

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.

Lowest prices on land scrip. Contacts a specialty. Write W. J. Beecher, lawyer, Great Falls, Mont.

Local sheepmen are in receipt of offers from shearing crews who usually work in this part of Montana, and who wish to make contracts for the coming season.

A suit has been commenced in the district court by T. C. Power & Bro. Ltd., against W. P. Turner, Jr., of the Marias, to recover an alleged indebtedness of about \$7,500. According to the complaint, part of this indebtedness is due to losses of sheep leased to defendant, and the remainder represents money advanced and supplies furnished by the plaintiff.

A dispatch from Washington says Senator Gibson has introduced a bill authorizing the payment of \$30,000 out of money due the Blackfoot Indians to the executors of Charles E. Conrad, of Kallispell, in settlement of a contract made with the Blackfoot Indians in 1895, when the eastern portion of the Blackfoot reservation was ceded to the government for \$1,500,000.

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From Thursday's Daily.

Born, at Great Falls, Mont., to the wife of C. C. Mack, of Big Sandy, a son.

The appeal case of John T. Reavis in the district court has been set for trial on February 18.

W. H. Gray, an electrical engineer of Salt Lake City, is in town today, figuring upon a new plant for the electric light company.

Born—At Central Park, Gallatin county, Mont., on Monday, Jan. 16, 1905, to the wife of W. L. Miller, formerly of this city, a daughter.

A Washington dispatch announces that Captain James Z. Dare, a retired army officer, has been appointed to succeed Major Monteath as Indian agent at the Blackfeet agency.

Notice of location of the "Natural" quartz mining claim in the Little Rockies has been filed in the county clerk's office by Chas. Whitcomb, B. D. Phillips and Fred M. James.

The case of Arthur Campbell charged with the crime of forgery, alleged to have been committed at Harlem, was before the district court today. A motion by the county attorney that no information be filed was granted by the court, and it was ordered that any bail that may have been furnished by defendant be discharged.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office today by the new Benton Electric Light company, with a capital stock of \$15,000 in shares of \$100 each, of which \$10,000 has been subscribed. The incorporators or John Harris, W. K. Harber, Chas. Lephay, John V. Carroll, C. H. Evers and L. D. Sharp.

A dispatch from Lewistown says State Senator J. D. Waite has received word from St. Louis that the highest award for wools exhibited at the world's fair has been given to Waite & Elliott. This is the gold medal award and Mr. Waite is much pleased with the signal honor won by the exhibit from his Fergus county sheep.

Advices from Havre report that Mayor Newman recently reported to the council that he had ordered all kinds of slot machines also, as the best interest of the town was subserved by stopping all sorts of gambling. During the last five months the gamblers contributed to the city treasury in the form of fines \$2,520, nearly \$600 a month.

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From Friday's Daily

Fresh candles at C. W. Ayres'.

County Attorney Pray went to Havre today to secure evidence in cases that will come before the district court.

Arrangements have been made by the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal church to give a dance on February 22. Messrs. Pinkerton and Davis will furnish the music.

Louis Jacobson and Thomas Oken-dahl, the North Dakota horsebuyers, have about completed a deal with Dr. C. D. Crutcher and Chas. Schilling for a carload of horses. The outfit will probably be loaded from the Benton stockyards tomorrow for shipment to Rugby Junction, N. Dak.

The sheriff's office received word today from Big Sandy that I. M. Rogers has in custody a man suspected of burglary, and requesting that an officer go there at once to take him in charge. Deputy Sheriff John Haigler went to Big Sandy in response to the telegram.

An information has been filed in the district court against Fred Brown, who is alleged to have stolen a colt

from Frank N. Lowe, of the Sweet Grass hills. Another information, charging grand larceny, accuses Alex McLaughrey of stealing a number of calves from Ed. Lawlor, whose ranch is near Havre.

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DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Trial Jury Summoned to Begin Work on Tuesday, February 14.

A trial jury of forty members was drawn in the district court Wednesday morning, returnable February 14. The following criminal cases were set for trial:

State vs. L. O. Shoffner, February 21st.

State vs. Grady and Johnson, February 21.

The case of the State vs. William McCann was dismissed on motion of county attorney, as necessary evidence cannot be secured.

The civil suit of C. W. Hansen vs. William Skillen was set for February 14, and that of T. A. Smith vs. John Seeman was set for the same date.

Julius Lehfeldt vs. John Backley February 15.

Vincent Pauly vs. Peter Chourrout and Joseph Pauly, February 15.

Paul O'Clair vs. S. Christianson, Feb. 16.

Caplice Commercial Co. vs. J. C. Baily, February 17.

Town of Havre vs. Mrs. Bridget Dice, an appeal from justice court, February 18. The appeal case in City of Fort Benton vs. John Simons was also set for February 18.

Math Van Trieb vs. Great Northern Railway Co. set for February 20.

In the suit of Eva M. Davis vs. Perry A. Davis, decree of divorce was denied.

In the divorce suit of Fred Esmay vs. Ida B. Esmay, defendant was ordered to file affidavit as to status of the case, and a citation was issued for the appearance of plaintiff on January 30.

The suits relating to the election of school trustees in the Havre district were dismissed at plaintiffs' costs. The suit of Ed Marroitt vs. the Chinook school trustees was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

Frank Pickett vs. City of Havre, dismissed as settled.

Tim Collins State Examiner.

HELENA, Jan. 24.—Shortly after the senate convened a message was received from Governor Toole announcing the appointment of T. E. Collins, of Great Falls, as state examiner to succeed the late William B. Hadnall. The appointment was confirmed by the senate in executive session.

Mr. Collins is one of the best known pioneers in Montana and was formerly clerk and recorder of Meagher county, going from there to Benton and from that place coming to Great Falls in the early 80's. In the Cataract city Mr. Collins engaged in the banking and real estate business and was one of the early boomers there.

Mr. Collins was the second democratic candidate for governor of the state of Montana, being defeated for the office by J. E. Rickards of Butte, twelve years ago. Eight years ago Mr. Collins was elected state treasurer and served in that office four years, being since that time engaged in mining and other business in Montana and Idaho. At the last election he was the democratic candidate for clerk of the court in Cascade county, but was defeated by C. C. Proctor, the republican candidate.

ASSESSORS FIX VALUATIONS.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—The assessors who have been in Helena since Tuesday, got actively to work today. The various committees appointed to fix valuations for the following year reported, and most of the reports were adopted. The most important changes were on sheep, which were raised 50 cents a head and lambs 25 cents a head over last year's valuation. The valuation on Western Union and telegraph lines and Rocky Mountain Bell telephone lines was increased \$25 per mile.

The report of the committee on live stock was received and placed on file. It recommended the valuations of livestock as follows:

Range and stock cattle, per head, \$18; coming two-year-olds, per head, \$14; coming yearlings, per head, \$10; 3-year-old steers or over of beef cattle left to the discretion of the assessors, but not less than \$25 per head. Thoroughbred cattle left to the discretion of the assessors, but not less than \$50 per head. The clause providing for their valuation at not less than \$50 per head was added this year.

Horses, stallions, saddle, work, common and range horses left to the discretion of assessors. Hogs, \$5 per head. Angora goats left to the discretion of the assessor, but not less than \$4 per head. Sheep, \$2.50 per head, including lambs, when sheep and lambs are bunched together under one ownership. (Increase of 50 cents over last year's valuation). Lambs, \$2 per head, where a herd consists of lambs only. (Increase of 25 cents per head over last year's valuation).

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

Montana Law Makers Will Have Interesting Fight Over Certain Measures.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—It is the prevailing belief among the legislators that the great fight of the session will be on the subject of railway commission legislation. Already a number of bills providing for railway commissions have been introduced in the two houses, and they differ considerably in their general provisions.

Some of these virtually provide for the taking over by the state of the management of the railways, while others leave some authority with the management of the roads. It can be safely set down as certain that the radical measures looking to reform in railway management are doomed to defeat—death in the hands of the committees—and that the railway commission bill that passes both houses and becomes a law will be one that gives the railways at least a fighting chance for life—something their antagonists in the legislature appear hardly willing to concede.

On the initiative and referendum proposition the fight will be little if any less vigorous. Direct legislation is the hobby of a good many of the law-makers, and some of these appear willing to go to the length of making the legislature practically a nullity. They would have the people themselves initiate and legislate on practically everything, and deprive the chief executive even of the power of veto. The radical initiative and referendum bills will go the same way as the drastic railway commission measures: there is little doubt of that.

The initiative and referendum bill that has a show for passage is that prepared and presented by Senator Donlan of Missoula. This is characterized with some savor of irony by the radicals, as a "closely guarded" initiative and referendum measure, but it has the support of the conservative republicans and democrats, and will probably win out in the end.

To Open Fort Peck Reserve.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—The next great Indian reservation to be opened to settlement in Montana, after the opening of the Crow and Flathead reserves, will probably be that of the Fort Peck reservation in Valley county. Senator Mahon, of that county, yesterday gave notice in the senate of his intention of introducing a resolution for a memorial to congress asking that the reservation be thrown open to settlement.

In an interview Senator Mahon stated that the Fort Peck reservation was one of the finest bodies of agricultural and grazing land in the state. The reservation is about 40 by 80 miles in extent and comprises about a quarter of the entire area of the county. It lies just north of the Missouri river, along which the Great Northern road runs, the entire length of the reserve.

Senator Mahon says the valleys of the Missouri rivers and its tributaries in the reservation have as good soil as can be found in the state, and under irrigation would be as productive as any of the now famous valleys of Montana. For irrigation he says water is available for a good part of the reservation, but he is of the opinion that the northern part of the reserve will be valuable chiefly for grazing purposes. As a stock range, he says Montana has nothing better than this portion of the reservation.

The Indians at present occupying the tract are for the most part Sioux and Assiniboines, and there are but a few thousand of them. The senator says they have already signified their willingness to accept allotments of land. With allotments given to the Indians there would remain on the reserve several hundred thousand acres of the best land in Montana available for white settlers.

Oppose Semi-Annual Tax Payments.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—The most important action of the county commissioners in session here today was to appoint a committee to present resolutions protesting against the Whipple bill to the judiciary committee of the house. The resolutions are in part as follow:

"After careful investigation we find that the passage of the proposed bill would increase the interest on state funds about \$4,000. It would increase the interest of the several counties of the state \$45,000 and increase the cost of collection about \$5,000. We also estimate that the additional cost to the counties in the loss of personal taxes would amount to \$75,000, making a total of \$125,000 loss to the state and counties. We have arrived at these figures after having heard the report of the state examiner and others, and recommend to this convention to do all in its power to defeat the bill as it would be an injury to the taxpayers of the state."

The resolutions will be presented to the state legislature.

Cattle Owners Want Pay.

BUTTE, Jan. 24.—Among the owners of cattle appraised, condemned and killed on account of the discovery of

tuberculosis, there is a great deal of anxiety as to when they are going to get their money. There are no funds in the state treasury for the purpose of paying these claims, and the only way the money can be obtained is by appropriation from the legislature. In Silver Bow county the claims amount to about \$3,000 and some 48 cattle have recently been condemned. Under the milk and meat inspection act there is no express law for the killing of cattle, but there is provision for their condemnation. In this matter, however, it is understood, the commission acted under the advice of Attorney General Donovan and had the cattle killed after they were condemned. This was done with the implied understanding with the owners of the cattle that they would receive compensation for their losses.

Considering Land Laws.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The house committee on public lands has refused by a vote of 11 to 4 to indefinitely postpone consideration of the bills increasing from 160 acres to 640 acres the amount of land that may be taken up under the homestead act. A bill to this end relating to land in South Dakota will be perfected by the committee at a special meeting Friday, and those relating to Colorado lands at the regular meeting Wednesday.

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For Sale.

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Sewing Machine For Sale.

A second-hand Singer sewing machine, in good order, for sale cheap. Apply at River Press office.

Stock Ranch for Sale.

A 60,000-acre cattle ranch for sale in Alberta, Canada, with a 21-year government lease. Easy terms, normal rental, finest climate, ideal situation, abundance of hay, grass, water and wood. Moderate price. C. S. MORRIS, Arlington Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

Notice to Sheepmen.

The undersigned is prepared to make contracts with sheepmen for shearing at the coming season. Correspondence invited. Address: GEO. GRANILLO, 238 Eldorado, Stockton, Cal.

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Will be paid for information leading to the recovery of one well marked Hereford bull, 5 years old, small horns turning outward and downward, branded 1 X on left thigh, also X back of point of left shoulder blade. CLEM SAILOR, Box Elder, Montana.

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One of the best stock ranches in Northern Montana, consisting of 2,000 acres of patented land and a lease right from the state to about 800 acres. Irrigating ditch in good working order. Five hundred acres under irrigation and cultivation; 150 acres in alfalfa, can cut from 400 to 500 tons of hay every year; plenty of open spring water that never freezes in winter. The ranch has capacity for running 8,000 sheep and 20 to 400 cattle without danger of heavy loss. Winter range nearly all under fence. There are two new hay-roofed sheds, one 5-foot tight stockade corral, one corrugated iron roof sheep shed at home ranch, and other outbuildings with water tight roofing. A two-story 8 room lath and plastered house, furnished complete. Thirty or forty range horses, about 20 work and saddle horses. Ranch has tri-weekly mail and telephone communication with Fort Benton. For further particulars address J. F. PATTERSON, San Diego, Cal., or J. O. PATTERSON, Lostlake, Montana.

Ranch For Sale.

The undersigned will sell upon reasonable terms a ranch of 2,300 acres, thoroughly irrigated, absolute water-rights, will cut 800 to 900 tons of hay produced in addition 6,000 bushels of grain last year. There are now 200 acres plowed and ready for crop. All under fence, with good house, stables, sheds and corrals. Possession given purchaser on April 1st, if desired. Call on or address: M. MORGAN & SONS, Dapuyer, Mont.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive at Big Sandy, Montana, up to the 10th day of February, 1905, bids for the use and privilege of the land, formerly known as the Carter ranch, consisting of about 4,250 acres under fence, situated near the town of Big Sandy, Chouteau county, Montana. A detailed description of such land will be furnished to bidders if requested. SAMUEL A. MILLER, Receiver, Big Sandy, Montana.

Forty Dollars Reward.

Forty dollars reward will be paid to anyone who will find and deliver to me five head of horses with the following brands: (U) on right thigh also (Z) on left shoulder, vented bar under. (Z) or \$8.00 per head for any of them delivered to me. A. H. CARLE, Little Plume P. O., Medicine Hat, N. W. T.

Notice of Probate of Will.

In the District Court of the Twelfth Judicial District of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

In the matter of the estate of William P. Turner, Sr. Notice is hereby given that Saturday, the 11th day of February, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, in the room of said court, in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana, have been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said Major William P. Turner, Sr., deceased, and for hearing the application of Union Bank and Trust company of Montana for issuance to it of letters of administration with will annexed. By order of Court. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk of said Court.

Sheriff's Sale.

The Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton, Montana, Plaintiff, vs. Frank Bowes and Maggie Bowes, Defendants. To be sold at Sheriff's sale on the 18th day of February, 1905, at 12 o'clock m. at the front door of the Court house at Fort Benton, Montana, the following property:

The south half of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section eight in township 32 north of range 19 east, in Chouteau County, Montana. FRANK McDONALD, Sheriff.

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