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Greatest Disaster In History Of Navigation

The White Star liner, Titanic, the biggest ship ever afloat, making her maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York, struck a huge iceberg in the banks off Newfoundland, and about 2:30 o'clock Monday morning sank to the bottom of the ocean, estimated by marine men to be two miles deep, with 1,350 people on board. The vessel carried a crew of 866 persons and the passengers numbered 1,810. As soon as the vessel was struck the lifeboats were lowered and 868 passengers, mostly women and children, placed in them. Those who got away from the ship on the boats are supposed to be the only people saved and were picked up by the steamship Carpathia.

Some of the world's wealthiest men are believed to have perished. The list includes John Jacob Astor, Isidor Straus, Major Archibald Butt, Benj. Guggenheim, P. A. B. Widener, and many other men of prominence and wealth.

At the time of the sinking of the monster vessel, the unwritten law of the sea—women and children first—was rigidly enforced by Captain Smith who went down with the ship at his post of duty. This is indicated by the preponderance of women in the 868 rescued. The Carpathia is expected to reach port tonight when particulars of the horrible disaster will be learned from the survivors on board.

Wilt proof Flax Seed for sale, \$2.00 per bushel. J. Henry Jacka, Malta, Montana.

Everything in clothing and footwear, for men, at Edwards & McLellan's.

The North Montana Roundup association which meets in our city next Friday and Saturday should be warmly welcomed by our citizens, and the time so pleasantly passed as to be long remembered by the visitors and our own people. It is hoped that all the cattlemen and old timers, generally, in northern Montana, will turn out to this meeting which may be the last meeting of the association. The program and plans for the meeting being arranged by the Malta Commercial Club, have not yet been made public but it is safe to say that some unique and pleasing features will grace the program of entertainment which will be announced later. It is expected that the Great Falls Commercial Club, with the Black Eagle Band will be here the 26th and add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Death Of Little Tommy Wolfe

After an illness extending over three weeks, Tommy, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolfe, died Tuesday evening about six o'clock.

Tommy was an unusually precocious child, very strong and healthy up to a year ago when an attack of measles affected his lungs. He had, however, been reasonably well up to this spring, when congestion of the lungs set in and this was followed by inflammation of the bowels.

During the child's illness the parents did everything that possibly could be done to save and prolong the life of their loved one. They secured the very best medical aid procurable, and during the past few days two physicians have spent many hours by Tommy's bedside and a trained nurse watched carefully, but the mysterious hand of the death angel had beckoned and little Tom finally answered the call and has gone to abide with Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

The funeral was held at the M. E. church this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. C. E. Wharton officiating and burial was made in the Malta cemetery.

The mother prostrated by the nervous strain and heart trouble, was not able to leave the house and her condition is very serious.

"The Man On The Box"

Despite the very inclement weather Saturday evening, "The Man on the Box" was greeted by a fair sized audience at the Opera House. The company presenting the play are very capable people and the portrayal of the different characters was so pleasingly and intelligently made as to satisfy all who had read the story as told by Harold McGrath. Should Trousdale Brothers come this way again they may be assured of a full house.

Meeting For Sportsmen

Harry Cosner announces a meeting of the Milk River Gun Club for Friday, April 20, and urges all members as well as others interested to be in attendance. The Club expect this year to complete the Club House which was built on the west shore of Lake Bowdoin last season, to have a well drilled and to otherwise improve and develop the land about the Club House. With the anticipated increased membership of enthusiastic sportsmen that portion of land on Lake Bowdoin surrounding the Club House is sure to become one of the rare beauty spots in northern Montana.

For Quality goods, go to Edwards & McLellan.

Atty. C. H. Stevens was a Glasgow visitor last Friday.

Fred Tanner moved out to his farm the first of the week.

Butterick Patterns for May now in stock. Garland & St. Hill.

L. C. Edwards is having a garage built for his new automobile that has just arrived.

Mrs. Ole Veseth will be hostess to the Ladies Aid next Thursday afternoon, April 25th.

North Montana Roundup Association meeting next Friday and Saturday April 26th and 27th.

Do you know about Florsheim shoes? If not, you should find out at Edwards & McLellan's.

R. J. Whorley and wife returned from the east last Saturday and went out to their homestead the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fifield left the latter part of the past week for the Huntley project, of which Mr. Fifield has become project engineer.

First Class Blue Joint Baled Hay, 75 cents per bale at my ranch on Beaver Creek. Henry Rohde, Malta, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Clanton drove out to their ranch on Beaver Creek Sunday but returned to town on the Skidoo Tuesday afternoon.

One of the recent arrivals in Malta was a ten pound son Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mauzer of Black Coulee who are at the home of Mrs. Rabertory. Mrs. Mauzer and the babe doing well.

Hon. B. D. Phillips and son, Roy, arrived in Malta Monday from California where the winter has been spent. Enroute to Malta stops were made in Helena and Chinook. Mr. Phillips and son went immediately from the train to Phillips.

Invitations have been sent out this week by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Partridge for relatives and friends to assemble at Sunnyside, their ranch home and participate with them in the celebration of their silver or twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

A western Kansas editor is responsible for the following: "Ten Cents straight will be charged for all obituary notices of business men who do not advertise while living. Delinquent subscribers will be charged 15 cents a line for obituary notices. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive the best in the shop free when they shuffle off. Better send in your advertisements and pay up your back subscriptions now, as the hog cholera is abroad in the land."

Shipment of Fine Horses Received

That the time is at hand when horse breeders are considering quality more than numbers and that there is a tendency toward marked improvement in horse breeding generally, is evidenced by the shipment of high grade horses received by the Long X outfit and Richard Towne last Friday. The Long X Company, one of the largest horse and cattle companies operating in northern Montana, with holdings on the Missouri, shipped into our city ten handsome stallions from J. W. and F. T. Peterson, horse importers, Litchfield, Minn. The consignment was made up of two French Draft stallions, three Shires, and five Percherons, the sire of one of the Percherons being valued at \$10,000. The horses were all young, ranging from two to three years old. In the same car Richard Towne received two handsome mares, four and six years old and a fine colt.

Get Schumacher to repair your windmills and pumps. We keep full stock of pumps, pipes, and fittings. Edwards & McLellan.

DRY LAND FARMING

By Dr. W. E. TAYLOR

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ARTICLE.)

Subsoiling.—The subsoil plow is invaluable if the condition of the soil requires it, and the implement is of the right type. If the subsoil is porous, it is of no special benefit, but if a hard pan exists, or the ground below the reach of the ordinary plow is so hard that it does not absorb water readily, it is of great assistance in storing water. In fact, it practically solves the problem of storing water in dry sections.

The implement is not intended to bring the subsoil to the surface, but simply to cut a gash in the hard pan, permitting the entrance of air and water. If the point of the plow is large, and the ground is hard, it forms air spaces which prevent capillary attraction, hence the only safe subsoil plow to use is one with a thin blade and very small point, not more than an inch thick. The small point forms a reservoir for water and from it the water spreads outward and, obeying the law of capillary attraction, it moves upward, followed by air. Air and water acting in that way mellow the soil, thereby destroying a hard pan or any extreme compactness of the ground that may exist. The blade or cutter should not exceed one-half inch in thickness. Such a plow can be drawn by two horses, cutting a gash from ten to twelve inches below the bottom of the furrow. Entire gangs can be equipped with a subsoil attachment, placing one on each alternate plow. In sections of the country where the weather is cold during the winter months, late plowing, leaving the surface rough, is very advantageous because rough in that condition catches and holds snow and rains much better than when it is smooth and frozen. During the intervening time, however, between harvesting and late fall the surface should be kept in a condition to readily receive and retain moisture. In southern latitudes where the ground does not freeze to leave the surface in a rough state would assist evaporation. The farmer should be governed by conditions and adopt the best possible plan to prevent the loss of water.

Conserving Moisture.—Conserving water is just as essential as storing it. We know the amount of water required to make the crop. We know that it can be stored in the subsoils as securely as in a cistern, and we know that unless proper means are used water will escape by evaporation to the extent of one or more inches during a hot, windy day. An inch of water weighs 112 tons, or one-fourth of the amount required to make an acre of good wheat, hence negligence for two or three days may cost the farmer a year of toil.

The process of conservation is simple. A surface mulch is effective, and if maintained there is little danger of losing cultivated crops, and grain crops are in a great measure protected by it.

The corrugated roller is beneficial to grain by forming a surface mulch, even when the grain is grown to the extent of jointing. It firms the soil about the roots, and at the same time closes effectually surface cracks. If the soil is hard, the harrow is of great benefit. Either plan is very beneficial until the grain has attained a growth sufficient to shade and protect the surface from the wind and heat. In cultivated crops the mulch must be renewed as soon as cracks form after rains.

Capillary Attraction.—Capillary attraction is nature's process of moving water from the deeper subsoils to the surface. Stored water passes upward from soil particle to soil particle, forming a film around each atom of soil until the surface is reached, where it is consumed by growing plants, or passes into the air by evaporation. Water will rise from eight to fifteen feet, depending upon the character of the soil, and deep rooting plants will secure moisture from even a greater depth. The rapidity of the movement of capillary water depends upon the compact, uniform proximity of the soil particles to each other. In course ground the movement is slow and in lumpy ground where air spaces exist it is materially retarded or entirely stopped. Hence, we emphasize the necessity of carefully pulverizing the surface before plowing, the seed-bed after plowing and subsequently making it compact. It must be remembered that trash not worked into the seed-bed before plowing will form an

insulation on the bottom of the furrow that effectually stops the upward movement of capillary water. Too often a crop is lost after the moisture in the seed-bed has been consumed which would have been saved had the contact between the furrow slice and the bottom of the furrow been made compact.

Hygroscopic Moisture.—Hygroscopic moisture is the vapor that exists in the air. Surface soils if they are of good tilth and rich in humus, absorb air and with the air moisture. While the amount is not sufficient to produce crops, it is of material benefit in localities where heavy dews and fogs prevail. Hygroscopic moisture is sufficient to maintain plant life in deserts.

Summer Fallowing, or summer culture, as it is often called, is another method of storing and conserving moisture. In some localities the annual rainfall is insufficient to grow crops each year, hence the necessity of cropping the land alternate years. The plan that has been successfully adopted in California, Wyoming, Utah, western Kansas and Nebraska are as follows:

As soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring, land that has been plowed the previous year is disced until the soil is loose and porous enough to absorb any rains that may occur. After rains and as soon as a crust forms, the harrow is used for the purpose of forming a mulch blanket and to destroy weeds. This operation is continued until early fall, when the ground is again plowed, disced, and if lumpy and loose, made compact by using a sub-surface packer. Wheat is then drilled and the surface made compact by using the corrugated roller. To summer fallow and not cultivate the land is of no benefit, but on the contrary a detriment if weeds are permitted to grow, for they not only consume as much water and plant food as a crop, but in the absence of a mulch blanket moisture escapes.

Soil Mulch.—Soil mulch or spreading on the surface, straw, grass or any organic matter that will prevent the sun's rays from reaching the soil, causing evaporation, as a means of conserving moisture, is not practical in any extensive way, still some farmers have distributed straw during the winter over their winter wheat and have been rewarded by a 50 per cent increase. The mulch prevented waste of moisture during the time the crop was growing. It also proved effective after the grain was cut, and when plowed under, it improved the texture of the soil. The plan gives excellent results to the truck gardener, especially is it beneficial to potatoes. The objection is that it hinders aeration of the seed-bed, due to the fact that if a straw mulch formed, cultivation is impossible.

Fertility.—The dry farmer must not lose sight of the necessity of maintaining a high state of fertility. The moisture absorbing and retaining power of soil depends upon the amount of organic matter it contains. Soil deficient in that will not retain moisture long. Humus is necessary to hold nitrogen, and it is absolutely essential soil bacteria. Nitrogen can be maintained by planting alfalfa, cow peas, and soy beans. If the soil is deficient in phosphorus, and manure is not available, it should be supplied in commercial form.

Rotation.—Rotation of crops should not be overlooked. Alfalfa is not only a drought resisting legume, but it improves the soil in every way. It furnishes organic matter and nitrogen. It renders the soil porous and makes available latent plant food. A good rotation for the dry farmer to adopt is wheat, peas, potatoes, running alfalfa six years. Other drought resisting crops can be placed in a rotation system. Any crop grown on the same land year after year will gradually decrease in production.

Planting.—Seeds should be planted deep enough to insure rapid germination. Corn and sorghum should be listed. Packing the soil after planting is very beneficial unless the ground is wet. The best implement to use is a corrugated land roller. Grain should be drilled, broadcast sowing has proved a failure in arid sections.

Seed And Crop.—The dry land farmer should select seed and strains that are known to possess great drought resisting qualities, and be grown in about the same latitude in which he intends to use it. The seed should be fully matured, receive proper care from the time it is gathered, and possess strong germinating qualities. Shriveled, anemic seed germinates slowly and makes a slow, weak growth. An early strong start is reflected throughout the entire life of the plant.

Six New Autos For Malta

Malta is fast taking on metropolitan airs, and this fact was strongly emphasized yesterday when Geo. W. Hewitt who has the agency for the Ford automobiles, received a half dozen handsome machines for as many of our citizens who had previously ordered them from him. The car load lot was sent from Minot, N. D., the distributing point of the Ford Company for this section of the northwest. Our townspeople receiving cars today were L. C. Edwards, J. F. Murray, Lyman Barnes, Claude Moore, and H. C. Robinson. A car for C. W. Powell of Glasgow was also in the shipment.

For the best there is, try a Don Baraso cigar.

Kingsbury hats, in latest styles, at Edwards & McLellan's.

Good work horses for sale. A. Krohn, Malta, Mont.

Get Keen Kutter hardware at Edwards & McLellan's.

Remember the Eagles' Musicales and Ball Friday evening, April 19th.

A full line of State Nursery garden and flower seeds. Malta Drug Store.

Car load of Barb Wire just in—Best quality—Best price. Edwards & McLellan.

If you have any land to sell, list it with us. We can sell it if it can be sold. Schuster & Stevens.

We have added a new number to the Nemo Corset line. New shipment just in at Kiduff's.

For Sale.—Motorcycle in first class running order. For information inquire or write THE ENTERPRISE.

No other hostelry compares with Interwoven—25c to 50c the pair. The most popular shades for spring just in. Garland & St. Hill.

Just a few more remnants of wall paper left. Call and get a bargain and save from 30 to 50 per cent. on same. Malta Drug Store.

Our Hiawatha and Blue Bird canned goods can not be beat for the price. Give us a trial order and we will convince you.

Malta Mercantile Company.

Miss Jacka arrived yesterday morning from North Yakima where she has spent the past three months. Miss Jacka states that the fruit trees are full of blossoms in the locality from which she came and that a three days' flower carnival is now being held there. She went from Malta to the ranch home of her brother, J. Henry Jacka, near Wagner, where a part of the summer will be passed.

THE ENTERPRISE was in error last week in its mention of State Superintendent Harmon visiting the Chinook school which was said to be aspiring to the ranks of the accredited high schools of the state. Prof. G. H. Willman informs us that the Chinook school has been on the accredited list for the past six years, its graduates have entered the universities of Michigan, Minnesota, and Stanford, without examination. Mr. Harmon was making his annual visit to see if the work was keeping up to the standard. We are glad to make the correction and trust the time is not far distant when other schools in northern Montana shall become accredited schools.

Old Timer Receives Pension

Joe Culbertson on Sunday received a voucher for a pension of \$119.80 from the government pension office at San Francisco. Mr. Culbertson was in the government service as scout for twenty years under Generals Miles, Baldwin and Wheaton, and has seen some very active service both in Montana and North Dakota. He enlisted under General Miles in 1896 and worked under Baldwin the same year. In the early eighties he re-enlisted under Wheaton. While serving at Fort Buford in 1898, he received a gun wound in the hip. Twenty-four years ago he served under C. B. Lohmiller when the latter was a first sergeant. In 1893 he was serving at Ft. Buford as sergeant of scouts with Dan Mitchell as corporal. Mr. Culbertson has several interesting letters from Lieutenant General Miles, commander of the U. S. Army, Major General Wheaton, Brigadier General Baldwin, and Major General Wm. Under whom he served. Mr. Culbertson received thirty-two honorable discharges, a distinction which no other scout in the state can claim.—Poplar Standard.

Grand Home Talent Musicales and Ball, Friday Evening

Following is the programme for the Musicales to be given by the Malta Aerie No. 1238, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at their hall in Malta, Friday evening, April 19th:

1. March—"Empire," A. Moon
2. Piano Solo—"Hungarian Rhapsody," Mrs. Horsley
3. Vocal Solo—"Good Bye Sweetheart, Good Bye," Von Tiltzer
4. "Homestead Melodies," Orchestra
1st violin, Sherdahl; 2nd violin, Cosner; 1st cornet, Condy; Saxophone, Facey; 1st clarinet, Sklower; 2nd clarinet, Clark; Pianist, Miss Partridge.
5. "Leap Year In Monkey Land," Frantzen
6. Male Quartette
1st tenor, Blumenthal; 2nd tenor, Devney; 1st base, Sklower; 2nd base, Chambers.
7. Vocal Solo—"Selected"
8. Piano Solo—"Mennette," Subolek
9. Vocal Solo—"March In D Major," Hollander
10. "Silver Threads," Denks
11. Vaudeville Sketch—"Fristines," Thomas and Arnot
12. Andante and Waltz, Howell

The price of admission has been fixed at \$1.00 for each adult and 25c for children. Supper will be served in the hall but an extra charge will be made for it. The ball will follow the musical program.

Dainty gowns and muslin underwear for ladies and children now on display at Garland & St. Hill's.

Every little while we receive a new shipment of Men's Summit Shirts, another one just in at Kiduff's.

For Sale. The relinquishment of a good lay ranch, 160 acres, all fenced, log house. For particulars call at this office, or address Miss Mattie Crooks, Malta, Mont.

Word comes from the east end of the county to the effect that petitions for county division will soon be filed with the board of county commissioners. It is stated that more than the required number to put it to a vote have signed the petitions and the only question remaining to be settled is the location of the county seat for the new county.—Glasgow Independent.

Services M. E. Church

Regular services of the Methodist Church for Sunday, April 21st. Sunday School 10:00 a. m., preaching 11:00 a. m., subject, "The Dual Life"; a study in Christian Science. Preaching 8:00 p. m., subject, "Immortality." The life of self-pleasing, self-gratification is superficial, trivial, worthless. Self-righteousness is self-sufficiency, and has nothing to do with Christianity. "If the righteous trust his own righteousness, all his righteousness shall not be remembered, but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it." Friend, you can not escape eternal death without experiencing the new birth in Christ. Attend these services and let us consider these important subjects.

C. E. Wharton, pastor.

The story of her vacation was told by an Eastman Kodak. Get one at Malta Drug Store.

C. H. Kochendorfer who resides about eighty miles from Malta near Wilder, was an enforced visitor in Malta this week. Reaching our city last Friday night he had intended starting back the next day with a big load of supplies but the heavy roads prevented and he was compelled to wait until the sun had melted the snow and partially dried up the mud of the roads.

Lemons From California

A branch of a lemon tree containing one large, ripe lemon, seven green lemons in different stages of development, and a blossom, was a pleasing sight from a warmer clime that was being exhibited Monday by J. B. Masterson who has recently returned from California. Mr. Masterson also cut off an orange twig containing nine ripe oranges but the oranges all dropped off in transit. The lemon tree branch is to be seen at the R. M. Trafton store.