

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Get your coat at the St. Anthony & Dakota elevator.

Miss Harman departed yesterday for Salt Lake where she will spend the holidays with friends.

Mrs. Wm. Culberts returned last week from a visit with her parents in the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Broderick departed this week for a visit with relatives in Minnesota. They will be gone about a month.

Miss Helen Aldrin, who is teaching school at Saev, came up the latter part of last week to spend the holidays at her home in this city.

The dance given by St. Mary's Guild at the I. O. O. F. hall Christmas night was well attended and the ladies received a nice sum for their work.

Mrs. Ott Lassby and son Temple departed yesterday for their new home in the western part of the state. The best wishes of their many Malta friends go with them.

Francis Elliot returned the latter part of last week from the Springs where he has been taking treatment for some time. He is still crippled and is in the results of a bad ailment some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Whitcomb spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Fort Benton.

Dr. Clay expects to leave the latter part of this week for Helena where he will represent Phillips county in the upper house.

Dudley Jones and wife will leave this week for Helena. Mrs. Jones will spend some time at the springs while Dudley will look after the interests of Phillips county in the house.

Harlem wants the Montana Power Co. to extend their electric line to that city and give them a good grade of electric lights. Malta has wanted good lights for the past year, but wanting and getting are two different items.

Wanted to rent.—A farm north of Malta with 150 to 200 acres under cultivation. Will buy the machinery and feed on farm. Owner of land to furnish seed and take one-half of crop. For particulars inquire at this office.

During the holiday rush at the postoffice Miss Patton has had her hands full, but notwithstanding the fact that she is new at the business and greatly handicapped by the train service, the Christmas mail was handled with the best of satisfaction. She has recently added to the equipment about 80 lock boxes which will assist greatly in relieving the congestion at the office.

Sheriff Al. Shaw left last night for a business trip to Poplar.

Prof. Elliott is in the eastern part of the state this week visiting with old acquaintances.

Henry Broderick, wife and little daughter left last night for Minneapolis to visit relatives.

R. H. Davis of the Malta Mercantile company, was confined to his home the first of the week by illness.

Raymond Robbins, manager of the Lyric, was at Havre yesterday on business connected with his show house.

The Firemen's ball at the I. O. O. F. hall New Year's night will be one of the big events. Make your arrangements early to attend and have a good time.

Frank Martin left last evening on one of the late trains for a visit at his old home in Montreal, Canada. This is Frank's first visit east for over twenty years.

Amos Whitney left last night for Chicago where he will spend some time visiting relatives and friends and will bring Mrs. Whitney home with him when he returns.

During the past several days the bad weather has caused a number of the farmers and ranchers to commence feeding their stock. Last year feeding operations were commenced about this time of the winter and several ran very short of feed before the breakup.

J. R. Crabb, sheriff-elect of Phillips county, has been a familiar figure around the court house the past week. He will not have to be brought into business, as the sheriff duties he is presently well equipped to handle and will make the county a good office.

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There will be regular services at the Methodist church morning and evening next Sunday. Good music will be furnished and the sermons will be appropriate to the last day of the year. We are planning on watch service and invite everyone to attend. We especially invite those who do not have a watch service in their own church to participate in this service.—O. P. Shonewelt, Pastor

The buffalo purchased for the Christmas trade by the Arcade was nearly all disposed of and many are the family in and around Malta, who tried their first roast or steak of buffalo meat. The hide and head were sold to George Morgan, who will have the head mounted and the hide made into a robe. Robes of this kind are fast becoming a curiosity and in a few short years they will sell for most any price the owner cares to place on them.

Mrs. Fred St. Hill has been sick for the past several days.

George Campbell of the Cooper barber shop, is spending the holidays at his old home in Missouri.

Miss Margaret Kirton departed yesterday for a month's visit with friends and relatives at Denver.

J. F. Vert is on the sick list this week and the pumping station is being cared for by C. H. McCready.

L. C. Edwards departed Monday for a business trip to the Twin Cities. He was accompanied by Mrs. Edwards.

The thermometer at the Reclamation office registered 28 degrees last night and that coupled up with a stiff wind made a very cold night of it.

Owing to the cold weather on Christmas day the municipal Christmas tree was postponed until New Year's day, when the entire program prepared will be given.

Under Sheriff Nelson was at Saev Thursday and Friday of last week assisting in the taking of inventory of the hotel at that place that will be sold at sheriff's sale soon.

Judge Utter held a short session of the district court Wednesday afternoon at which a couple of civil cases were disposed of. The session was held in the commissioner's room at the court house block.

Last Saturday at Hopedale Chas. L. Spence and Miss Ina L. Washburn were united in marriage. Miss Washburn was well known in Malta and has a host of friends who extend congratulations. She was one of the popular girls in the Malta Mercantile store since it moved to the south side of the track.

The executive committee meeting of the Hill County Temperance union, preliminary steps were taken to secure concerted action on the part of the various counties in Montana for the submission of local option and action was also taken to organize the northern counties for a local option campaign.

The fire alarm was turned in one day the latter part of last week on account of a small blaze in the basement of the Fifth Avenue hotel. The fire was quickly extinguished with very little or no damage done. Fires at this time of the year prove very disastrous and everyone should be on their guard to prevent them and take extra precaution.

The late trains have played havoc with the local "Skidoo" train that runs between Havre and Glasgow on account of it being held for the fast mail trains, and shoved into the sidings to let the late through trains go by. Tuesday the "Skidoo" bound for Havre and due here at 9:15 a. m. did not arrive until late in the afternoon and returned that night from Havre, reaching Malta about 2 a. m. Wednesday.

The various stores in the city are busy this week taking their yearly inventory.

Stock Inspector McCoy was attending to some official business in Malta Wednesday.

Wallace Cohn returned to this city the latter part of last week from St. Paul to spend the holidays with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Durall are enjoying a visit from his mother, who arrived last week from Kalispell to spend the holidays.

Richard Ottum was down from Chinoek over Christmas to visit with friends and to bask in the sunshine of a female smile.

Owing to the lateness of trains John Ebaugh was unable to reach home in time to spend Christmas with his family but arrived from the east on No. 1 the day after.

Some one made the remark that there was an ordinance in Malta that called for the removal of snow from the sidewalks and crossings. Well, what of it? The ordinances on the books of Malta are to look at and point to with pride, not to be enforced.

Malta will not be without electric lights if the present plans materialize. The firm having the franchise has not lived up to its agreement and has not made good, and it is reported upon pretty good authority that the franchise will be transferred from the present holders to Geo. W. Kemper, and if it is Malta will have a light plant that will be second to none.

Do you need money?
I loan on dry and irrigated farms. I also loan on cattle, horses or sheep, and in fact can loan on any good bankable paper. No delay, and no red tape. Rates reasonable. Can make second mortgages. See me at once.

L. S. CHAMPINE,
Malta, Montana.

W. A. Clark of Zortman, spent a few days of Christmas week with friends in Malta.

Mrs. Joe Redona, who was operated on at the hospital in Havre recently, is slowly recovering. Mr. Redona spent Christmas at Havre with his wife.

Mrs. Louis Hirschowitz expects to leave the latter part of the week for California where she will spend the winter with her daughters. She will stop in Helena for a short visit.

FOR SALE

Hotel kitchen range and steam table, dining room tables, chairs, silverware, table linen, beds complete, etc. Prices very reasonable. Enquire at The Great Northern Hotel. 41

Come early to take advantage of

Forge's Big Clearing Sale

Starting December 26
AT 8 O'CLOCK

Closing Out Gossard Corsets

Corsets from \$8.50 down will all sell for
\$2.00 as long as they last

EVERY COAT and SUIT IN THE HOUSE AT
A BIG REDUCTION—ALSO DRESSES
MILLINERY and ALL NOTIONS

A welcome extended to all

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Christmas Specialties

Everything in Christmas Goodies

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| Candied Lemon Peel | Grapes |
| " Citron " | Grape Fruit |
| " Orange " | Cranberries |
| Pineapple Glazes | Celery |
| Glazed Cherries | Sweet Potatoes |
| Xmas Cake Candy | Oranges |
| Nut Meats | Bananas |

Nice, Red Juicy Apples

AT

BATTRAM'S

5th Avenue Grocery



Happy New Year

With sincere appreciation of your favors in the past and anticipating their continuance, we extend to all of our friends and patrons best wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

This Store will be closed all New Year's day

Trafton-Dorr Co.

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