

\$15,000 Carnegie Library

Carnegie Corporation Offers That Sum for the Erection of a Building in Malta--County Commissioners Have Raised Fund for Maintenance of Library

The people of Phillips county have taken a great interest in the proposition to erect a Carnegie library in Malta, a subject that was taken up by the Woman's club of this city several months ago and has been pushed by that live organization ever since. The following letter from Mrs. J. P. Kilduff will be read with a great deal of pleasure by the people of the county.

The Carnegie Corporation has indicated their willingness to build a library in Malta to cost \$15,000. This library will be for all the people of Phillips county, each town, county postoffice and school district can have a branch library and be supplied with books from the Malta Carnegie library.

Before the Carnegie Corporation will consider an application for a library, a free site must be offered there. When we made our application for a library, Mr. Trafton generously donated a beautiful site and this was the only site offered us. This site consists of four lots which are distant one and one-half blocks from the First State Bank and two blocks from the postoffice. These lots were deeded to Phillips county by Mr. Trafton for a Carnegie library and accepted by the Commissioners for Phillips county. A copy of the deed was filed with the Carnegie Corporation at the time we applied for the library building, and without this deed, our application would not have been considered.

Now, any unbecoming agitation by the people of Malta against the library site might result in the Carnegie Corporation withdrawing their generous offer and Malta would never get a Carnegie library. Should the Carnegie Corporation see fit to withdraw their offer to build a library in Malta, you can be very certain the offer would never be renewed, as some of the towns in different places have found to their sorrow.

The Carnegie Corporation will donate \$15,000 to Malta for a library and with this amount we can build a beautiful library that will reflect credit both upon the donor and our little city. Do the people of Malta want it?

MRS. J. P. KILDUFF.

THE HOW OF IT

Last Spring one of the citizens of Malta took it upon himself to sign a contract that would bring to the city a series of entertainments during the present winter. That citizen was your school principal. The entertainments constitute the by-come course. He believed it a good thing for the community and that Malta would support it. It was expected that the high school would take over the management of the course and they did.

Consequently, the friends and patrons of the school are given an opportunity to vote in favor of the progressiveness of the older boys and girls, who are yet in school. Many have cast their ballots in favor of the by-come course. More have not.

In the attempt to present the course, at a price within the reach of all, the school runs the usual risk of having a deficit before them at the end of the season. This should not be, Malta is able to fill the hall for every one of the remaining numbers. The new hall will seat 350 to 400 people. The management wishes to see every seat filled on Dec. 21, when Granville Jones will lecture. It is not charity they ask. It is patronage that they desire. If you think they do please express your belief by attending this next number.

STOLE 1,000 BUSHELS OF FLAX NEAR POPULAR

Flax growers around Poplar have been robbed of nearly 1,000 bushels of that valuable grain this season, according to reports made to the sheriff's office.

The thieves operated at night and so far have eluded detection. Among those who have been robbed are Ole Lien, Edward Nygard and Bert Campman. Lien is said to have lost 400 bushels of flax taken from his bins.

Other farmers are standing guard over their crops every night.

MALTA GRAIN MARKET.

From the St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator today:

No. hard	\$1.52
No. 2 North	1.50
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Winter Wheat.		
No. 1	1.46
No. 2	1.44
Durum, No. 2	1.39
Flax.		
No. 1	2.40
Barley.		
No. 1	1.30

The project of a railroad extension from Chinook north west thru Blaine and Hill counties is being agitated continuously in the county north of Havre.

MALTA HOOPSHOOTERS PUTS ONE OVER HARLEM

The first basketball game of the season was staged at the I. O. O. F. hall last Friday evening between the Harlem High School and Malta High School in the presence of over 200 fans.

When the Harlem aggregation clashed with our Malta quintet we could see that the Malta "five" were off for the honors and that the Harlem "five" were weak in comparison with the former, nevertheless, the game was clean and fast from start to finish, regardless of the high score--Malta 25 Harlem 11.

Our Malta "five" deserve credit for its fast combination work and astute play.

The line-up and individual scores as follows:

MALTA		HARLEM	
Arthur Partridge R. Fwd.	12	Edna Burt R. Fwd.	10
Douglas Wood L. Fwd.	8	Miss Buckley L. Fwd.	6
Edith Ballard Center.	5	Bert Rowland Center.	4
Laverence Charles Center.	3	Harold Newhouse L. Gd.	3
Geordy Ruston R. Gd.	2	George Robinson L. Gd.	2
Total		Total	Total
25		11	

HARLEM
Edna Burt R. Fwd.
Miss Buckley L. Fwd.
Bert Rowland Center.
Harold Newhouse L. Gd.
George Robinson L. Gd.

The game was refereed by Andrew Tweedie to the satisfaction of all.

Malta has the material for a fast basketball team and should be able to hold the championship of the Milk River country.

Keep it up Malta!
A dance was held after the game in which many participated and in departing all admitted that they had spent a most enjoyable evening. Music was furnished by the local orchestra.

OLD FELLOWS' MEET

At a recent lodge meeting of the I. O. O. F. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George Chambers, Noble Grand; Edna Burt, Alex. Grand; Ed. Secord, Secretary; and Alex. Elliot, Treas.

For the benefit of many wishing to join a special dispensation has been applied for and will be in force in the near future. While the I. O. O. F. have a large membership at the present time, they look for a much larger membership by spring.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON

Earnest Bruns, one of the prosperous farmers of the south country, is advertising a public sale for Saturday, December 16th, at which time he will dispose of his farm machinery and stock with the intention of moving to Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns have resided south of town for the past several years and have many friends both out there and in Malta, who will regret to see them leave. Montana will look better to them than ever after a year or so spent in our neighboring state and they will always find a host of friends here to welcome them back.

RETURN EAST FOR WINTER

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mengus and children of 15 miles southeast of Malta, left Tuesday morning for McLeanboro, Ill., where they will spend the next two months with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Mengus took up a fine piece of land about two and one-half years ago, coming from the southern part of the state, and now have a valuable property and hope to prove up soon. These estimable people are among the many home-steaders who have made good on Montana farms.

WOULD NEVER BE MISSED

The electric lights in Malta are about as poor an article as could be produced and called by the name of electric lights. They are turned on about two hours after dark and when on one is forced to light a match to see if there is light. We have been told that the light plant would close about the first of the year and it is something in the present condition that would be very little missed.

SELLS WOOLDRIDGE STORE

Charles Janzow, the Wooldridge merchant, has sold his business to O. F. Habedank, of Shottley, Minn., who has taken possession. Mr. Habedank is a brother-in-law of O. F. Thompson of this city, and for years has been in the grocery business at Shottley. He will handle, in addition to the line sold by his predecessor, barbed wire, lumber, fence posts and coal.

The Royal Neighbors will meet in the I. O. O. F. hall Monday night, December 18th. Election of officers and other business of importance. A good attendance is desired.

GERMANS OFFER TERMS FOR PEACE

British and French Not Impressed With the Offer--German Demands Big

Germany and her allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, have made formal overtures for peace negotiations with her enemies. The proposed terms of peace offered are based upon information from home governments by the entente diplomats at Washington and are:

Germany's Probable Terms
Restoration of Belgium, but with conditions which would practically leave it under German control and probably give over the port of Antwerp to Germany.

Restoration of the occupied portions of Northern France, but with economic control which would guarantee to Germany supplies of iron and other raw materials drawn from there.

Domination of Mesopotamia by Germany and Austria, to give them a path to the Persian Gulf and break England's gateway to India and Egypt.

To award to Bulgaria all of Serbia as far south as Nish, which would take away from Serbia as much territory as she gained in the Balkan wars.

They expect Germany will demand the return of her African colonies or at least propose to exchange them for the French colonies.

Turkey's interests are considered a minor matter and not fully developed in consideration of peace.

The proposition for peace on German terms is received with derision in France and the British seem to have no use for the French peace which means that the situation in Germany is becoming very critical, also that the peace is to throw the blame of a continuance of the war on the allies.

MANAGER ON THE WAR PATH

Agreed with a shooting, William Hamilton, a contractor south of Havre, from Chubberson, raised the heads of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sawyer, neighboring ranchers, Saturday night about 10 o'clock. Neither was injured, although Mrs. Sawyer will lose the right to one eye, the physician says. Hamilton mounted a horse and made his escape. It is supposed he has crossed the line into Canada. The shooting is said to have occurred after a quarrel between Hamilton and Sawyer over a line fence.

DECEMBER TERM DISTRICT COURT

Cases Set for Trial March 5th--Several Cases Dismissed Judge Utter Presides

Judge Utter is holding a term of the District Court at the Phillips County Court house in this city this afternoon. Following are the cases on the calendar disposed of at this time:

Criminal Actions
State vs. Steve Holman, disturbing the peace. Continued over the term by stipulation.

State vs. E. M. Hubbard, petit larceny. Continued over the term by stipulation.

State vs. Gladys Hoag, et al., petition for citation. Citations issued and case set for trial Mar. 5.

State vs. L. D. Martel, assault in second degree. Continued over term by stipulation.

State vs. Clarence Harper, disturbing the peace. Set for trial Mar. 6.

State vs. David Turner, disturbing the peace. Set for trial Mar. 6.

State vs. Pete Joslin, grand larceny. Continued over term by stipulation.

State vs. John W. Clark, assault. Continued over term by stipulation.

State vs. J. R. Farley, grand larceny. Set for trial Mar. 7.

State vs. John Anderson, grand larceny. Motion under advisement by court.

State vs. Chas. F. Lockhead, statutory rape. Set for arraignment Mar. 5.

State vs. Edwin Sparks, grand larceny. Motion under advisement by court.

CIVIL Actions
Thompson Lumber Co. vs. W. H. W. Taylor, motion for account. Set for trial Mar. 7.

Jas. Lee Smith vs. Ruby Gulch Mining Co., motion for damages. Set for trial Mar. 8.

Two Minors vs. Geo. A. Faches, motion for judgment. Continued over term by stipulation.

Van Duzick vs. Raymond, motion for judgment. Continued over term by stipulation.

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WOMEN GO TO COUNTY AGEN

Henry Robinson, a voting man of the vicinity, was arrested Sunday evening by officer Clarence Cosner, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Before Judge William Tuesday he was fined \$65.

Municipal Christmas Tree

Committee Has Made Final Arrangements--Tree Opposite Lyric Theatre--Santa Claus Will Arrive at 4:00 P. M. - Presents for All the Children.

REAPPORTION STATE SOLONS IS EASTERN MONTANA PLAN

Law in View to Limit House to 100 Will Change the Present Representation.

Eastern Montana counties are going to ask the legislature to reapportion the state so as to give them more representatives in the legislative assembly, according to reports reaching Helena.

If such a law is enacted, representation from some of the older counties will be reduced and from the newer counties increased. Lewis and Clark and Missoula counties, it is said, would each lose a representative and other changes would also be made, shifting the balance of power to the agriculture districts.

The proposal to enact an automatic reapportionment law, that would be effective every four years, is meeting with approval in some parts of the state. The opinion is entertained by many that membership in the house of representatives should not exceed 100, and that it could be kept at this figure by reducing the unit of representation as population increases.

The plan contemplated would make the year next for governor at the next preceding election the basis of state would be required to total the vote cast for all candidates for governor. Dividing this by 100 would give the basis of representation. A county that casts one one-hundredth of the total vote for governor would be entitled to one member in the lower house, a county casting seven one-hundredths of the total vote for governor, seven representatives.

Every four years a new apportionment would be made, which would automatically adjust the population of the several counties.

CARBON COUNTY HAWK KILLED IN COLUMBIA

Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 12--A monster hawk was caught by Edna Hottel in his net Jan. 12, 1916, and on October 29 the same hawk was shot by Edna Hottel in Bogota plain, nine miles north of Bogota, capital of the Republic of Colombia in South America.

The hawk got in the net held at the county and on account of the height of the net, he was caught alive. The hawk was shot by Mr. Hottel after attaching a small bottle containing his name and address, and an injunction to notify him of the time, date and circumstances at which the bottle was found if ever. He has just received a letter, dated November 4, from Mr. Ruida in which the latter tells of killing the hawk and finding the bottle fast to the hawk's neck. He enclosed a copy of the note found in the bottle. In an air the Bogota is approximately 3,700 miles from Red Lodge. Record Herald.

PROFIT IN SAGEBRUSH

At last a use has been found for sagebrush. Instead of being a worthless chamber of desert soil, it is found to be an asset. Our brush-stew western landscapes are really mines. A dispatch from Idaho says that the sagebrush is being used in large quantities as potash material. Tons of brush, which burnt in the kiln gives 25 to 30 per cent commercial potash.

The present value of the product is abnormally high, because it is used in vast quantities in war industries. There is a big demand for it, too, as fertilizer. This new industry is therefore proving a source of profit to Utah, Idaho and other western states, and incidentally promoting the clearing of brush land for irrigation or dry farming.

ATHLETIC CLUB TEAM

The Malta Athletic Assn. has a basketball team and in the near future expect to be able to battle with anything in the state. At present the high school boys are giving them a drubbing every night or two. The material for the town team is composed of Tweedie, Parker, Porter, Partridge, Persinger and the two Reed brothers. They have a game up with the town team of Harlem and other teams along the line.

REJECT LIGHT CO. BONDS

The city aldermen rejected the bond filed by the new light company at their regular meeting last Tuesday night. The time for the new company under their franchise to get busy is getting short and something will be done in the near future.

S. McUWAIN LOCATES IN GREAT FALLS

Samuel McUwain, formerly proprietor of the Fifth Avenue hotel, this city, has leased and taken possession of the Weise hotel, on the upper floors of the Cohen and Gerald cafe buildings in Great Falls. Mr. McUwain purchased the lease of Mrs. Elizabeth Weise for \$15,000.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Municipal Christmas have gone to work with a will and are ready to announce the program that will be carried out on Christmas day, weather permitting, on the vacant space just north of the Lyric theatre. A large evergreen tree will be provided and it will be lighted brilliantly with electric lights. Sacks of candy will be distributed to the children by Santa Claus in person and it is hinted that he will also have some wonderful presents for the town of Malta, some of the things that the people have been wishing for. It is expected that Santa will use a modern conveyance in his journey and that he will be seen on the streets of the city for a short time before he reaches the tree. He will probably be loaded with presents and he may have to bring along some extra fitness to carry all the things he expects to leave with the children. Keep your ears open for his bugle, here is the program as arranged which may be subject to a few changes:

Program:
3 p. m.--Santa Claus arrives in Malta and drives through the city arriving at the tree about one hour later.
4 p. m.--Santa Claus arrives at tree and sends plays an appropriate selection.
4:05 p. m.--Costume dances by school children.
4:15 p. m.--Address of welcome.
4:20 p. m.--Santa Claus talks to the children and the grown-ups. All join in singing "The Little Town of Bethlehem."
4:30 p. m.--Christmas readings, Miss Kain.
4:40 p. m.--Christmas carol, "Holy Night," school children.
4:50 p. m.--Distribution of presents to the children by Santa Claus.
Thank offering program by playing "When We Were Young" "This We Must Acknowledge."
It is hoped that nothing will prevent the holding of the tree in the open air, much more pleasure can be had in this way. Everybody should come dressed warmly for the occasion and be prepared to have a good time. The outdoor air is good for you and you will go home feeling like life is worth living. No less an authority than Dr. Wolfe says that the people who live in the cold climates are healthier, more ambitious and get more out of life than those who do not experience the marked changes in weather that we do here. "We have lots of invigorating cold weather here and we want to get some fun out of the winter. So get your plan arranged so that you can come out and see Santa Claus and say "Merry Christmas" to your neighbors. Don't forget the time."

WOMAN'S CLUB CONTRIBUTE TO MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE.

The Malta Woman's club was entertained on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Schneider, assisted by Mrs. Whitecomb, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Range. A large number were present and enjoyed greatly the program on the passing of several illustrious personages during the past year. The following were well portrayed: Yuan Shi Kai, by Mrs. L. E. Flint; Lord Kerchner by Mrs. Blumenthal; Mrs. Hetty Green by Mrs. R. S. Flint; Bishop Brewer by Mrs. Chas. Secord; Sir Roger Casement by Mrs. Trafton; Richard Harding Davis by Mrs. Bates; James Whitecomb Riley by Mrs. Hall.

In answer to roll call, the members responded by exhibiting an heirloom or curio and gave the interesting features of its history. A contribution of \$19 was unanimously voted toward the municipal Xmas tree fund, and the project received a hearty endorsement by all the members.

Mrs. Murray, librarian for the public library, reported the addition of about 25 high class books were paid for from the proceeds of the salary due her for her efficient services as she will not accept it otherwise.

Two new members were added to the club roll, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Howard. The meeting for December 23 was dropped as it is too close to Christmas, so the next meeting of the club will be on January 6th, at the home of Mrs. Phil Caselberg. She will be assisted by Mrs. Blumenthal, Mrs. Platt and Mrs. L. E. Flint. Delicious refreshments closed the afternoon.

LOOKS GOOD FOR 640 ACRE BILL

Early enactment into law of the 640 acre stock raising homestead bill which passed the senate with amendments in the closing days of the last session of congress, was indicated by the house sending the bill to conference early in this session. This bill will affect a great area of Montana, and its passage is being watched with much interest.

A basket social, program and dance will be given at the Beaver Creek school house Saturday night, December 23. All are invited and will be entertained to the limit.

Commercial Club Banquet

Held at Fifth Avenue Cafe Tuesday Evening--Address By George R. Metler, Secretary State Board of Highway Commissioners

Malta attested to the spirit of progressiveness of its citizens on Tuesday night by turning out in large numbers to the supper given by Geo. R. Metler, Secretary of the State Highway commission. About fifty were present and listened with much interest to an explanation of the important features of the Federal Aid Road act passed by the last Congress and which became a law on July 11th, 1916. This act appropriates \$75,000,000 to be used in assisting the states in building trunk line highways of a permanent nature. The Highway Commission of this state is now arranging to definitely locate five projects in the state and Mr. Metler's mission here was to try to interest the Commissioners of Phillips County in financing one of these projects. Mr. Metler stated that the state itself had no funds to take up this work and if Montana was to benefit from the distribution of this money it would up to the counties to meet the Federal appropriation. The state through its Highway Commission would furnish the plans and specifications for the different projects. To secure one of the projects for Phillips county it would be necessary that the county appropriate \$20,000 making in all \$40,000 which would be spent in this county on roads. This according to Mr. Metler's estimate would build and hard surface about sixteen miles of road. This road would be on a minimum grade and would settle the upkeep of that particular piece of road for the next five years possibly as the maintenance on such a road would be practically nothing for that period of time. Several methods of raising money for the state Highway fund were suggested by Mr. Metler.

one method was to increase the automobile license tax so that the average received from automobiles would be \$14.00 each providing a fund of approximately \$300,000, which would take care of the federal aid money received during the next two years. He also stated that a constitutional amendment might be adopted providing for a special one mill road tax on the entire taxable property of the state. This is the system used by Minnesota. Or if so desired special improvement districts could be created and property abutting on the road would be assessed to pay for the permanent roads. Mr. Metler brought out some facts in relation to the expenditures of the Highway Commission which were interesting to eastern Montanans in this statement as to the distribution of the fund secured and has not been used in building any roads anywhere in the state, as after maintaining the bridge department and the other necessary expenses of the office, there was only a small sum remaining for distribution, insufficient to be of value for building. Consequently this money has been retained in the Highway fund and is being used to make the bridge department more efficient. These bridge plans have saved some of the counties large sums of money having standard specifications and expert supervision where the size of the work will warrant. The Highway Commission at the present time maintains two field men on this bridge work.

Mr. Metler closed his address amid hearty applause and upon offering to answer any questions a large number of those present availed themselves of the privilege and joined in the discussion. All agreed that the meeting had been interesting and educational. Mr. Metler returned to Helena on the midnight train.

FOOD SALE.

A big food sale will be held at the Murray Drug store at 2 p. m. on Saturday afternoon by St. Mary's Guild.

The price of skirts are still up. So are the skirts.

HARLEM TO HAVE A MASONIC LODGE.

The Harlem Masonic lodge has been organized and has received its charter from the grand lodge of Montana. It is the second Masonic lodge to be established in Blaine county. The lodge will start with a large and active membership.