

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Cyrus Noble whiskey, old goods, on sale at all first-class places.

Additional oil placer claims on the Teton were filed in the county clerk's office today by Edwin H. Fox, William Cluston, W. R. Mowrey and others.

Owing to the small crowd in attendance at the elocutionary entertainment which was to have been given by the Misses Walden, of Minneapolis, at Green's hall last evening, the entertainment did not take place.

It is reported from Havre that the two-year-old son of Sergeant and Mrs. Adams of Fort Assiniboine was scalded to death by falling into a tub of boiling water. The mother was washing, and after pouring hot water in the tub left the room where the baby was at play. The little one must have backed against the tub and fallen in.

According to the Culbertson Searchlight, it is reported that C. B. Lohmiller, formerly clerk under Major Seobay, who recently resigned, has been appointed as agent at the Fort Peck Indian reservation. It is said that the appointment was made December 15, and that the official announcement will be made this week. Francis E. Leupp, who is now commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington, was in Poplar several weeks last summer and made an investigation into all the complaints which had been made by the Indians of the reservation, and he undoubtedly made up a list of such other changes as he thinks will be for the good of the Indians.

From Monday's Daily.

Born, on Sunday, January 8, 1905, to the wife of Geo. J. Snook, a daughter.

People who know, drink Cyrus Noble, the purest and best American whiskey.

Miss Rowena Chesnut left Saturday morning for Dillon, where she will attend the state Normal college.

Born—At Fort Benton, Mont., on Sunday, January 8, 1905, to the wife of Rev. P. W. Haynes, a daughter.

Preparations are being made by the residents of Big Sandy for a public dance at that place, to be given on Friday evening, January 27.

In the district court today, Judge Tattan denied the motion of the defendant to dissolve the attachment in the civil suit of Thos. O'Hanlon company vs. Carl Kruse.

Notice of a quartz location for the "Flying Dutchman" mining claim in the Little Rockies, has been filed in the county clerk's office by Geo. Putnam and O. P. Zortman.

Judgment by default was entered in the district court today in the suit of Stockmen's National Bank vs. Thad F. Raymond. The suit relates to an indebtedness of about \$2,436.

Constable Bickel, of Havre, arrived in the city yesterday with Harry Hartley, who was sentenced to a term of 90 days in the county jail for petit larceny. The prisoner was sentenced by W. B. Pyper, police magistrate.

Miss Agnes Atkinson, county superintendent of schools, has received notice from State Superintendent Harmon that an eighth grade examination will be held in the schools of Chouteau county on Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21.

According to Great Northern officials, the Montana beef shipments of the past season came largely from the northern part of the state. Out of a total of some 169,000 head, about 100,000 head are said to have been shipped over the Great Northern.

The case of M. L. Bridgeman, former Indian agent at Fort Belknap, who is alleged to have been short in his accounts with the government in the amount of some \$11,000, is before the United States district court at Helena. Several residents of Harlem have been summoned as witnesses to testify in the case.

The Canadian authorities have identified John Payne, a man being held in jail at Choteau, as a horse thief suspect who is wanted north of the boundary line, and will take him to Macleod, N. W. T., to stand trial. Payne is alleged to have been implicated with a gang of twelve or more who have stolen horses on an extensive scale within the past two years, and the mounted police have recently arrested the whole outfit. It is believed Payne will be induced to give evidence against the other members of the gang.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The Benton Hardware Co. has still on hand a full stock of barb wire.

Born, on Monday, January 9, 1905, to the wife of Len Norris, a daughter.

Mrs. C. N. Pray left this morning for Helena, on a short visit with friends.

Cyrus Noble whiskey, a favorite in all the leading clubs of the United States for the past thirty years.

A postoffice bulletin announces that Frank H. Brechbill has been appointed to succeed Jacob Lafrantz as postmaster at Lloyd.

The contract for a new creamery building at Chinook, to cost about \$1,650, has been let to M. Montgomery

by the directors of the Chinook Creamery company. The building is to be completed early in April.

W. E. Chase arrived this morning from St. Paul on a short business visit. He reports that several shipments of Montana mutton have been made from the feeding yards at South St. Paul, and that most of them brought top prices.

It is understood that Sheriff McDonald is in receipt of several applications for appointment to the position of deputy sheriff at Havre. No appointment is likely to be made until after the March meeting of the county commissioners.

Chairman Lewis, of the board of commissioners, the county treasurer and the county assessor were in session today as a jury commission. They are selecting a list of Chouteau county taxpayers from which trial jurors will be drawn during the present year.

It is reported from Kalispell that A. C. Burchfield, formerly of this city, is acting as Great Northern agent at that point. Mr. Burchfield is said to have recently disposed of his business interests in Kansas City, where he has been located since leaving here a few months ago.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank, held this afternoon, the members of the present board of directors were re-elected for another year. The board consists of Messrs. Chas. E. Duer, Chas. Lopley, Jos. Hirschberg, Geo. W. Moore, C. H. Merrill, Jno. V. Carroll, M. E. Milner, David G. Browne and John Harris.

The Valley County Election Contests

Stenographer Russell, of the district court, who has just returned from Glasgow, reports that the Valley county election contest cases were dismissed by Judge Henry C. Smith, after a hearing that occupied several days. The contests involved the offices of sheriff, assessor and county attorney of Valley county.

Judge Smith ordered a recount of all the ballots of the fourteen precincts of the county, as out of the total number complaint had been made that in only two precincts had the law been complied with in regard to returning the ballots to the clerk's office. No evidence of fraud or tampering with the ballot boxes was found and on the recount Kerr, republican candidate for county attorney, gained five votes, Tweedie 12 for assessor. Griffith's vote for sheriff was the same. The count showed that Griffith was elected by 80 majority, Kerr by 18 and Tweedie by 47.

The ground for objection by the contestants against Poplar precinct was because the polling place was on the Fort Peck Indian reservation, being also on the Great Northern right-of-way. The court held, however, that the polling place having been established there and the electors having voted, the precinct could not be thrown out after the votes had been counted, even though the law forbidding the establishment of a precinct on an Indian reservation should be held to be constitutional.

Alleged Land Frauds in Montana.

The Washington correspondent of the Spokesman Review sends that paper a special dispatch which says in part:

Information has been presented to the secretary of the interior alleging violations of the land and desert laws in Montana on a gigantic scale. The information presented alleges that great tracts of timber land in Missoula county, Montana, were taken up and patents procured from the government by perjured evidence. It is alleged that many of the claims were taken up by Italians. Twelve or 15 prominent citizens of Missoula county are implicated in the frauds.

The correspondent is reliably informed that information has also been presented to the department involving W. G. Conrad, Senator Gibson's principal opponent for the senatorship, in frauds committed northwest of Great Falls. Patents were obtained to great quantities of desert lands which have since been transferred to W. G. Conrad and are included in the lands irrigated by the Conrad ditch.

It was rumored today that Senator Gibson had presented the information to the department, but this he denied in positive terms.

Uncollected Wages.

Achison is in the throes of a religious discussion. It started when someone interrupted an evangelist with the question: "If it is true that the wages of sin is death how does it come that the devil has lived for thousands of years?"

There is one rational way to treat nasal catarrh; the medicine is applied direct to the affected membrane. The remedy is Ely's Cream Balm. It restores the inflamed tissues to a healthy state without giving all the life out of them and it gives back the lost senses of taste and smell. The sufferer who is tired of vain experiments should use Cream Balm. Druggists sell it for 50 cts. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Malta Enterprise: Judge Davidson was the first settler in this immediate vicinity, and located his present ranch fourteen years ago, when he had the pick between Saco and Dodson.

Choteau Acantha: Preparations are being made to dip some cattle on the Blackfoot Indian reservation for the scab; a large vat is being erected for that purpose, and the boiler for heating the dip has arrived.

Glasgow News: W. S. Griffith, who takes Harry Cosner's place as sheriff, is the only republican ever elected to that office in Valley county, and this is his "second offense." He has chosen Puck Powell, of Malta, as undersheriff and R. H. Kane, of this city, as jailer.

Culbertson Searchlight: J. Z. Bruerger has been notified by Prof. F. B. Linfield, secretary of the Montana experiment station at Bozeman, that a farmers' institute will be held in Culbertson, March 8 and 9, 1905, in the school house. There will be two meetings daily, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Chinook Opinion: John H. Flinders bid farewell to his Chinook friends Saturday and departed for his old home, Sutherland, Iowa. It lacks but a few months of 16 years since Mr. Flinders landed in Chinook from Iowa, and now he returns there in the hope that the change of climate will bring relief from rheumatism.

Choteau Acantha: It is reported from Browning that the St. Mary's Lubricating Oil Co. have just resumed operations after their enforced shut-down a month ago, on account of damages received from a forest fire. Also that a little oil was being taken out of Somo's' drill every day, and that they are momentarily expecting a strike.

Choteau Montanian: Last Monday the change in the county offices of Teton county took place. Practically there were but three changes; that of sheriff and superintendent of schools, and that of county attorney, the remainder of the court house roster being re-elected, with the exception of J. E. Webb, who will assume the treasurer's duties next March.

Havre Herald: The city council this week closed a deal for two acres of ground on top of the hill just southwest of Havre for a consideration of \$400, which also includes a road right-of-way thereto. A reservoir with a 500,000 gallon capacity will be constructed thereon to supply water for the city. Work will commence on the reservoir early in the spring.

Havre Herald: The surprising development of this city since the disastrous fire of a year ago is to be marked on the evening of January 13-14, when the Havre Fire department will give its first annual ball at the opera house in celebration of the prosperity our city now enjoys. It is the intention of the fire boys to hold these dances annually on the date the fire occurred, January 14.

Glasgow Review: Los Blackmon was in Glasgow last Sunday, having just returned from St. Louis where he completed final arrangements for the transfer of his ranch and stock interests to one of the Neidinger boys, one of the late owners of the famous N-N outfit. The new proprietor expects to put in about three thousand three-year-old Texas steers next spring. Mr. Blackmon will be the resident foreman of the new concern.

Imports of Canadian Fuel.

Great Falls Tribune.

Notwithstanding that Montana is one of the greatest coal-bearing states in the west and that great quantities of coke are made in this state, 135,694 tons of coal, and 15,939 tons of coke were imported in the past year from Canada, passing through the Great Falls custom house. Much of the coal and coke was used in Montana and the rest was consumed in Washington and Idaho.

The annual report of the custom house shows that the dutiable value of all imports into the district in the past year was \$751,152.36, against \$567,657.52 for the year 1903. The amount of duty collected was \$175,844.49, against \$144,684.46 in the previous year. In 1903, duties of about \$123,000 on coal were rebated. The actual gain in duties was about \$10,000.

The imports of coal shows a decrease of 29,000 tons and the imports of coke show a decrease of 12,000 tons.

The Judgeship Contest Cases.

HELENA, Jan. 7.—The supreme court having on Friday afternoon overruled the objection of the relator in the Breen election case to the introduction of proof, and proof having been offered by Breen in support of the averments of the petition for a writ of mandamus to compel Governor Toole to issue him a certificate of election as a district judge of Silver Bow county and by the respondent in support of the answer, the final arguments were made this morning and the case was taken under advisement.

In the afternoon the case of the state

on relation of F. E. Stranahan against Governor Toole and the state board of canvassers was taken up. The relator seeks an order directing the governor to issue him a certificate of election as judge of the Twelfth judicial district, the facts being practically the same as in the Breen case, and the court directed that the relator file a brief within three days and the respondent within five days.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Clark Timber Land Cases To Be Tried In Federal Court.

HELENA, Jan. 9.—Judge William H. Hunt in the United States court today overruled the demurrers of the defendants to the indictments in the cases of the United States against R. M. Cobban, J. B. Catlin and many others for subornation of perjury and perjury in connection with timber land entries in western Montana, and the accused will now have to come on for trial. There are 12 indictments for subornation of perjury and 90 for perjury.

Included in the defendants are many settlers in Powell and Missoula counties who are alleged to have made false oaths in proving up on their timber lands, which were afterwards acquired by Senator W. A. Clark. It is alleged that Cobban and Catlin, well known citizens of Missoula, induced these people to swear falsely. The parties were all indicted in June, 1901, and the cases have since been hanging fire in court.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The following statement was made tonight: In the spring of 1902, the interior department was informed that extensive land frauds were being perpetrated in Montana and Idaho, under an act of congress known as the timber and stone act. Secretary Hitchcock immediately set on foot an investigation, and in the state of Montana it was discovered that, at the land offices of Helena and Missoula, many fraudulent entries had been made.

It was soon discovered, it is alleged, that under the leadership of R. M. Cobban, a conspiracy was organized and a lot of people living in the vicinity of Missoula—men and women—were directed to make application at the land office. Under the act of congress, it was necessary for the applicant, when he made his application, to take an oath that the land was not taken for speculative purposes, but for his own use, and that no one else was directly or indirectly interested in the purchase.

Cobban and his associates prepared all these affidavits and paid all expenses and \$2.50 an acre for the land, and gave these persons from \$100 to \$150 apiece for false swearing and entry. There were 102 persons, men and women, indicted and a number of indictments were filed—Cobban being indicted some 10 times. These indictments were for perjury and forgery. All these lands, about 15,000 acres, were sold by Cobban to United States Senator W. A. Clark.

An Empire of State Lands.

HELENA, Jan. 9.—The state board of land commissioners has completed and submitted to the legislative assembly its eleventh biennial report, showing the transactions of the board for the years 1903 and 1904 and the present status of Montana's land holdings. The report shows that the state is landlord for a tract of land almost an empire in the aggregate. The amount of land now under lease is 1,925,840 acres, being 67 per cent of the state lands, exclusive of the timber tracts, which are not subject to lease.

The state holdings now reach the total of 3,154,670 acres. Of this amount 293,470 acres are timber lands, and the remainder, 2,861,199 acres, is classified as agricultural and grazing land.

The state, up to the present time, has sold a total of 86,375 acres, this being made up from the several grants to the state from the federal government. The grants from the government to the state, amounting to 668,080 acres, have been practically all filled by selections made by the state. There remains yet 13,221 acres to be selected for the capitol building grant. It is the desire of the board to fill this grant with timber land selections.

To Review Woods' Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has asked the postmaster-general for a re-hearing in the case of the Montana Cooperative Ranch company, against which a fraud order was recently issued. Sam H. Woods, of Great Falls, who is vice president of the concern, through his attorney, Jesse P. Root, claims that the evidence the assistant attorney-general of the postoffice department, upon which the fraud order was issued, was not fair to the company nor to himself individually. He claims that not only all of the Ranch company mail is being held up, but also that of a personal nature and other mail addressed to him in care of certain business houses with which he has dealings and interests. Senator Clark has been assured by the department that the case would be reviewed.

A QUIET SESSION.

Ninth Legislative Assembly Not Likely To Develop Sensations.

HELENA, Jan. 7.—It is the impression that the present session of the legislature will be quite tame as compared with some preceding sessions which have been held in the city of Helena. There are very few contests over bills and measures likely at this session and no investigations such as kept the eighth legislative assembly in a turmoil. It is true that much interest attaches to some measures which it is proposed to pass at this session, but there is no indication that there will be an army of lobbyists working for and against measures such as filled the hotels of Helena at the former session and at many preceding sessions. The only lobby in Helena at the present time is one working for the enactment of a fellow servant law. The lobbyists want that bill passed the very first thing, and even have asked that the measure be put through before the United States senator is elected. Undoubtedly the railroad people will have a lobby to oppose a railroad commission bill. While the disposition of the republican members is to pass a conservative railroad measure, yet it is understood that the railroad people are opposed to any measure of the kind.

Among the measures which are likely to arouse particular interest at the session are the direct legislation bill, the fellow servant bill, the railroad commission, the state health board laws, the appropriations for the various state institutions, the direct primary bill, a bill providing that the name of a candidate shall not appear more than once on the ballot. It is also expected that the matter of woman suffrage will attract much interest, although the woman suffragists have not yet made their appearance in the lobbies.

The Judgeship Election Contests.

HELENA, Jan. 6.—The supreme court today heard arguments in the two contested judgeship cases, one involving the right of J. B. McClernan to continue as a district judge at Butte, and the other to the right of Judge J. W. Tattan to continue at Fort Benton. Peter Breen claims to have been elected judge in Butte and F. E. Stranahan alleges he should succeed Tattan. Some of the leading attorneys for the state participated in the argument involving many constitution points.

Mr. Breen through his counsel seeks an order from the supreme court compelling Governor Toole to issue to him a certificate of election, while counsel for Mr. Stranahan asks for an order compelling the state canvassing board to count the ballots cast for him at the recent election.

T. J. Walsh, one of the attorneys for Breen, directed the attention of the court to the replication of the relator and then made a statement concerning returns made by the state canvassing board to the governor, which showed that Breen had received 5,594 votes as judge. Mr. Walsh contended that upon the face of the returns Breen had received the third highest vote and was entitled to be declared judge of Silver Bow county.

Spoiled Ball.

Harlem, January 9, 1905. New York, at one time and now many spoiled with skin trouble and sores. I had Sarsaparilla for years, but it did not cure it, until I used Dr. Pierce's Sarsaparilla. A quick and sure healer of eruptions, burs, and sores. Sent D. G. Lockwood's drug store.



It is just a common cold, people say, there's no danger in that. Admitting their statement, then there are uncommon colds, colds which are dangerous; for many a fatal sickness begins with a cold. If we could tell the common cold from the uncommon we could feel quite safe. But we can't. The uncommon variety is rarely recognized until it has fastened its hold on the lungs, and there are symptoms of consumption.

At the first symptoms the careful person will heed the warning by taking a mild laxative; some vegetable pill that will not disturb the system or cause griping. About the best is "Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets." If the cold starts with a cough, and it persists then some local treatment for this condition should be taken. A well known alternative extract, which has been highly recommended by thousands of users, is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This tonic compound is composed of an extract of roots and herbs and has a soothing effect upon the mucous membrane, always the irritation and at the same time works in the proper and reasonable way, at the seat of the trouble—the stagnated or poisoned blood.

It contains no alcohol to shrivel up the blood corpuscles, but makes pure rich red blood. Dr. Pierce's 100-page illustrated book, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," is sent free in paper covers on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only. For 31 stamps the cloth-bound volume will be sent, 1008 pages. It was formerly sold for \$1.50 per copy. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Arguments Against Beef Trust.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Attorney General Moody made an argument for the government in the "beef trust" case. He said the defendants, who are seven corporations, one co-partnership and 23 other persons were charged with entering into agreements with each other and performing certain acts which he claimed to be unlawful. All the acts in question related to commerce, not to manufacture or production.

He argued that such agreements were in violation of the inter-state commerce act, inasmuch as unloading cars of cattle did not constitute breaking an "original package." "An animal itself," he said "was the original package which nature made." An agreement was made with reference to the purchase of price of cattle, therefore the transaction, and was in restraint of such commerce.

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