

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

MILES CITY, March 10.—H. R. Wells, foreman of the Hat X brand is in the city from the ranch on Timber creek. He says Scott & Robinson, the owners of the brand, will put in 10,000 head of cattle this spring on their Montana range near the big Missouri.

HELENA, March 10.—Governor Toole this afternoon signed the bill consolidating the state boards of equalization, pardons and prison commissioners. Each one formerly had a clerk, but one clerk will now do the work of the three. The governor this afternoon also announced the appointment of J. J. Ryan as clerk of the consolidated boards. Mr. Ryan was formerly clerk of the state board of equalization.

BILLINGS, March 10.—Thomas D. Long, state land agent, has sold one quarter of a school section of land on which he was unable to receive a bid yesterday. The buyer was Charles Spear, who owns the improvements on the section, having been the former lessee. Mr. Spear also leased the other three quarters of the section. The northwest quarter sold at \$25 an acre and Mr. Spear will pay \$700 per annum for the use of the remainder of the section.

HELENA, March 9.—Governor Toole today received a check for \$17,967.86 from the federal government, being this state's share of the proceeds from sales of government lands. This money was turned over to the state treasurer and was added to the permanent school fund. Each state receives annually 5 per cent. of the money paid the general government for public lands, which by act of congress goes into the public school fund of the state in which the lands sold are located. The check covers the sales for the calendar year of 1902.

RED LODGE, March 13.—As a result of yesterday's gale, when the wind blew at the rate of at least a mile a minute in all parts of Carbon county, a serious fire was reported from the Clark Fork country. Sweet's barn, on a ranch belonging to the Wisconsin outfit, was burned to the ground, having ignited from sparks blown from a house chimney. Three horses were burned in the barn. The loss is \$300.

BIG TIMBER, March 13.—Senator J. N. Kelly was in town this week. In speaking of stock conditions in this section of the state, Mr. Kelly said that since he has been in the sheep business his flocks never came through a winter in better condition than they have this winter. "So far as I have been able to learn," said Mr. Kelly, "a favorable condition exists in the larger portion of this section of the state."

LEWISTOWN, March 13.—N. M. McCauley of Grass Range, this county, has been appointed stock commissioner from Fergus county to succeed Oscar Stevens. Mr. McCauley is one of the largest individual stock owners in the county and is thoroughly conversant with everything pertaining to stock interests.

MISSOULA, March 12.—Emil Turk, a Missoula job printer, announced today that a try-weekly to be owned and edited by him would make its initial appearance Saturday. The publication will be democratic in politics and named the Journal. Mr. Turk has for 20 years been connected with the printing business in Missoula.

HELENA, March 16.—Alderman H. A. Meyer, steward of the Montana club and chairman of the special committee of the council appointed to investigate gambling and alleged grafting by the city officials, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Travis. The police chief, it is said, entered an upper room of the club and found three of the members of the club playing a game of slough for the drinks. The arrest of Meyer followed on the charge of "conducting a gambling house." Mr. Meyer was not taken to the station, but was released on his own recognizance to appear at a date yet to be named.

BILLINGS, March 16.—The latest news from the newspaper war at Bridger is to the effect that Walter Alderson, the editor of the Red Lodge Picket, has secured absolute control of the Bridger Free Press and that B. A. Harlan, formerly editor of the Gebro Sentinel, will manage the paper. L. P. Cushman, who has been editor of the Free Press for some time, will go to Red Lodge to work on the Picket. Mr. Alderson announces that he will enlarge and otherwise improve the Free Press.

LIVINGSTON, March 16.—Martin Zeitneir, the alleged murderer of George Reider, the Trail Creek rancher, two years ago, and Jack Held and Andy Weidenbaer, who are believed to be accomplices of Zeitneir, pleaded not guilty when arraigned today. Bail in the sum of 300 each was given Held and Weidenbaer, but was refused Zeitneir. The case will be tried some time in April.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau County, at Their Regular March Term.

FIRST DAY.

FORT BENTON, Mont., March 4, 1903. Board of commissioners met at 10 o'clock a. m. Present, Geo. F. Lewis, chairman, and A. H. Reser, commissioner, and the clerk. No meeting was held on Monday or Tuesday, the 2d and 3d inst., for the reason that a quorum of the board was not present on those days, Mr. Lewis being the only commissioner in attendance, and consequently the meeting was postponed till Wednesday, the 4th.

The first action of the board was to examine the townsite plats of the towns of Chester and Galata, which were in each case approved and declared to be official, and were thereupon filed in the office of the county clerk. The board then proceeded to the auditing of bills, which were allowed as follows:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including Montana Supply Co., M. A. Duffy, Stringfellow Drug Co., Wm. Chestnut, etc.

SECOND DAY.

Fort Benton, Mont., March 5, 1903. The board met at 10 o'clock a. m. with same members present. The auditing of bills was continued and the following were allowed:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including James Nolan, J. H. Irwin, John Buckley, etc.

THIRD DAY.

Fort Benton, Mont., March 6, 1903. Board met at the usual hour with the same members present as on the preceding day.

The report of Sheriff Buckley for the quarter ending February 28, 1903, was examined and approved.

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including H. W. Gross, John Buckley, Peter J. Martin, etc.

ing to the estate of Alfred Bloomquist, deceased, viz: \$34.00, to E. H. Hobe, Swedish and Norwegian vice consul at St. Paul, Minn., attorney in fact for Lars Johansson and Maja Olofsdotter, heirs of said deceased.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including Henry Geveshausen, John McDowell, H. K. Muebach, etc.

FOURTH DAY.

Fort Benton, Mont., March 7, 1903. Board met at 10 a. m. with all members present.

The report of Jere Sullivan, justice of the peace, was examined and approved. Also the report of A. W. Merrifield, county surveyor.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including O. E. Peppard, Jere Sullivan, Thos. H. Lewis, etc.

FIFTH DAY.

Fort Benton, Mont., March 9, 1903. Board met at the usual hour with all members present.

Petition for a change in the county road from Coburg to Canadian lake was examined and N. Wolary, J. C. Cronk and county surveyor were appointed viewers.

The following petitions were referred until the June meeting, as there were no viewers' reports on these roads:

Petition for a change in the county road from opposite Sheehan's ranch to Abe Crossen's ranch.

Petition for county road from north-west corner southwest quarter southwest quarter Section 13, Township 31 north, Range 55 east, to Milk river.

In the matter of the road from Silas Gamble's north line to the county road, the clerk was directed to draw the following warrants on the road fund:

Table listing various bills and their amounts, including Ira Hornback, Ira Hartig, E. F. Thompson, etc.

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Petition for county road from the Taylor ranch, on Eagle creek, to the Birch creek school house was examined and D. Schilling, Smith Henderson and A. W. Merrifield were appointed viewers.

Petition for a county road from the Chinook and Canada road east to the northeast corner of Section 17, Township 34 north, Range 19 east, thence northeasterly to Canada line at east fork of North Fork crossing, was examined and Ezra Gibbs, F. A. Prosser and the county surveyor were appointed viewers.

On the following petitions action was deferred until the June meeting: Petition for county road from Dodson to intersection of main road, running by Ben Phillips.

Petition for county road from county road near southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, Section 4, Township 32 north, Range 16 east, to Milk river bridge.

Petition to vacate a portion of the Cunningham-Price road, near Hiram F. Smith's ranch.

Petition for county road from Fifteen-Mile ridge to Chinook-Landusky road was granted and county surveyor ordered to survey and plat the same.

County clerk was directed to draw warrants on road fund as follows: H. A. Pettie, for fencing and right-of-way, \$130.00.

Petition for a bridge across Milk river at the Bowes ford was granted and county clerk ordered to advertise for bids to be opened June 4, 1903.

Petition for change in county road from Box Elder station to corner of Section 35 was examined and Walter Brown, Wm. T. Cowan and county surveyor were appointed viewers.

Application of C. W. Gardiner for appointment as constable of Fort Benton township at Chester was not granted, as there was no petition to that effect.

Application for the appointment of John L. Stanfield as constable at Galata was not granted.

Bids for painting cellis and inside of jail were as follows: E. S. Wright, two coats paint, \$348.

Report of P. J. McIntyre, justice of the peace, for quarter ending February 28, 1903, was examined and approved.

Report of Thomas Clary, sheriff, for quarter ending January 5, 1903, was examined and approved.

Application of P. J. McIntyre for the sale of Lot 3, Block 1, Havre, was granted and county clerk directed to advertise same.

Application of Harry S. Boyle to purchase Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Fort Benton, and application of Edward Reichelt for the purchase of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 51, O. T. of Fort Benton, was granted and county clerk directed to advertise same.

follows: District No. 1, Fort Benton—Chas. Crepeau. District No. 2, Big Sandy—Mahlon Williams.

District No. 3, Highwood—Joseph Braithwaite. District No. 4, Shonkin—Lee Morrell.

District No. 5, Harlem—Wm. Lanfer. District No. 6, Havre—Louis Pepin.

District No. 7, Chinook—John W. Clark. District No. 8, Sweetgrass—Thos. P. Strode.

District No. 9, Cleveland—James Roberts. District No. 10, Landusky—Geo. L. Bowles.

District No. 11, Dodson—John Forgey. In view of the fact that there will be no further meeting of the board until June, the board authorized Mr. Lewis, the chairman, to act for it in the matter of approving of road supervisors' bonds.

Board checked up county clerk's incidental expense account and found balance on hand to be \$211.62, and same was declared to be correct.

It was ordered that from and after the end of the present month the court house janitor's pay for services as janitor be \$60.00 per month.

County clerk's report for quarter ending February 28, 1903, was examined and approved.

Board then audited their own bills as follows: Geo. F. Lewis, commissioner's pay, \$141.00.

Notice. There will be a special meeting of the Shonkin Association, Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, March 31, 1903, at Grand Union Hotel.

Order to Show Cause. In the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Chouteau.

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