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LOOKING BACKWARD.

"And looking backward in the gloom,
I caught a fleeting glance
Of cowboys flitting to and fro, like
spirits in a dance."

As one passes up and down the imperial Milk River valley today and notes the many improvements that have been made in recent years it seems to the old timer like it is all one great dream.

Twenty years ago countless herds roamed at will along the right of way of the Great Northern road in the valley and as you journeyed westward through the valley as far as the eye could see you would still see nothing but cattle and sheep with here and there a scattering ranch home. Had one told you then that today this would all be changed you would have said they were loosed or there was something the matter with their heads.

Nevertheless we, who are here today get a far different view as we journey through this same valley. Between Glasgow and Malta, originally part of the vast range of the olden days, you now see scores and, yea hundreds of homestead shacks that dot the prairies nearly as thick as the bands of sheep did of old. Hard as it was for the old time cow men and flockmasters to give way for the advent of the dry land farmer, it had to be done and gradually the vast herds have been shipped out of the state until today the dry farmer reigns supreme in northern Montana.

Whether this great change has been for the betterment of the country or not remains to be seen. True you do not see the same amount of surplus coin in evidence like you did in the days of yore, but the money is here just the same, only it is being invested along different channels, and where years ago the saloon and dance hall got the bulk of the silver it today goes into farm machinery, bank stock, farm loans and the like. The spirit of the west has not been killed in this great change. People in Montana today are just as liberal and open hearted today as they were twenty and twenty-five years ago. And why? Simply because the western spirit has been born and bred in the hearts of the people of Montana and we are proud that we are still a part of the old time west.

With another yield of bumper crops this season the farmer will become a fixture in Montana and while the old time cowman were far from glad to see them settle up the old range they have had to succumb to the inevitable and are taking their medicine like good sports and some of them are even going in for a touch of farming themselves.

Yes, dear reader, the old days are gone but in its place we find a new era of prosperity and of the lasting kind.

In closing we wish to quote the following from an old boss wrangler, O. M. Russell, to his friend Wallace D. Coburn, a cowboy of the same day:

"Here's to the happy days
When the grass that God planted
was free,
And there wasn't a barbed wire
fence
From the Mexican Gulf north to
to the Arctic sea.
But there's no use talking, Wallace,
The cowboy's had his day,
The nestor's here with his fence and
plow,
And it looks like he's here to stay."

WEDDED IN CALIFORNIA

April 15th, 1916, at Los Angeles, California, Miss Margaret Lum, became the bride of Henry Show Kong, a Chinese merchant at Malta, Montana, the ceremony being performed at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Chas. V. Stansbury, No. 1269 Westchester Place. They were married by Rev. Dr. J. H. Francis of the First Baptist church.

"Oh, Promise Me" was sung by Mrs. Beny Wong Wing. Refreshments were served, the table being decorated with pink roses, the California beauties.

The bride wore a dark tan suit, and the bride's bouquet was lilies of the valley. Miss S. Peterson, the bridesmaid was dressed in a navy blue silk dress and wore a black straw hat trimmed with yellow roses and her bouquet was of the pink roses.

The bride, who was born in China, educated in Honolulu, and graduated as a nurse in California, has practiced her profession within the state of California for many years, and has made many friends.

The groom and bride left Mrs. Stansbury's home at 5:30 that afternoon and took a ride in Hollywood and around the vicinity of Los Angeles to give Mr. Kong the best view of the city. The bride received many beautiful and costly gifts of Chinese jewelry from the groom and his mother, and many other gifts from the friends of the groom and bride.

On March 29, at Los Angeles, Mrs. G. Smith gave a dinner and shower to the bride to be. The guests were Miss Lum's intimate friends, Mrs. M. Lowe and mother, Mrs. Carey, Miss Carey, Mrs. Halpin, Miss Halpin, Miss Peterson.

Mr. Henry Kong and bride had a very enjoyable trip coming from California to Montana. They left Los Angeles on the 6th of April on the Salt Lake line, and stopped at Butte, where a day was spent visiting Mr. Kong's cousin, Dr. Kong, and his three nephews, one of them being manager of the Express cafe at Butte. They left Butte on the Oregon Short Line and stopped at

Have where four days were spent, and where they had a lovely visit with Mr. G. A. Wah, a very dear friend of Mr. Kong's. They reached here on the 13th of April. Many calls were received at home on the calling day. Mrs. Kong stated that she likes her new home very much. Mr. Sam Lee has arranged the home very artistically to welcome the newly weds at Malta. ****

PLANT TO CLOSE MAY 1ST.

A mass meeting was called at the city hall last Friday night to take steps, if possible, to keep the electric light plant in operation. The managers of the plant claim they are running it at a loss each night and had given notice to the consumers that the plant would be closed down that night. There are a number in the city depending entirely on electricity for lights and the closing of the plant would work a hardship on them, and after a great deal of argument and some financial aid by two of the heavy consumers, an agreement was reached whereby the plant will be kept running until the first of the coming month.

The people of Malta can hardly ask the light company to run the plant at a loss and on the other hand the company can hardly expect the people to reimburse them for their loss if the plant is not a paying proposition. The proper thing to do is for the city to take over the plant or that part of it that is in good condition and run it in connection with the water works. The city could run the lights at a far less expense than a company and do it with very little additional help.

We understand a petition will be circulated in a few days asking the taxpayers of the city to petition the city council to take over the light plant.

L. K. Devlin of Havre, deputy state humane officer, was attending court in Malta this week.

Dudley Jones was in the city from Bodson the first of the week attending to business matters.

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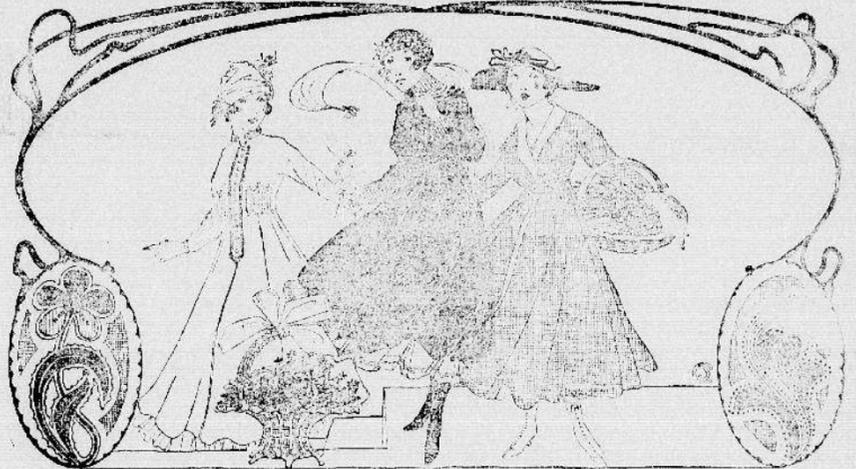


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