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Modification of Requirements

It having been found that concessions should be made in the case of those homesteaders who are unable to cultivate the prescribed area, the interior department has issued, in the form of a letter to the commissioner of the general land office, instructions for the modification of the regulations which will be of importance to all three year homesteaders. The new circular is as follows:

To the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

It is found that the administration of the three year homestead law, act of June 5, 1912, that the regulations issued February 13, 1913, governing the reduction of cultivation, should be made more specific. Section 7 of said regulations is therefore amended to read as follows:

"The secretary of the interior is authorized, upon a satisfactory showing, therefore, to reduce the required area of cultivation. The homestead laws were enacted primarily for the purpose of enabling citizens of the United States "in good faith to obtain a home" and the provision of the statute in regard to reduction in the required area of cultivation will not be permitted to so operate as in any manner to relax the rule that the entryman must so reside upon, use, occupy, cultivate and improve the tract of land entered by him as to satisfactory show that he is in good faith at the time of such entry intended to make the land his bona fide home and that it has been his home to the date of the final proof.

However, if the tract of land entered is so hilly or rough, the soil so alkaline, compact, sandy, or swampy, the precipitation of moisture so light as not to make cultivation practicable, to the extent of the required amount, or if the land is generally valuable for grazing, a reduction in the area of cultivation may be permitted. The personal or financial disabilities or misfortunes of the entrymen existing at the time of entry will not be considered sufficient cause for reduction in the area of cultivation, but if after entry and actual settlement, through circumstances which at the time of entry could not reasonably have been foreseen, the entryman has met with misfortune which renders him reasonably unable to cultivate the prescribed area, upon satisfactory proof thereof at the time of making final proof, a reduction in area of cultivation may be permitted during the period of disability following such misfortune, provided notice of such misfortune and the nature

DR. ROBERT BRIDGES.

Succeeds Late Sir Alfred Austin as Poet Laureate of England.



Rebekahs and Odd Fellows

Bozeman, Oct. 23.—The Rebekah assembly and the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State of Montana closed their sessions here yesterday afternoon by the selection of Butte as their next place of meeting, and the election and installation of the following officers:

F. E. Davis, of Bozeman, grand master; Wiley Mountjoy, of Twin Bridges; deputy grand master; W. H. Goodland, of Granderville, grand warden; R. W. Kemp, of Missoula, grand secretary; H. A. Meyer, Helena, grand treasurer; R. H. Swain, of Great Falls, grand representative for one year.

Appointive officers follow: C. E. Trescott of Choteau, grand marshal; O. S. Draper, of Bonner, grand conductor; T. H. Shadoin, of Livingston, grand herald; J. E. Parker, of Bozeman, grand chaplain.

Rebekah assembly's choice for officials resulted: Mrs. Alberta Martin, of Ekalaka, president; Mrs. Mary Bolinger, of Bozeman, vice president; Mrs. Dixon, of Phillipsburg, warden; Mrs. Nellie W. Neil of Helena, secretary; Mrs. Lida Spaulding of Missoula, treasurer; Mrs. Kate White of Hamilton, chaplain.

Mrs. Martin appointed the following officers: Mrs. May Bennett of Anaconda, marshal; Mrs. Axelda Mitchell, of Chester, conductress; Mrs. Gertie Powell, of Red Lodge, inside guardian; and Mrs. Dresse of Livingston, outside guardian.

Advertised Letters

The following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Choteau post office:

Miss Francis Scott
Wilder Roberts
Chas. Neilson
McCaull Western Elevator Co.
T. M. Angell
W. C. Bronson
Loan Belle
Jake Bottger
L. Barringer
James Cronin
Choteau & Co
Geo. R. Carolus
Mrs. E. Dornis
A. Dalziel
F. O. Ellsins
Fred Elliot
Miss Isabell Fellers
L. C. Franklin
R. Gortat
Ottor Harvestin
O. A. Johnson
Mike Kenneally

When calling for the above please say advertised.

WM. KROFFT, P. M.

thereof shall be submitted under oath within 60 days after the occurrence thereof to the register of the land office of the district in which the land is situated.

Tilling the land or other appropriate treatment for the purpose of conserving the moisture with a view of making a profitable crop the succeeding year will be deemed cultivation within the terms of the act, where that manner of cultivation is necessary or generally followed in the locality.

No reduction in area of cultivation will be permitted on account of expense in removing the standing timber from the land. If lands are so heavily timbered that the entrymen can not reasonably clear and cultivate the area prescribed by the state, such entries will be considered speculative and not made in good faith for the purpose of obtaining a home.

C. W. Nelson, of Spring Valley, was a business visitor in town the first of the week.

Duchess of Marlborough Goes In For Politics In London



THE pretty Duchess of Marlborough, who, as every American knows, was Consuelo Vanderbilt, is the new leader of the conservative London suffragists. She's not a militant. That must be understood distinctly. But she is the new head of the woman's organization started to secure municipal offices for women in London. The duchess decries the outrages of the suffragettes, but believes women should hold office and should vote. She is much in sympathy with the American suffragist movement.

LOCAL NEWS

It is reported that Attorney L. A. Foot has been appointed as attorney for the Milwaukee railway at this point.

Harry McCullough, of the electric light company, is erecting an office and workshop on the lots west of the James Sulgrove residence.

Born, on Thursday, Oct. 16, 1912, to the wife of A. H. Gamble, a daughter. All concerned, including Allen, are reported as doing well.

Do not forget the Hallow'een dance to be given by the ladies of the Ediscopal guild at the Woodmen hall on October 31st. It promises to be the very best dance given in this city for many years.

FOUND:—A pocketbook, containing an endorsed check for \$53.25, drawn on the Citizens State Bank of Choteau. Owner can have same by calling at the Montanan office and proving property.

W. S. Shannon, of this city, who has been employed in the office of Attorney Phil I. Cole for some time, took the examination before the supreme court at Helena last Monday and was admitted to practice law in this state. He will continue to reside at Choteau and practice his profession.

The Choteau postoffice was moved last Sunday from its quarters in the city drug store to the Corson building, one-half block west of the Frost clothing store on Hamilton street. The move was made without any great inconvenience to the patrons of the office, and, as the new location is centrally located, we feel sure the patrons will soon take kindly to the change.

Miss Eva Sturgeon is now the cashier at the Choteau Mercantile store vice Miss Maud Wilcox, who has resigned to teach the private school at the Cascade ranch for Wm. Wallace's children.

Rasmus Fagerli, the Bynum merchant, has sold his store and stock of general merchandise to a company known as the Bynum Mercantile Co. Chas. A. Franks, who is manager of the company, was a business visitor at the county seat last Monday. He appreciates the fact that he is now located in a good community and our many Bynum friends will be pleased to learn that it is his intention to carry at all times a first-class stock of goods for their accommodation.

At the meeting of the city council last Monday evening permission was granted Jos. Hirshberg & Co. to establish a gasoline station on the street adjoining their store, the tank for which having been installed for at least two weeks before action was asked for from the council. The application of J. M. Weaver for the removal of his retail liquor license from the Beaupre hotel to the new building he is erecting on Main street, north of the Connor building, was denied, the aldermen being equally divided on the subject, Mayor Hirshberg casting the deciding vote against the removal.

Teachers' Examination.

The teachers' examination will be held in this city at the court house, commencing Thursday, Oct. 30th. An examination will also be held at the same time at Conrad. Following is the schedule:

Thursday morning: Grammar, physiology and reading.

Thursday afternoon: Geography, history and civics.

Friday morning: Arithmetic, spelling and theory and arts.

Friday afternoon: Physical geography, algebra and school management.

Saturday morning: American literature, physics, geometry and psychology.

Naturalization Papers

The following have made application before Clerk of the Court Gibson for citizenship papers:

James Johnston, a native of Scotland, residing at Dupuyer.

Thomas Christ Anderson, a native of Denmark, residing at Kevin.

Declaration to become citizens of the United States have been filed by the following:

Ernest Krause, a native of Russia, residing at Farmington.

Lambertus Ruthgerue Jechems, a native of Russia, residing at Valier.

High School Notes

The pupils are planning to present the school with a new 12 by 20 U. S. flag.

The boys have been playing baseball during the gymnasium period this week.

The regular orchestra and glee club practises were held on Wednesday. Some more music is to be purchased for both of these organizations.

New basket ball shoes arrived the first of the week from Seattle. They are first-class shoes and will enable the boys to do better playing. The Teton team will now be one of the best equipped in the state.

The regular quarterly examinations will be held next Thursday and Friday.

All of the books taken out of library must be in by next Wednesday so that they may be catalogued.

The junior-sophomore class is decorating the auditorium for its class party, which is to held tonight.

A rotaryneostyle machine has been ordered for the purpose of duplicating examination questions.

Special Service

The newly appointed district superintendent of the Great Falls district of Methodism is expected in Choteau Nov. 1st to 4th at which coming he will conduct the first quarterly conference, hold communion and preach at the Methodist church.

Plans are being made to have a general reception for Rev. J. A. Martin and for the many newcomers to Choteau in the church parlors, Monday evening, Nov. 3rd, at which date concoctions will be served such as will tickle the social and the physical palates of all who attend. Remember the date.

Episcopal Church Notes

There were twenty children present at the Sunday school last Sunday, and it is hoped the number will reach thirty as soon as the new ones are out of the way. Lawrence Jackson will play his cornet to accompany the hymns at Sunday school.

At the morning service Rev. Haley will speak on "Christian Ideals." Mr. Holland will play his cornet to accompany the hymns with the choir, and he will also play an offertory solo. This is a musical treat for all who enjoy good music.

At the evening service Rev. Haley will give a lecture on the Panama Canal. All who are not familiar with this great engineering feat, should hear this lecture. Last Sunday evening Rev. Haley spoke on the Impeachment of Governor Sulzer.

Miss Adeline Kennedy returned to town the first of the week after a short stay at her homestead near Spring Valley.

Less Than Carload Lots.

Reports were circulated the first of the week stating that local freight shipments of less than carload lots would be received in Choteau in a few days but were denied later by men higher up in the construction company, on account of having no agent at Choteau or any of the stations between here and Power.

Wednesday noon, however, H. L. Birum, traveling freight agent of the Great Northern, called at the Montanan office and gave us the authority to publish the news that less than car-load lots would be received for shipment to and from Choteau. The train running between here and Power is to carry a car especially for the local freight, picking it up all along the line and carrying it to Great Falls, where each piece will be sent to its destination.

Mr. Birum will work all along the line, looking after the handling of the freight. His headquarters will be in Choteau.

All freight should be prepaid to insure immediate shipment as only paid-in-advance stuff will be handled until a residence agent arrives, which will probably be in a week or ten days. Although Mr. Birum will allow collect packages come in case of emergency.

This is certainly pleasing news for the people of Choteau and vicinity, as they will no longer have to wait on teams to bring freight from the railroad, and perhaps be disappointed then, and the goods will be in much better condition.

The rates upon freight on the new line are the regular Montana distance tariff rates and those in force between Great Falls and Choteau on the various classes are as follows: Class 1, .38; class 2, .32; class 3, .27; class 4, .23; class 5, .22; class A, .22; class B, .18; class C, .13; class D, .11; class E, .09. The rates of classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are the only ones under which carload shipments will be handled.

Marriage Licenses

Since our last report marriage licenses have been issued by James Gibson, clerk of the district court, as follows:

William A. Niles, 38, and Elizabeth Jensen, 34, both of Sweet Grass.

Cabin for Sale

For Sale for price of lumber, a 6x8 cabin in city, with two windows. Built only one month. Reply to box 62, Choteau.

MRS. CHARLES BECKER.

Her Husband is Under Sentence of Death in Rosenthal Case.



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