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OBITUARY

Sterling P. Mitchell Passed Over the Great Divide at His Home Last Evening

Sterling P. Mitchell died Thursday evening, Jan. 25th, of hardening of the arteries at the age of 50 years.

Sterling P. Mitchell was one of Culbertson's most prominent citizens. He came to Eastern Valley county, Montana, about 25 years ago and was for many years foreman of the Star Cattle Company, which was sold to the Diamond Company about ten years ago. He was born in Missouri in 1856, and left home at an early age going to Texas and trailed up from there to this country with the Star outfit.

Mr. Mitchell was a life long Democrat and was twice elected as county commissioner for Valley county. He was a very public spirited man, with heart and purse always open for the good of the community.

He joined the Masonic Lodge at Glasgow many years ago, and when Trowel Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M. was organized in Culbertson he became a charter member.

After quitting the employ of the Star Cattle Company he took a homestead and desert claim and became a prosperous and influential farmer, being a pioneer in that line in this vicinity. He was known all over the State of Montana and loved and respected by all. His name, Sterling was emblematic of his character, for his sterling qualities were known to all. A couple of years ago he built one of the finest residences there are in Culbertson in which he installed his family, but he himself passed most of his time on his ranch.

Mr. Mitchell leaves a wife and our children, Maggie aged 17, Hurley 15, Willie 14 and Harry 7 years old, to mourn the loss of a fond husband and a loving father. He was an uncle of Sterling C. West.

The funeral will take place from his Culbertson residence at 2:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of Trowel Lodge A. F. & A. M.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Roads and Bridges are Given the Most Attention at this Meet- ing and Bids are Called for Several More Contracts

At 10 o'clock a. m., January 8th, the board of county commissioners of Valley county, met in special session pursuant to call, A. Davidson, J. T. Farris, William McBride and the clerk present.

Call for meeting was read.

ROAD MATTERS

Report of viewers on following petitions were examined and approved and roads ordered surveyed and opened: Nos. 83, 186, 219, 275, 307, 309, 198. Viewers' report on petition No. 196 was denied.

Report of viewers on petition No. 295 was approved and petition denied.

Petition No. 313 for a road beginning at the southeast corner of section 31-32-40, thence north to Canadian line, taken up and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, A. V. Green and E. D. Button.

Petition No. 314 for a road beginning at Malta and extending north to Lou Langdon, was taken up and the following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Harry Cosner and John Shady.

Petition No. 315 for roads in township 29, ranges 40 and 41, taken up and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, E. D. Button and A. V. Green.

Petition No. 316 for a change in Glasgow, Lismas road was taken up and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, J. L. Lytle and P. L. Herring.

Petition No. 317 for roads on all section lines in township 35-58 taken up, and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, William Reimers and Jurgen Neilson.

Petition No. 318 for a road beginning at southwest corner of section 19, and extending east one and one-fourth miles to southeast corner of southwest quarter of section 20, all in township 28-56, was taken up and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Jack Forsyth and Thos. Dempsey.

Petition No. 319 for a change of road located in townships 27 and 28-39, was taken up and following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, J. L. Lytle and P. L. Herring.

Petition No. 320 for a change in Malta-Baeth road was taken up and the following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Ed. Pierson and M. A. Duffy.

Petition No. 321 for a road beginning at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 32-30-38, was denied.

Petition No. 322 for a road beginning at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 27 and ending at the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 17, all in township 28-57, granted without viewers.

Petition No. 323 for a road beginning at the Great Northern railway tracks on section line between sections 2 and 3-30-36, thence north to a point in Rock creek road near the residence of E. H. Mott, was laid over.

Petition No. 324 for a road beginning at the center of section 30-28-59, thence south one-fourth mile, thence in an easterly direction on or near section lines to the Dakota line, was taken up, and the following viewers appointed: W. H. Mann, Fred Swant and W. J. Rhea.

Petition No. 201 for a change in the Culbertson-Plentywood road

located in the northeast quarter of section 18-33-56, was granted without viewers.

Report of treasurer for quarter ending November 30, 1911, was examined and approved as correct.

The board audited the report of the clerk and recorder.

Bridge Petitions

Petition for a bridge across the Milk river near Whatley, was taken up. On motion of Mr. Farris, seconded by Mr. McBride, it is hereby ordered that a bridge be built across the Milk river south of Whatley on or near the section line between sections 25, 26-28-40.

Petition for bridge across the Big Muddy west of Froid, was presented and on motion made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Farris, it was ordered that a steel bridge be built over the Big Muddy creek west of Froid, on or near section line between sections 16 and 21-30-55.

On motion the clerk and recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for the material and construction for a tile bridge over the Beaver creek slough south of Bowdoin, said advertisement to be inserted in the Malta Enterprise, bids to be received up to 10 o'clock a. m., February 5th. Plans and specifications to be filed with Commissioner A. Davidson, at Malta.

On motion the clerk and recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of the Milk river bridges west of Glasgow and south of Whatley and for the Big Muddy bridge west of Froid, according to plans and specifications furnished by the county surveyor and on file in the office of the county clerk and recorder. That each bidder shall accompany his bid with a certified check equal to five per cent of the said bid, as an evidence of good faith, and that the board shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

County Printing

On motion the clerk and recorder was instructed to advertise for bids for county printing, same to be specific as to all election and registration supplies and books used in connection therewith, same to be received up to and including March 4th, next, at 2 o'clock p. m. For the purpose of establishing a basis of measurement for legal

blanks, the following sizes are hereby designated by the board. Blanks cut from flat cap measuring 14x17 inches in size, as follows:

Full sheet, 14x17.
Half sheet, 8½x14.
Quarter sheet, 8½x7.
Eighth sheet, 8½x3½.

On motion clerk was authorized to purchase a typewriter for the county surveyor's office.

Special Meeting Called

On motion a special meeting of the board of county commissioners was called for 10 o'clock a. m., February 5th, for the purpose of examining and acting on bonds, acting on road and bridge matters, filling vacancies in township offices, checking warrants and taking any necessary action with reference to county poor.

MIKE FAY DEAD

The Frozen Body Was Discovered by Tony Minnehan on Tues- day, Jan. 23, 1912

Tony Minnehan, of the Pioneer Livery Barn of Culbertson, was driving by the Goss homestead Tuesday and thought he would call and see Mike Fay, who was left in charge of the stock during the absence of Mrs. Goss in Canada. He opened the door of the front room and discovered Mike lying on the floor cold in death. He immediately returned to Culbertson and notified Dr. Collinson.

Coroner Charles E. Peterson of Glasgow was notified and arranged for an inquest for Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. At the inquest it developed that Mr. Fay was last seen in Culbertson on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, the day after Mrs. Goss left for Canada, although a couple of witnesses were pretty sure they had seen the deceased in town as late as Friday, Jan. 12th.

Constable Higgins and L. E. Schow drove out to the Goss homestead Tuesday evening and found that the driving team had been unharnessed and turned loose in the pasture. They found about 30 chickens in the barn about half of which were dead and the balance evidently near death from starvation. These they fed.

The remains of Mr. Fay were brought to Culbertson Wednesday morning where they were examined

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Valley County's Exhibit at St. Paul Land Show



The above cut shows the exhibit at the St. Paul land show, from this county, which attracted so much attention and which will be the means of bringing many people to this county to build homes. The Valley County Commissioners and Clerk who were present at the show, also appear in the picture, the photographer having taken a snap-shot of the exhibit while the Commissioners were at the exhibit booth.

The large banner in front of the Valley County, Montana exhibit at the Northwestern Land Products Show had this inscription "2,000,000 Acres Homestead Lands." The midwestern farmers came in hundreds to the Northwestern Land Products Show held recently in the Twin City to see what the Northwest had offer. Even the people in the states surrounding St. Paul were not aware that so much homestead land was left just a few hundred miles away near the main line of the Great Northern Railway.



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