

MONTANA FARMS AND HOMES.

Census Statistics Showing Ownership and Debt in the State. Interesting results of the investigation of farm and home proprietorship in Montana are contained in Bulletin No. 32, recently issued by the census bureau.

The corresponding facts for homes are that 56.30 per cent of the home families have, and 43.70 per cent own their homes; that of the home owning families 87.83 per cent own free of incumbrance, and 12.16 per cent with incumbrance.

There are two cities in the state having a population of 8,000 to 10,000. Butte city with 10,733 people and Helena, with 12,834, and in these cities 68.29 per cent of the home families live and 31.71 per cent own their homes, and of the home owning families 80.26 per cent own free of incumbrance.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

SYMPOSIUM OF LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF RECENT DATE.

The Billings Prison—Sheep Being Quarantined—Diphtheria Under Control—The School Election—Hickey's Alleged Confession—New Salary Law.

The state board of prison commissioners will meet at Billings, April 12, to locate the site for the eastern state prison.

We Are Sorry to Lose Them. Mrs. W. A. Hensley and family, who have made their home in this city for the past four years, left for Anaconda Wednesday, where they will reside permanently.

The Christian Endeavor. The Y. P. S. C. E. meets at the Presbyterian church every Sunday evening, at 8.45.

Many Sheep Quarantined. Dr. Holloway, state veterinary surgeon, was in town one day last week and quarantined all the sheep from Deer to the Big Hole on account of a contagion now prevalent in this part of the state.

Preparing for the Summer. The West Side Ditch company held a meeting Monday evening and levied an assessment of 80 cents per share on 700 shares. A committee was also appointed to see that the ditch was cleaned out and properly repaired.

A Liberal Rate. The railroads have agreed on a one-fare rate for the round trip for the annual meeting of the Montana Stockgrowers' association, which meets at Miles City, April 19. This is the most liberal rate the railroad has yet made for the stockgrowers' meeting, and it will undoubtedly result in a big convention.

The Diphtheria Under Control. There has been but one death as a result of the diphtheria contagion which for a time threatened Deer Lodge—that of little Granite Bell, who died at the Eschill ranch two miles south of town last Friday. No new cases are reported, and the quarantine has been lifted from Judge Duffie's residence.

Degree of Honor Best. The initial hall of the Degree of Honor to be given at Lodge & Beaumont's hall this (Friday) evening, promises to be the crowning social event of the season. The ladies having the entertainment in hand have spared no effort to make the party successful and from the present indications the promoters will succeed.

A Valuable Acquisition. Dr. A. H. Mitchell last week secured the Cameron collection of gold specimens for exhibition at the World's Fair. The collection comprises some of the finest specimens ever taken from the wonderful Cable mine and was considered by Dr. Mitchell to be the one thing needed to make the Montana exhibit complete. The specimens are now owned by a Butte gentleman.

His Farewell Sermon. According to an eastern exchange the farewell sermon preached by a western minister to his wild and woolly congregation was brief and to the point. He said: "I leave you, brethren, for three reasons. First, you do not love me; if you did you would pay my salary; second, you love not one another; if you did there would be more weddings and less fighting. Third, the Lord does not love you; if he did there would be more minerals."

To Divide County Property. The board of county commissioners met Monday for the transaction of routine business. The board will meet again April 17 to consider the matter of dividing the county property with the new county of Granite. Judge McHatten of Butte will sit with the commissioners as referee in the adjudication of this matter. It is anticipated the division will be amicably made.

Hickey's Alleged Confession. Frank Hickey of Butte, recently acquitted of the charge of murdering Policeman Jordan has been taken to Arkansas on a requisition from the governor of that state, evidence having been discovered that implicates him in the murder of a brother Powell Clayton, in that state, several years ago. At Cheyenne, en route, Hickey is claimed to have acknowledged the killing of Policeman Jordan, but denied all knowledge of the Clayton affair. The authenticity of the confession has not been established, but it has created something of a sensation nevertheless.

Alba Heywood. Alba Heywood and his company of excellent actors appeared before a crowded house at Cottonwood Hall Thursday evening. Mr. Heywood is without doubt one of the most graceful and talented artists on the American stage today, and to say that the audience was pleased with Heywood's version of "Edgewood Folks" does not express the feelings of the people who were in attendance. The performance was high class in every respect, and Mr. Heywood may be assured of a rousing reception should he ever play another engagement in this city.

The Sapphires of Montana. Julian Ralph, writing in Harper's Weekly about Montana sapphires, says: "And what do I think of them? They are very beautiful when they are cut. They sparkle and almost flame as the original and fashionable Asiatic sapphires do not begin to do. In fact the Asiatic sapphires when put beside them appear like highly polished colored glass beside a flaming jewel. I am assured that this fine quality of the Montana sapphires will endure forever, because of their very great hardness. The diamond, being classed as 10 in point of hardness, is only one-tenth harder than these Montana stones."

Dates for Holding Court. Judge Brantly has decided on the following dates for holding terms of the district court in Deer Lodge hereafter: There shall be four terms of the district court in each year for the hearing of civil and criminal causes. A term to commence on the first Monday in January, a term to commence on the first Monday in April, a term to commence on the first Monday in August and a term to commence on the first Monday in November. Provided, that for the remainder of the year 1903 terms shall commence on the first Monday in June, September and

November respectively. The terms of the probate court shall be commensurate with these terms for civil and criminal business.

The School Election. The school election last Saturday passed off quietly, there being no opposition to the candidates. The steam heating proposition, submitted to the voters at the same time, came nearly being defeated and only through hard work by the friends of the measure was it carried by a small majority. H. B. Davis, the newly elected member of the board, will undoubtedly prove a valuable acquisition to that body as the gentleman is a practical educator. Byron Wood, who succeeds himself, has done the district excellent service. The following gentlemen constitute the present board and their efficiency as a whole is not questioned: Wm. Williams, P. C. Patterson, Wm. Coleman, N. J. Biesionberg, Dr. A. H. Mitchell, Byron Wood and H. B. Davis.

New Salary Law. Under the provisions of H. B. 47—an act to amend sections 2 and 4 of an act entitled an act concerning composition of county, district and township officers, with the exception of the county auditor, were paid at the end of the month Monday for the first time. The bill as passed left the latter official out through an oversight, and the error was not until the end of the quarter before he can draw his pay. Another change that went into effect was regarding the payment of deputy assessors. Under H. B. 190 the assessors in first-class counties are allowed one deputy the year around, and such additional deputies as may be necessary, whose pay shall not exceed \$100 per month. Under the old law they were allowed \$5 per day while actually employed.

Transcribing the Records. The county commissioners of Silver Bow recently opened bids for transcribing and indexing the records of Deer Lodge county to the extent that they refer to property located in Silver Bow, which was formerly a part of Deer Lodge county. Nine bids were received as follows: W. B. Webb and H. L. Brown, 75¢ cents per folio of 100 words for transcribing and 5 cents per name for indexing; H. F. Albrecht & Co., 18¢ cents per folio and 8¢ cents for indexing; J. F. Wilkins, 8 cents per folio and 2 cents for indexing; Davis & Peck, \$7.50 in bulk for the entire work or 10 cents per folio and 10 cents for indexing; W. Napton & Bro., 12¢ cents per folio and 5 cents for indexing; Thomas E. Booth, 10 cents per folio and 8¢ cents for indexing; James G. Mahoney, \$7.50 in bulk for the work or 12 cents per folio and 10 cents for indexing; Miss Elvina Moore, for transcribing and indexing, 10 cents per folio of 100 words; Secretary Abstract company of Butte, 9 cents per folio and 7½¢ cents for indexing. The commissioners took no action at the time, and so far as learned have awarded the contract to no one as yet.

PERSONAL. Dr. A. H. Mitchell left Sunday for Chicago. A. P. Dufresne and wife of Anaconda are guests in the city. Hart Number is rusticiating in the Big Hole country. H. G. Ward is out again, after a severe and protracted illness. Don Larabee entertained a company of his young friends last Saturday evening. Miss Richardson of Salmon City, Idaho, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Traak. Joseph McDonald came down from Butte Wednesday and spent the day with his family. J. E. Bradley of Great Falls and St. Louis, greeted his Deer Lodge friends last Monday. Mrs. W. W. Turner returned Sunday from a visit of several days with friends in Anaconda. Mrs. D. J. Farrell of Helena, spent several days in town this week the guest of Mrs. Woodward. Abe and Fred Hoes with their good mother have gone to housekeeping in the Quigley residence. Mrs. Len. R. Hess of Phillipsburg is the guest of her mother Mrs. Mary L. Kelley, of West Deer Lodge. John Fisher tripped the light fantastic with the Anaconda promoter Monday. He reports an enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brazelton entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson of Butte, several days this week. T. J. Doherty, recently a clerk in the county assessor's office, has been given a position in the clerk and recorder's office. A. K. Bowden of Garrison, and Mrs. Bowden, are in the city and will attend the Degree of Honor ball this (Friday) evening. V. B. McQuestion, one of the pioneers of this county, came up from Bearmouth Tuesday, and is the guest of J. E. Van Gundy and family. James Conley and Emil Hansen have been appointed deputy assessors by County Assessor Hertz, and entered upon their duties Tuesday. Ed. O'Malley and Charles Harris left Sunday for the Sloca county, where they will join their fortunes in prospecting the coming summer. Sam Hanley will transfer his stable of racers from this city to Anaconda at an early date and will at once put them in active training for the racing season. H. T. Hoadley, for sometime a citizen of Deer Lodge, has gone to Spokane, where he will make his future home. He will go into business there on his own account. The jury commission composed of Wm. Coleman of this city, E. Grand of Warm Springs and Ed. Burns of Ellenton met at the court house last Monday for the transaction of business. The E. L. Bonner company has secured the services of an expert dry goods man in the person of Mr. Martie, recently of Butte, but formerly of New York. He comes highly recommended. John T. Kelly, the future bonanza king of Zoel, was in town Friday of last week. He reports progress in the development of various properties in which he is interested and is confident that the little camp will yet be known to the world. John F. Straulau, formerly of Deer Lodge, but now of East Portland, Oregon, is in the city in company with and in employ of J. B. Lister, general agent for the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mr. Straulau is meeting many of his old time friends and his stay with us is sure to be a pleasant one.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

A WEEK'S RESUME OF MONTANA'S MOST NOTABLE EVENTS.

New, Notes and Gossip Concerning Matters of General Interest—The Doings of People and the Record of Affairs Condensed for Our Readers.

Grand Army Encampment. The department encampment of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Great Falls May 10 and 11.

Senator Sanders' Return. Ex-Senator Sanders has returned to Helena from Washington and resumed the practice of law. He was given a splendid reception by his fellow citizens.

Thomas Weil's New Position. Thomas Weil, formerly superintendent of the Granite Mountain mine, has accepted the management of the Monte Cristo Coal and Iron Mining company, a big concern north of Seattle.

State Reform School Trustees. Governor Richards has appointed the following board of trustees for the state reform school: J. W. Strevell, Charles R. Middleton and Howard B. Wiley all of Miles City.

Treat of Roadmaster Malony. Michael J. Malony, roadmaster of the Great Northern for the division between Great Falls and Harve, died at the former place Monday after a month's illness winding up in pneumonia.

Another Catholic Hospital. The contract for building the Sisters' hospital at Boulder has been awarded to Missoula parties. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000, and will be one of the finest hospitals in the west.

The Treat and Ditch School. The state board of education met at Boulder, Friday, to locate the site for the deaf and dumb school. Several sites were offered and they chose the one offered by R. W. Jefferies, of forty acres. Ten acres were donated, and the board was given an option on thirty acres more at \$40 per acre.

The Melrose Boom. W. H. Knippenberg of Glendale and Frank Lamson of Butte have purchased a large tract of land near Melrose, presumably with the intention of erecting a smelter there at an early date. Melrose aspires to be a second Butte, basing its hope on the contiguous mines of Camp Creek and the country round about Glendale.

An Entertaining County. The county commissioners of the new county of Flathead, in session at Kalispell, Monday appropriated \$5,000 for the construction of a graded wagon road from the town of Libby to the mineral district. This means for the Montana Kootenai a season of life and activity, and there is no doubt now of the road being completed to Falls creek, thirty five miles, by the assistance of private capital.

Big Hole Water Power. A number of Butte capitalists are figuring on utilizing the water power of the Big Hole river for operating machinery to generate electricity for all purposes at that city. Among the gentlemen who are enthusiastic over the establishment of such an enterprise are John Noyes, John O'Rourke, W. H. Young and E. H. Irvine. They estimate the entire cost at \$1,000,000. The Big Hole river is only 30 miles from Butte and the fall at the point where the water would be taken from is sufficient to operate machinery of any dimensions.

Lake Travel Resumed. The steamer Nelson arrived at Bonner's Ferry from Kalsco, B. C., Monday, being the first boat of the season to make the trip. Navigation is now open and steamers will hereafter run regularly between Bonner's Ferry and the Sloca mining country. The Nelson left Tuesday loaded down to the gunwals with passengers and freight for the mines. The excitement over the Sloca country is simply unheard of. Hundreds of stamperds gathered at the wharf and cheered the arrival of the steamer which signaled the opening of the route to the snow blocked mining region.

Granted a Pardon. Governor Richards has granted a pardon to James Nelson, who was convicted of robbery in Park county and sent to Deer Lodge for five years, since he has had his health. He is 65 years old and in feeble health. The prosecuting attorney recommended the pardon as did many influential citizens of Park county. It now appears that Nelson was unjustly convicted. The statements in support of the application for his pardon shows that Nelson's partner was squandering money belonging to both, and that while the partner was on a spree Nelson took part of it, about \$10 from him.

Helena City Election. At Helena's city election, last Monday, Mayor John O. Curran was re-elected by a plurality of 600 over Richard Looney, the Republican candidate. C. B. Garrett (Dem.) received a plurality of 276 votes over Tom B. Miller (Rep.) for city treasurer. T. E. Crutcher (Dem.) was elected police judge by 121 plurality over Fleischer (Rep.) The Democrats elected three aldermen—Lisener in the

first ward, Flaherty in the second and Cox in the fifth. The Republicans elected four aldermen—Fuller in the third, Morris in the fourth, Howe in the sixth and Keuck in the seventh. The total vote on mayor was 3,010 and the total registration, 3,213.

A Right Move. It is said a move is on foot to organize a humane society in Missoula, with the object of receiving donations for the purpose of securing the Keeley treatment for worthy unfortunates who are slaves to strong drink, says the Missoula Populist. There would be some sense to such a movement. If there was less calamity howling on the part of the average religious society in favor of prohibition and the saving of Chinese and Fiji souls, and some attention paid in the direction of elevating human degradation at home, in the way above mentioned, churches would have larger and more appreciative congregations.

Will Not Contest Further. County Clerk Angus of Park county is in receipt of a letter from G. S. Fernald, Northern Pacific tax commissioner, requesting that the odd numbered sections on the ceded portion of the Crow reserve, heretofore included in the railroad company's assessment, be withdrawn from the list this year. This demand is made owing to the recent decision of the secretary of the Interior in the case of A. H. Delone vs the Northern Pacific company, in which it is held that these lands are not included in the grant to the railroad company. This action of the railroad company indicates that the decision of the secretary will be accepted as final, and that the company will not further contest filings made upon these odd sections.

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