from a several days outing at Lake McDonald. He brought home fifty splendid specimens of his successful angling.

School Supplies! School Supplies! The most up-to-date assortment of tablets, composition books, pens, pencils, etc. Everything needed in a school room. Malta Drug Store.

Mrs. F. E. Shultz and two children who have been spending the summer with Mr. Shultz who is former of the mine at Landusky, left Saturday for Seattle where they will reside permanently.

Commissioner A. Davidson left Monday morning for Glasgow to be present at the regular quarterly meeting of the Board of county commissioners of Valley county. A horse that the Judge was breaking the latter part of the week became unmanageable and in the fracas, our county Dad's face was badly bruised and skinned.