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## BIG LAND DEAL CLOSED THURSDAY

A MINNEAPOLIS LAND COMPANY  
BUYS 1002 ACRES ON CAMAS.

## WILL SELL ORCHARD TRACTS

Land Is Adapted to Fruitgrowing and  
Will Be Platted and Sold in Small  
Orchard Tracts.

One of the most important land deals ever consummated in western Montana was closed Thursday. The O. W. Kerr company of Minneapolis, the largest dealers in grain and fruit lands operating in the country, purchased 1002 acres of land lying at the south end of Camas prairie, about ten miles south of Hamilton. Those involved in the deal have refused to divulge the consideration, but it is known to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Those who owned the land and the acreage follow: Nicholas Kramis, 160 acres; N. H. Francis, 160 acres; H. E. Jones, 202 acres; J. B. Stewart, 160 acres; A. C. M. company, 160 acres; F. H. Reeser, 160 acres.

John M. Downs acted for the Kerr company in making the purchase. He returned to Minneapolis Friday, but expects to come back and look after their interests. It is the intention of the company to plat the land into 10 and 20 acre tracts and sell it for orchard purposes. It is bench land and for fruitraising is unexcelled in the Bitter Root valley.

### Born.

Wade—To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wade Jan. 19, a girl.

Timmons—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Timmons, Jan. 9, a boy.

Myett—To Mr. and Mrs. William Myett, Jan. 19, a girl.

### Real Estate Transfers.

B. R. V. I. Co. to the Bitter Root Land & Orchard Co., lots 21 and 22 block 12, lot 10 block 14, lots 12 and 13 block 16, Home Acres Orchards; \$1.

B. R. V. I. Co., to Arthur Nickson, lots 13 to 16, block 2, Mountain View Orchards; \$1.

B. R. V. I. Co., to C. J. Larson, lots 9 and 10, block 31, Hamilton Heights; \$1.

Edward McNenny to John M. Miles et al, 360 acres near Florence; \$10.

G. W. Dougherty and wife to James Barr, part of lot 5 block 8, Corvallis; \$75.

Mary S. Hart and husband to John L. Stout, 4 acres, Hart addition; \$1.

Newton P. Woods and wife to A. E. Martinel, lot 15 block 2, May addition to Stevensville; \$250.

Otto Barrett and wife to Anna M. Kalkwarf, 160 acres near Florence; \$1.

U. S. Swartz and wife to M. McDonald, of Salem, Ore., tract of land near Florence; \$1.

W. W. Flowers and wife to Zella I. Cates, lots 29 and 30 block 2, Victor; \$1.

C. J. Vincent and wife to Arthur H. Stevens, undivided one-half interest in 160 acres near Grantsdale; \$1.

Mineral Patent—The United States of America to Guy W. Stapleton, Lucky placer mining claim, containing 121.76 acres, Hughes Creek mining district.

Mary C. Bennett and Husband to Chas. Malloy, lots 16 to 20 block 17, Darby; \$1.

B. R. V. I. Co., to Chas. A. Carney, west half lots 5 and 6, and lot 7, block 11, Summerdale Orchards; \$1.

Julius Grill and wife to Charles Smith, lot 9 block 29, Hamilton; \$1.

Sarah Jennie Adams to Adolph Renn, 3 acres Doran addition; \$1.

Ed Cruson and wife to Amie Beau-bien, lots 2 to 10, blk 11, Riverside; \$1.

## NEW FORT MISSOULA.

The general plan of the new Fort Missoula, including barracks and officers' quarters, has been approved by the war department. Missoula is to be a permanent army post and the design of the new fort takes advantage of the scenic beauty of the location on the Bitter Root river.

## COLD WEATHER STORIES.

Did you ever notice that no two cold weather stories agree? Here are some stories published by the Carbon County News and given as interviews with its readers:

J. H.—My thermometer registered 33 below. It's a standard make and is perfectly accurate.

A. C.—I don't have a thermometer but I froze both of my feet Tuesday night while sleeping between six pairs of blankets. My bed is four feet and seven inches from the stove, too, and this was kept red hot all night.

M. M. M.—My thermometer has a Swiss movement and is guaranteed to be accurate. At five o'clock Tuesday morning, (this is the time I always get up,) it was 49 below zero. A bottle of whiskey, such as I keep at the saloon, was frozen solid. That shows my brand of liquors are perfectly harmless, being free from alcohol.

J. D.—I couldn't tell just how cold it was on that particular morning, for when I went to look at the thermometer I found the mercury had broken a hole in the glass at the bottom and leaked out. It must have been pretty chilly, though, for the thermometer I had registered 50 below before I retired.

B. U.—Why, you don't call this cold weather, do you? I was around all morning in my shirt sleeves and at times I got up a sweat at that. Talk about cold weather, why, when I used to do a turn at cow punching we had what you could call cold weather. Actually I have seen it get so darned cold that a man's teeth would chatter while he was sitting on a red hot stove. Sure thing. I remember one time when it got down to 122 below and staid there for weeks; but we cow punchers never paid any attention to it—just kept on as though nothing had happened.

### Strayed.

Came to my ranch a roan cow and calf. Cow branded T on right ribs, right ear cropped. Also a sorrel mare 2 years' old, weight about 700 lbs., hind feet white, white face, brand unknown. Owners of these animals please call, pay charges and remove. A. R. ZOSKE, Darby.

## IMPORTANT MEASURE AFFECTING VALLEY

BILL INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE  
ANENT COMMISSION HOUSES.

## PROVIDES FOR AN ACCOUNTING

Aimed at Merchants Who Make No  
Returns for Consigned Products—  
Text of the Bill.

Consigning shipments of apples and other products to commission merchants in Butte and elsewhere and hearing no further from them, is a practice of which many Bitter Root farmers are tired. It has been a good thing for the commission men, as they are not required to tell what disposition they have made of shipments. There is no law compelling them to make returns at all, and in Butte for a number of years there have been unscrupulous dealers who have "failed" every year, but promptly resumed business under another name the next season.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Senator Romney which aims to correct this abuse. The bill has been reported favorably by the horticultural committee of the senate, of which he is chairman, but will encounter strong opposition. It provides for an accounting to the consignor. The text of the measure follows:

### Senate Bill No. 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "An act relative to commission merchant's or persons selling agricultural and horticultural products, or farm produce, on commission."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Any person or persons doing business in this State as Commission Merchants, or who shall re-

ceive from any person of this State, agricultural and horticultural products or farm produce raised in this State to sell on commission, shall immediately, upon receipt of such goods, send the consignor or consignors a statement in writing showing what property has been received.

Section 2. Whenever any Commission Merchant or person receiving any property as mentioned in Section 1 of this act, shall sell the same or twenty-five per centum thereof, such Commission Merchant or person shall, immediately render a true statement to consignor showing what portion of such consignment has been sold, the price received therefor and to whom sold.

Section 3. Any person engaged in selling any property as herein specified, who fails or neglects to comply with any of the provisions of this act or who shall make a false report or statement of the matters herein required, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Below is given the bill introduced by Romney for the relief of the widow and orphans of Charles Peyton:

### Senate Bill No. 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "An act for the relief of the widow and minor children of Charles B. Peyton, a Deputy State Game Warden, who was killed while in the performance of his official duty by Indians the 18th day of October, 1908."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. The Auditor of the State is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant on the Fish and Game Fund in favor of Mrs. Charles B. Peyton, the widow of Charles B. Peyton, the Deputy State Game Warden who was killed by the Indians on the 18th day of October, 1908, while in performance of his official duty, for the sum of Five thousand dollars, to enable said widow to pay the funeral expenses of the said Charles B. Peyton and for the use, benefit and support of said widow and three minor children to-wit, Hugh, Monte and Dewitt, of said Charles B. Peyton, and the Treasurer of the State is hereby directed, and it is made his duty to pay the said warrant out of said fund.

Section 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Representative Groff has introduced an important measure in the house which authorizes counties to construct and operate public ferries. The measure is known as house bill No. 65.

The Bitter Root delegation is going after an appropriation for the horticultural station at Corvallis and another to continue Dr. Ricketts' spotted fever investigation.

## STATE'S SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Helena, Jan. 13.—According to reports filed with W. E. Harmon, superintendent of public schools, Montana has a school population of 76,969. The figures by counties follows: Beaverhead, 1,504; Broadwater, 726; Carbon, 3,384; Cascade, 6,646; Chouteau, 2,780; Custer, 2,320; Dawson, 1,881; Deer Lodge, 3,158; Fergus, 3,209; Flathead, 4,565; Gallatin, 3,875; Granite, 835; Jefferson, 1,302; Lewis and Clark, 5,033; Madison, 1,927; Meagher, 540; Missoula, 3,783; Park, 2,769; Powell, 1,204; Ravalli, 2,922; Rosebud, 890; Sanders, 720; Silver Bow, 13,353; Sweetgrass, 1,074; Teton, 1,003; Valley, 1,919; Yellowstone, 3,667.

### Stray.

Came to my ranch on Camas prairie about Jan. 10, one black gelding, about 15 years' old, white snip on nose and collar marks, indistinct brand, weight about 900 pounds. Owner please call, pay charges and take the animal away. WICKS SMITH, 14-4t

### Notice.

All persons indebted to the mercantile department of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company are requested to make settlement at the company's office, Ravalli County Bank building, ANACONDA COPPER MINING COMPANY MERCANTILE DEPT.



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### Some Prices on Furs:

Black neck pieces	\$1.50	at	\$1.12
Jap. Mink neck pieces	3.00	at	2.25
Brown Cooney neck pieces	2.50	at	1.87
Brown Cooney neck pieces	5.00	at	3.75
Jap. Mink neck pieces	7.50	at	5.62
Black Lynx neck pieces	7.50	at	5.62
Isabella Fox neck pieces	8.00, 10.00, 12.00, 12.50, 16.00 and 25.00		

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Black Lynx, Blended Mink, Cooney, Sable, Fox and others in both the Pillow and Rug styles. Prices as follows:  
\$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$12.50, and \$18.00

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2000 yards remnants, consisting of woolen goods, silks, cotton goods, linings, all kinds of domestics, laces, embroideries and ribbons at 1-2 the marked remnant price.

Coats, Suits, Dresses and Furs For Children at	<b>25 per cent off</b>
Women's and Children's Sweaters, prices from 75c to \$6.50, at	<b>25 per cent off</b>
Heavy knit buggy robes, prices \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 at	<b>1-3 off</b>
Women's wrappers, made of good percale full fashioned, worth up to \$1.50 at	<b>98c.</b>
Women's heavy all wool grey ribbed hose, worth 40c per pair	<b>25c</b>
Don't forget the sale of yarn is still on, per skein	<b>5c</b>

Dress flannellet 27 inches wide, all colors, worth 12½ and 15c, on sale at	<b>9c per yard</b>
Scotch flannels, the washable kind, just the thing for men's shirts and women's waists worth up to 40c at	<b>29c per yard</b>
White linen toweling, 21 inches wide, regular 18c quality at	<b>12 1-2c per yard</b>
Women's all wool union suits, white and silver, \$3.50 quality at	<b>\$2.50</b>
Heavy white bed spreads full size, regular price \$1.25 at	<b>98c</b>

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