

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Cyrus Noble whiskey, old goods, on sale at all first-class places. Born, on June 2, 1905, to the wife of Alphonse Martin, of the Teton, a daughter. The Sam Williamson wool clip, from the Bear Paw country, was sold here Saturday at 22 1/2 cents to the local representative of Justice Bateman & Co. It is not generally known that the dandelion pest will crowd out alfalfa, but that is the report received from the Shonkin. Ranchers from that locality state that dandelions have taken possession of some of the alfalfa fields and are killing off a large proportion of the crop. It is reported from Butte that Archibald Gray, the well known Great Northern official, has been promoted to the position of assistant general freight and passenger agent. Mr. Gray, it is understood, will look after Montana livestock shipments over the Great Northern. According to the report of the United States assay office at Helena, its receipts of gold from Montana mines during the month of May were to the value of \$170,591, of which about \$19,430 came from Chouteau county. The Little Rockies district is beginning to figure in the list of Montana gold producers. Jack Moore was arrested last evening on a charge of fighting and disturbing the peace. He was taken before Justice Sullivan this morning and fined \$50, which he was unable to pay and was committed to the county jail. Another charge of resisting an officer will probably be filed against him in due course. A warrant has been sworn out in the justice court by Seth Shaw, of the Shonkin, against Claude Thraikill, charging the latter with assault. The accused, it is alleged, attempted to do bodily harm to the complaining witness and others, and subsequently left for parts unknown. The officers have not yet been able to locate him. From Monday's Daily. People who know, drink Cyrus Noble, the purest and best American whiskey. Donald Graham, of Chinook, has applied to the district court for letters of administration in the estate of his brother, the late M. L. Graham. Prof. J. W. Lenning, of the Fort Benton high school, left Sunday morning for Missoula, for a visit in that city and vicinity during his vacation. C. M. Sedgwick, who arrived from Ada today, brought with him some two-foot samples of alfalfa evidence of favorable crop conditions in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Patterson returned this morning from St. Paul, where Mr. Patterson has been feeding sheep at the South St. Paul stock yards during the winter. W. T. Morrow, of the Shonkin, who is in town today from his ranch, states that the heavy rain in that section yesterday afternoon destroyed a large part of his garden and alfalfa crop. Commissioners W. E. French, of Harlem, and A. H. Reser, of Chinook, arrived in the city this morning to attend the regular quarterly meeting of the board of county commissioners. The three prisoners who escaped from the Teton county jail Wednesday night failed to get out of the country. They were recaptured Saturday evening near the Bannatyne ranch on the upper Teton. Arrangements are being made to give that highly amusing play, "An Old Maid's Convention," at Green's opera house on or about June 13. It will be presented by a company of Fort Benton amateurs. A. C. Oder, of T. C. Power & Bro's, is confined at St. Clare hospital with a badly injured foot, caused by his horse falling with him last evening on the crosswalk at the corner of Front and Baker streets. Miss Winnie Knights, who taught the primary department in the public schools in this city the past term, left yesterday for the east. Miss Knights has accepted the position as teacher for next year in the schools at Bozeman. The eastbound passenger due here at 4:29 this morning was delayed about six hours by a rock slide near Boulder, caused by heavy rains in that locality. Another slide occurred there this morning soon after the track had been cleared. Messrs. Stringfellow, Parnell, Holland and Buttery, representing the business men's association of Havre, are among the visitors in town today. They are interviewing the county commissioners upon road matters in which the people of Havre and vicinity are interested. It is announced that Sidney station, about sixteen miles west of here, will be known hereafter as Carter, being named after the well known Montana senator. A station just east of Great Falls has been named Gibson, and a station on the Lethbridge road bears

the name of Power, each being named after former Montana senators. It is reported from Helena that the state land commissioners have received an application from the Big Sag Land & Stock company for the leasing of 20 or 30 sections of land in Chouteau county. The company wants to pay at the rate of \$64 a section, which is the minimum price. There seems to be some competition for the land and the matter was taken under advisement. From Tuesday's Daily. Cyrus Noble whiskey, a favorite in all the leading clubs of the United States for the past thirty years. A marriage license was issued today to Jno. P. Reardon, of San Francisco, and Amelia Robinson, of Havre. Miss Louise Deisem left this morning on the eastbound train for her home at La Moure, N. Dak., where she will spend the summer months. Judge W. Y. Pemberton, who recently arrived from Butte, has opened a law office in the Cummings building at the corner of Main and Bond streets. It is reported from Helena that the state board of education has placed the Fort Benton high school on the accredited list. This recognition of efficiency has been extended to only 24 schools in Montana. Makes digestion and assimilation perfect. Makes new red blood and bone. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. A tonic for the sick and weak. 35 cents, tea or tablets. D. G. Lockwood, druggist. Allan Gray has awarded to Joseph Braithwaite of Highwood the contract for building a big dam for a reservoir at the Gray ranches in the Big Sag. The dam is to be 200 feet in length, nine feet high, 20 feet wide at the base and ten feet wide at the top. The reservoir will be used to irrigate a large tract of land to be sown to alfalfa. Eleven additional pupils of the Havre public schools passed the recent eighth grade examination, making a total of 38 who were successful. The additions to the list are Selma Bonderson, A. DeLorimer, Jno. Hudson, Earl Taylor, Barbara Gowrie, Frank Toolan, Rath Lawson, Chas. Hauser, Clara Bentzin, Eddie Lynch and Arthur Lamey. The members of the United Milk River Irrigation association will hold an important meeting at Glasgow on the 14th inst., at which the best method of determining water rights in the Milk river valley will be discussed. It has been suggested that suits be brought by residents of lower Milk river against all parties who claim water rights on the upper part of the stream, and secure from the courts a decision which will define the status of each individual. Working on St. Mary's Dam. It is reported from Browning that preparations are being made to commence work upon St. Mary's dam. A bridge is being built across Cut Bank river on the stage road from Browning to Ailyn, and a sawmill will, in a few weeks, be installed on the upper St. Mary's lake to get out the lumber necessary for the construction of buildings at the dam. These buildings will be used as headquarters for the government surveyors and other employees on the dam and canal. The surveyors estimate that it will consume five years to build the dam. As soon as the actual work of constructing the dam begins line riders for both night and day will patrol the international boundary line, and a town of several hundred inhabitants will spring into existence. A petition asking for a postoffice to be established at the point where the government will build the dam, which will divert the waters of St. Mary's into the Milk river, has been sent to Washington. C. L. Bristol was the person recommended for the appointment as postmaster. This point is known locally as Damsite. Who Owns the Property? A dispatch from Havre says a suit was tried in Justice Cowell's court a few days ago, in which Dr. J. S. Almas was suing to recover of M. Cyres the unpaid instalments on a contract for the sale of a house in Havre. Cyres insured the property in his own name, and it was afterward destroyed by fire, and the insurance company refused to pay the loss because the insured did not have legal title to the property, had only an equitable interest in it and had bought it on the instalment plan. As Cyres was not paid his insurance he refused to pay the instalments. Hence the suit of Almas to recover. The defendant's lawyer, J. K. Bramble, contended that when property is destroyed by fire which has been sold with title to remain in the owner until all payments have been made, and the fire is not the fault of the purchaser, he is relieved from the payment of any more instalments. This view was adopted by the justice of the peace, and he found that the plaintiff is not entitled to recover. The plaintiff has appealed the case to the district court.

IS IT SCAB OR LICE? Many Montana Stockmen Believe Dipping Regulations Are Unnecessary. M. E. Milner, who represents Valley county on the state board of stock commissioners, is among the northern Montana stockmen who are very much interested in cattle dipping regulations. He informs the River Press that five dipping plants are being established in Valley county, their locations being Vandalla, Rock Creek, Frenchman creek, Fraser, near Fort Peck, and one on the Indian reservation. It is proposed to commence dipping operations at Vandalla on or about June 12, lime and sulphur dip being used at this plant and at all others in Valley county. Many of the stockmen in that part of northern Montana believe there is no scab among Valley county cattle, but to satisfy the arbitrary government regulations they will gather all stock and dip them once; and those which for any reason have a bad appearance will be held and dipped a second time. Word comes from eastern Montana that Dr. Knowles, state veterinarian, was recently at Ekalaka, Custer county, to examine a cattle outfit that was reported to be affected with scab or mange, but he failed to find any cases of the disease. He reported that many of them were troubled with lice which caused them to rub off their hair and give them an appearance which, to the uninformed, might be mistaken for scab. It is believed that, upon proper investigation, it will be found that most of the northern Montana cattle supposed to be suffering from mange are as exempt from the disease as this Custer county outfit. The federal authorities have been requested to send inspectors to northern Montana to co-operate with the state officials in investigating alleged cases of scab, and determining the true nature of the trouble. The federal experts, however, decline to take part in the investigation, excusing themselves on the grounds that they have no authority over cattle that are not being shipped out of the state. They also suggest that in the event of a conflict of opinion between themselves and state officials there would be no method by which a decision satisfactory to all parties could be reached. The matter, therefore, rests entirely with the Montana authorities. Tired out, worn out woman cannot sleep, eat or work; seems as if she would fly to pieces. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes strong nerves and rich blood. 35 cents, tea or tablets. D. G. Lockwood, druggist. Current Wheel Irrigation. The current wheel irrigation plant at the Chas. H. Boyle ranch about four miles above town has been completed by Hagen & Welckhorst, and is a good and substantial piece of work. It consists of three current wheels, about 30 feet in diameter, placed tandem in a framework built upon piling in the Missouri river, each wheel being fitted with sixteen 10-gallon buckets that discharge into a T shaped flume. The wheels were working satisfactorily Sunday afternoon, when they were inspected by a number of visitors, and are a success in every particular. Each wheel makes a little better than two revolutions a minute, delivering about 1,000 gallons of water in that space of time. This is equivalent to 80 minors inches or over two cubic feet per second. The plant will feed about ten miles of ditching, no ditch to exceed one mile in length, and will irrigate about 100 acres this season. Mr. Boyle proposes to begin operations early in the spring next year and supply water to about double the present area. Weather Report For May. Bulletins issued by weather bureau stations in Montana show a wide variation in the amount of rainfall recorded last month. In eastern Montana and in the Yellowstone country the precipitation was fully up to the average for May; at Great Falls it was 1.99 inches, or about half an inch less than the monthly average; while at Havre the total rainfall during the month was only 0.83 inches. The average precipitation for May at the Havre station is 1.98 inches. According to the bulletin issued by Observer C. W. Ling, the mean temperature recorded last month at the Havre station was 51 degrees, which is a little below the average for May in former years. There were eleven clear days during the month, thirteen partly cloudy and seven cloudy days. June is ordinarily the wettest month in the year, its average precipitation during the past twenty-two years being 2.87 inches. Mr. Ling's report for June of last year showed a precipitation of 2.29 inches. Big Ranch Holdings in Fergus. According to a dispatch from Lewistown, another ranch of 1,000 acres has been purchased by Bower Bros., who are said to be the largest land owners in Fergus county. The assessor's rolls show that they own outright 32,974 acres, and it is all desirable

able ranch and grazing land, much of it being under cultivation. They have been years in accumulating this vast tract and it represents a large fortune independent of their sheep and other interests. They are not the only large land owners in the basin, however. Volkhardt & Koch, near Roundup, own 31,080 acres, while Oscar Stephens, whose home ranch is up near Maiden, owns exactly 25,000 acres. Waite, Elliott & Peck own 17,000 acres and L. C. Lehfeldt, of Lavina has 20,000 acres to his credit. The Sage Creek Sheep company owns 19,240 acres and Thomas Cruse has 13,917 acres in the Flatwillow district. B. F. Lepper of the same neighborhood has an even 10,000 acres. AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS. A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges. Havre Herald: Extensive stockyards for Havre and vicinity is the latest enterprise proposed by the Industrial association. It is the aim of the organization to have this enterprise established at Pacific Junction, just beyond the city limits. Lewistown Argus: John Millsap has been appointed assistant stock inspector for this district, and will look after the section along the river from the mouth of the Judith to the mouth of the Musselshell. Mr. Millsap is an old Texas ranger, and has served in several localities as a deputy sheriff. Chinook Bulletin: The brick yard has commenced work making brick for the new school house. It is expected that the work of laying rock for the foundation of the building will begin the first of next week. The old building has been completely demolished and the site is now ready for the new structure. Conrad Observer: George Moder, the young fellow who was bound over to the district court by Justice Jones of the Conrad justice shop on a charge of robbing the residence of Ernest Bondurant, took French leave from the county bastille at Choteau last Sunday evening. He was sent out for a bucket of coal and forgot to return. Glasgow News: Thos. Dignan, one of the directors of the Lower Milk River Waterusers association, has received the blank contracts that are to be filled out by the landholders, and is now ready to finish the work up, so far as this section is concerned, so that the government will know whether to go ahead with this project now or not. Chinook Opinion: After months of planning, figuring and rustling on the part of the energetic stockholders of the Chinook Creamery company, the machinery of the newly installed plant was started the first of the week, and the choicest quality of creamery butter is now being made. The plant has not yet been run at its full capacity owing to the small quantity of milk being brought in. Havre Herald: Joseph Gussenhoven this week secured the contract for supplying Fort Assiniboine with oats for the year from July 1, 1905, to July 1, 1906. The contract calls for delivery of 1,100,000 pounds of oats at such times and in such quantities as the quartermaster may call for them. Mr. Gussenhoven proposes to erect structures and store a large quantity of the grain on the reservation. Glasgow News: After years of labor and the expenditure of a large sum of money, the promoters of the Willow creek irrigation project have the satisfaction of getting an abundant flood of water on their lands. Since the recent rains their reservoir has filled and the dam has stood the pressure, and they have been able to give their land a thorough soaking. The gentlemen interested are Messrs. J. L. Truscott, T. M. Patten and E. A. Cutting. Chinook Opinion: W. B. Sands returned home Friday evening from the west. In company with Engineers Babb and Savage of the reclamation service, and Thos. M. Everett, he recently paid a visit to the head works of the canal being constructed by the Canadian company across the line. The canal there is not yet completed and no water is being taken out, so that the present low stage of water in the river here is not attributable to that source. The Canadians are working like beavers to extend and complete their ditch. The Roll of Honor. Diplomas for regular attendance, department, etc., have been issued to the following pupils of the Fort Benton public schools: Ethel Westfall, John Minar, Elizabeth Morrow, Nora Sample, Clinton Stranahan, Arnold Westfall, Robert Russell, George Wackerlin, Claude Lewis, Irene Ragland, Vesta Henderson, Helen Sherry, Frances Barber, Kate Lee, Lizzie Morrow, Artell Piercy, Charles King, Barbara Harris, Mary Humphrey, Mildred Minar and Mary Green. If you want a pretty face and delightful air, Rosy cheeks and lovely hair, Wedding trip across the sea, Put your faith in Rocky Mountain Tea. D. G. Lockwood, druggist.

Big Wool Figures From Big Timber. There are some tall yarn spinners in Big Timber, according to Bank Examiner Ray, who has recently returned from there, says the Helena Independent. Mr. Ray had with him a card of the Montana hotel which contains some unique advertising for the town. According to this little poster, Big Timber is about the biggest thing on earth. It is the garden of Eden revived. If Adam and Eve were about to repeat their celebrated first appearance and were choosing a location, they would probably choose Big Timber, according to this enthusiastic advertisement. The Big Timber people lay great stress on the surrounding wool industry. Here is the way they put it: The books of the Northern Pacific railway show a shipment of 5,000,000 pounds of wool. At an average of 17 cents a pound, this would bring \$850,000 to Big Timber. Spinning this out in 3-run yards, running 4,800 yards to the pound, the result would be a string long enough to reach from Big Timber to the moon and then back again, with enough left over to make a blanket for every person in Sweet Grass county. Adding to the figures produced by the Big Timber mathematician the amount of wool raised in all Montana, the length of the string resulting would be so great that even the Big Timber mathematicians would be non-plussed. Train Robber Confesses. PHILIPSBERG, June 1.—The mystery surrounding the identity of the man who perpetrated the Bearmouth hold-up Saturday night has been cleared up. His name is Clarence B. Young, and for ten years, until last autumn, he lived in Missoula and Ravalli counties, where he was employed in the lumber camps. He was not, however, generally known by his right name, his associates among the lumberjacks preferring to call him "Red" or "Shorty," by which names he was known throughout the lumbering districts. Young has recovered sufficiently from the injuries which he received at the hands of Messenger Laub to warrant the removal of the heavy bandages in which he has been swathed since his arrival at the Granite county jail. The prisoner says he obtained the powder while acting as foreman of a gang employed on an irrigation ditch near Twin Falls, Idaho, the latter part of March last, holding out a stick at a time. Young asks a speedy trial. He says he held up the train more in spirit of adventure, as he had plenty of money for all he needs. Decisions Favor Heinze. HELENA, June 2.—The noted Minnie Healy case, at least so far as Montana courts are concerned, is at an end, the supreme court today having denied the motion for a rehearing, made by the counsel for Miles Finlen, the nominal plaintiff in the case, and in which F. Augustus Heinze was the defendant. The announcement was made orally today by Chief Justice Brantly, and there was no dissenting voice, thus indicating that there was no desire to again review what has perhaps been the most famous case in Montana's history. Because the board of appraisers of Silver Bow county did not give the Montana Ore Purchasing company the requisite ten days' notice of an intention to increase its tax levy, the Heinze interests will be absolved from paying taxes upon \$242,000, the amount which the appraisers of that county decided to raise the assessment of the Montana Ore Purchasing company. The supreme court today, in affirming the decision of the lower court, held that the increased assessment was illegal because of the failure to notify the Montana Ore Purchasing company, as provided by both the law and the rules of the appraisers. Bids For Glendive Project. GLENDIVE, June 2.—Bids were opened here yesterday by H. N. Savage and F. E. Weymouth, officers of the reclamation service, for the construction of the big irrigation canal and a telephone line down the lower Yellowstone valley. Bids were submitted by leading contractors all over the country. The total lowest bid for excavations amounts to \$520,125.50, of which Wydel Finley of Mankota, Minn., bid \$163,367.50 for division schedule A, and the balance to Calahan Bros. and Phelan & Shirley of Omaha. The lowest total bids for schedule B, embracing structures, amounted to \$132,523.65, of which the Deadwood Construction company of Deadwood, S. D., bid \$281,142.50, and the balance goes to Charles Starnern of Helena. The lowest bid for the construction of 72 miles of telephone line was that of A. E. Hess of Chicago, at a figure approximating \$212 a mile. The officers of the reclamation service expressed themselves as much pleased with the bids, and as soon as they are approved by the authorities at Washington, work on the big ditch will be pushed to completion rapidly.

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