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Thos. F. Archer, of Flatwillow, registered at the Lewistown hotel Sunday.

Mrs. L. P. Slater and children are visiting with Mrs. Slater's sister, Mrs. F. A. Barnes, of Gilt Edge.

Ole Vinger, H. Steinbuck and J. R. Shaw and wife, all of Grass Range, were in Lewistown yesterday.

J. L. Stuart is acting as deputy treasurer at the court house during the absence of Deputy Lillian Cook.

H. O. Wareham, former county commissioner, came in from his Deerfield ranch Sunday and registered at the Day House.

Miss Milholland arrived Tuesday morning from Kansas and will remain some time a guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Bebb.

Mrs. A. M. Coder, W. H. Coder and B. F. Thierkoff, of Alpine, were registered at the Day House Monday, remaining over until Tuesday.

Hon. J. P. Barnes was at Helena last week and sat as a member of the state Democratic committee, holding the proxy of Matt Regan.

Rev. Robbins, of Fort Benton, conducted services at the Episcopal church Sunday morning and afternoon. He returned to Benton this morning.

Norman L. Poland, of Gilt Edge, aspirant for the county treasurership nomination on the Republican ticket, was in Lewistown Monday afternoon.

Telephone connection with Garnell was opened Saturday, the line having been changed so as to touch at that point, instead of going directly to Ubet as formerly.

The Homeowners, of the Presbyterian church, are requested to attend a special meeting, which will be held at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Lehman Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

River Press: Judge Tattan, of the tenth judicial district, qualified this morning and entered upon his judicial duties by signing a number of deeds to lots in the Chinook townsite.

Revs. Pfau and Pringle, E. C. Folmsbee and Prof. Parrent formed a party which went to Flatwillow yesterday in quest of game and fish. They will be absent during the week.

Rev. Pringle, of Sand Coulee, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday evening. The choir rendered several specially prepared numbers and the large congregation was much entertained.

C. O. Barnard and wife, of Pinkey, Mich., are guests of their daughter, Mrs. M. B. Darrow. Mr. Barnard accompanied Mr. Darrow and Jas. Weaver to Flatwillow this week on a hunting trip.

Register Brassey and wife returned Sunday morning via Harlow. He reports a most enjoyable sojourn at Salt Lake City and also appeared to have had a good time with the Elks at Butte on Thursday night.

Mrs. S. B. Gray will leave in a few days for Oklahoma to meet Mr. Gray's aged mother who is coming to make her home with her son. The elder Mrs. Gray is quite feeble and her daughter-in-law will assist her throughout the journey.

At the primaries at Moccasin Saturday C. C. Reed and Wm. Buchanan received an equal number of votes and who shall sit as a delegate will have to be determined by lot, or later handed by the committee on credentials, when each might give one-half vote.

A. B. Hopkins was in from East Moccasin yesterday and reports a well attended and harmonious primary in that precinct Saturday. He anticipates such an increase in the Republican vote there this fall that two years hence the precinct will be entitled to two delegates.

Lawrence Garlick and Miss Irene Turner, of Deerfield, were united in marriage last week. The groom is a son of Thos. Garlick, of Deerfield, and the young lady a daughter of Robt. Turner, formerly of Stanford. She is well known in Lewistown, where she made her home for a number of years.

Mrs. G. J. Wiedeman and children were among the Lewistown visitors at the circus at Great Falls Monday. They went to Helena last week via Harlow and are expected home tonight.

Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Sloan and the other members of the party which left Friday to see the circus will also be home tonight via Benton.

The opera, "Penelope, the Milkman's Bride," will be presented at Culver's hall September 1st by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Leard, Mrs. J. W. Arthur and other representatives of the musical talent of Lewistown. Additional announcement is made elsewhere and the advertisements of the event should be carefully noted.

A. S. Wright has assigned to C. C. Bragg, of Cincinnati, a one-half interest in the option held by the former on what is known as the Whiskey Gulch properties near Gilt Edge. The group includes the Exchange, Tribute, O. S., Yellow Bird, Turk, Sunnyside, Cloud, Myrtle, F. W., Express, Moshner, Cliff, Annex, Waldo, Knox, Gold Dollar, Gold Quartz and Emerson land claims.

The business at the land office Monday was heavier than in any previous day since the office was organized. There were seven homestead entries, nine desert land entries and two proofs, as well as other miscellaneous applications and an unusual run of inquiries and book work. At night the officials were quite discouraged when they saw the mass of papers to be handled.

Prairie chickens and grouse are more numerous this season than for several years past. The spring was early and the weather favorable for hatching and raising the young. Sportsmen find the birds large and plump in most instances, though there are some late broods. Hunting parties from Lewistown and Gilt Edge have been generally successful in bagging grouse, chickens and pheasants.

Stock Detective Bowmer brought in Albert Bussey last week, whom he had overtaken near Miles City and arrested on a charge of stealing horses preferred by W. J. Winnett, of Flatwillow. Yesterday morning Bussey was discharged by Justice MacGowan, no evidence appearing sufficient to warrant his being held. Deputy Bowmer had followed him for some time and found no evidence of his having had the horses as claimed.

The Judith stables, John Simpson, proprietor, are now open for the patronage of the public. Mr. Simpson will make every effort to merit a share of the feed and livery business of the people of this section. His barn has been erected at great expense and the feed provided is the best on the market. He is a horse man of years of experience and will give his personal attention to the needs of customers. Watch Saturday's edition for his advertisement.

The clerks in the Lewistown stores have begun to take an interest in the 6 o'clock closing movement which has been successfully agitated in most of Montana cities lately. A meeting was held Sunday night and advances will probably be made to the merchants within a few days. The time when clerks should be expected to go to work at 7 a. m. and work eleven or twelve hours a day is a system of the past in most of the progressive cities and towns of the country.

T. Jefferson Johns returned unexpectedly from Helena yesterday morning. He had intended to be absent for at least a week longer, but the sudden turn of affairs at home recalled him to the scene where his utmost efforts will be necessary to inject stiffening into the back of Chairman Cort who shows symptoms of making a hasty and cowardly retreat from the position heretofore taken by him. If Cort surrenders, Johns is left in a more or less battered condition, politically speaking.

The Democratic quest for available material for sacrifice continues. W. C. Draper, of the North Moccasins is the latest suggestion for clerk and recorder. Republicans sincerely trust Mr. Draper will take that nomination and look forward with extreme delight to the up-to-date drubbing which he will receive at the hands of C. M. Kelly. Don't be discouraged gentlemen. There are some men whom Republicans would feel sorry to have offered as a Democratic sacrifice—then there are others.

The necessary blanks, constitution, by-laws, etc. having arrived, the committee appointed some time since to prepare for the organization of a Republican club in Lewistown has called a meeting at the court house for Friday night at 8 o'clock. At this time the organization inaugurated two weeks ago will be perfected, permanent officers will be chosen and a campaign of education and organized work commenced. Every Republican is invited to attend, those from other precincts as well as from Lewistown. The court house should be crowded.

REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Every Republican and those who intend to affiliate with that party this fall are invited to attend a meeting at the court house Friday evening, August 24th, and assist in perfecting the organization of a Republican club. Officers will be chosen and other business of importance transacted. Come and bring your friends.

Twelve applicants for teachers' certificates took the examination before County Superintendent Peables Friday and Saturday of last week, and eleven of these passed. Those receiving certificates were: Professional grade—R. A. McKee, Lewistown; first grade—Miss Rose Main, Ft. Maginnis; Miss Cora Ward, Lewistown; Miss Minnie Reher, Lewistown; second grade—Miss Mary Meagher, Lewistown; Miss Nellie Hurst, Lewistown; Miss Abbie Larned, Lewistown; third grade—Miss Beulah Irish, Ubet; Miss Grace Green, Gilt Edge; L. P. Stoner, Grass Range; Mrs. Chas. Ring, Highfield.

Mrs. Salina Desy, wife of Irene Desy, died at her home on Watson street, Monday morning after a short illness following the birth of a daughter Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Desy was the eldest child of Paul Morais and his wife, now Mrs. Peter Shields. She was born twenty-three years ago in Canada, but was raised in Lewistown, her father being an Indian trader in the early eighties. She leaves, besides a large family of brothers and sisters, her mother, husband and two children, the last being only five days old. Loving friends ministered to her in her last illness and a large concourse of people followed her to the grave yesterday, the remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. Father Vermaat officiating.

The latest report is that Edw. Grindrod, of Lewistown, will be the Democratic nominee for clerk of the court this fall. Mr. Grindrod is a promising young man and we should be sorry to see him made the victim of designing politicians, who believe their ticket should be filled, though the nominees may have no chance of election. If Edmond Wright is named to succeed himself—and it is quite conceded that he will—his majority will hardly be less than 200 and it may rival some of the record breakers of previous years. Mr. Wright has the reputation of being the best district court clerk in the state and he is beside a campaigner of the very smoothest variety. No, Mr. Grindrod, don't try to pull Democratic chestnuts out of the fire.

Rufus B. Thompson and John Elliot, of Findon, were in town this week. The gentlemen report a good primary meeting in their precinct Saturday last and Mr. Elliot, who was chosen to represent the Republicans of that locality, will return to Lewistown Saturday next. Mr. Thompson said the drought and forest and prairie fires had both resulted in considerable loss in that section and that a great amount of range heretofore depended upon for winter feed would be barren. Mr. Thompson's family is in Nebraska and his right to vote in Montana has been questioned, but since he never exercised the right of suffrage in Nebraska and lives at his Findon ranch a great part of the time, he considers himself still an elector of that precinct and will seek a sustaining opinion from the attorney general.

The dates for the meeting of the Fergus county fair have been changed from September 12th, 13th and 14th, to the 26th, 27th and 28th of the same month—two weeks later. This action was determined upon by the directors Monday. The Yellowstone fair had been suddenly changed from the announced dates to those selected for the Fergus county meeting, and as a string of horses now at Big Timber were desired at both places, a change of the Fergus county dates was necessitated. Secretary Beiden has been about this week and secured a good line of special premiums. Cook & Hilger have offered a cash reward of \$25 to the pupil of the public schools of Fergus county who shall write the best essay upon the history and resources of the county. Three thousand words is the limit placed and the generous prize should be inspiration sufficient to warrant the children in making some brilliant efforts. The hand writing must be good and the awarding of the prize will be left to a committee of professional educators in the county.

LIVELY BATTLE IN TOWN.

Lewistown Convention Delegates Hotly Contested and Big Vote Polled.

Two tickets were in the field in each of the Lewistown precincts at Saturday's primaries and the contest resulted in a large vote being polled. There was little choice between the tickets, for, with possibly but one exception, each candidate was of the hard-working, always loyal variety of Republicans, and which ever won the precincts were certain to be represented in convention by some of the best men in the party.

It was at no time apparent why two tickets were placed, neither of them being unanimous for any candidate—in fact, every aspirant was sure to have friends, no matter which won. But the result of the opposition was the polling of a big vote and this was very gratifying, as indicative of Republican success this fall.

In west Lewistown the following two tickets were in the field, the former being successful and the votes being for each as stated:

DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
L. W. Eldridge..... 77	John Borg..... 79
Jas. Corcoran..... 75	W. S. Smith..... 79
C. H. Brunscheidt..... 77	P. E. Anderson..... 78
J. D. Walte..... 79	Peter Schmidt..... 79
A. B. Gehman..... 79	Emil Jensen..... 79
E. K. Chadwell..... 79	G. M. Stafford..... 79
John Bebb..... 79	A. J. Stephens..... 79
A. T. Wright..... 79	H. R. Watson..... 79
J. C. Bebb..... 63	A. T. Wright..... 63
D. A. Meagher..... 63	W. D. Symmes..... 63
J. W. Arthur..... 63	P. W. Watkins..... 63
W. T. McFarland..... 63	John Borg..... 62
G. M. Stafford..... 63	W. A. Long..... 63
A. W. Stoddard..... 66	D. J. Kane..... 63
W. W. Watson..... 63	E. P. Chandler..... 63
George Bach..... 61	G. M. Stone..... 63

In east Lewistown the following contested and received votes as stated:

DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
Horace Hill..... 42	Breck Orbanum..... 40
Wm. Medgar..... 42	Oliver Jutras..... 42
Peter Shields..... 42	Jos. Pratt..... 42
Emil Plum..... 42	Thos. Micho..... 42
Peter Shields..... 39	Oliver Jutras..... 36
T. E. Crowley..... 36	John Borg..... 36
John T. Cleary..... 36	Jos. Pratt..... 36
Edward McDonnell..... 36	Paul Smith..... 36

As will be noted, some of the names were similar on each ticket, John Bebb being on both tickets on the west side and Peter Shields on the east side, alternates also being duplicated or some named for delegates on one ticket appearing in the alternate column on the other ticket.

On the west side the total vote was 143. One east side ballot was found in the box. The voter had scratched the name of Peter Shields and written that of Oliver Jutras and then had scratched Jutras' name and written Shields. After this trouble he voted on the wrong side of the creek. Two west side ballots were found in the east side box. Eighty votes were cast on the east side, making a total of 223 in town.

A great many did not vote at all, especially those living some distance from town, and it is safe to estimate the Republican strength at one-third greater than that cast Saturday, which would be 297, or an increase of 56 over that cast for F. E. Smith in 1898, who had a majority of 65 in the two precincts. Thorough organization and earnest, united work will result in the two precincts giving considerably over 100 majority for Republican candidates this fall.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Program Will Be as Prescribed by the State Superintendent.

Miss Peables, county superintendent of schools, has received from the state superintendent the following program for the teachers' institute in each county:

FORENOON.

9:00—Spelling.
 9:30—Penmanship.
 10:00—Drawing or modelling or music.
 10:30—Intermission and physical exercise.
 10:40—United States history.
 11:20—Physical exercise.
 11:30—Geography.
 12:00—Noon.

AFTERNOON.

1:30—Primary arithmetic (2).
 Advanced arithmetic (3).
 1:45—Physical exercise or singing.
 1:50—Reading—
 Primary (2).
 Intermediate (2).
 Advanced (1).
 2:30—Intermission and physical exercises.
 2:40—Language and literature or science (2).
 Grammar advanced (3).
 3:25—Question box.
 4:00—Dismissal.

Note: The figures placed after any subject indicate the number of times it will be presented.

All Institute work will be based, so far as is practicable on the state course of study. Request your teachers to bring their copies of the course to the institute.

There is some change in the program for 1900. It is proposed to emphasize more strongly than has been done in the past the subjects of spelling, penmanship and United States history. While a fair and reasonable correlation of these with other subjects is permissible, in no case must the proper method of teaching them be lost sight of.

The program also calls for more instruction in the advanced classes than heretofore.

Class work each day will be a dis-

tinutive feature of the program. You should arrange for classes in spelling, writing, reading, etc. The class work should prove of the greatest help.

Until outlines of the subject are printed by this department, institute instructors will prepare their outlines and submit them for approval.

One evening of the institute will be devoted to a lecture, another to the graduating exercises of the Eighth grade pupils who passed the May examination. On Wednesday evening a meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held, when a program will be rendered by the members, interspersed with music, recitations, etc.

A detailed program for each evening will be published later.

Card of Thanks.

We, the husband and family of Mrs. Desy, lately deceased, desire to express our thanks for and appreciation of the many kindnesses and friendly assistance shown us in our late bereavement.

IRENE DESY,
 MR. AND MRS. PETER SHIELDS.

Only 20 Cows Left at the Locock Ranch.

Any not sold this week will be driven out to my ranch. Those in want of good family cows must call this week. Have for sale 1 Holstein bull, 1 boar, 1 sow, 15 pigs, 1 mare, 1 gelding, fine single driver; also dairy utensils.

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Public Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sage Creek Sheep Co. will be held at the company's ranch, Fergus county, Montana, at 1 o'clock Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1900.

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Aug. 4, 1900.

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 President Fergus Co. Horsegrowers' Assn.
 Attest: ALF. J. STEPHENS,
 President and Acting Secretary.

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 - Duck that sold for 15 cents now - - .10
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