

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily.

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

Miss Lula Frields returned yesterday afternoon from a visit of several days at the Frields ranch at Square Butte. She was accompanied by Mrs. D. M. Frields.

The ladies of the Catholic church held a meeting yesterday afternoon and made the final arrangements for the grand ball and supper to be given at Green's hall on Friday night, Dec. 29th. Pinkerton's orchestra has been secured for the occasion.

In the Deletraz will contest case, which was transferred to the district court of Cascade county, Judge Leslie has decided that the Ruef will, which was admitted to probate in a California court, is subject to contest in the courts of Montana. This is said to be a law point upon which the Montana supreme court has not yet been called upon to act.

The bill introduced by Representative J. M. Dixon for opening the Fort Peck reservation, makes provision for towns to be located at various points. The secretary of the interior is directed to set aside for townsite purposes and plat into town lots forty acres at or near each of the settlements now known as Kintyre, Lenox, Wolf Point, Macon, Chelsea, Brockton, Calais and Blair, and not less than eighty acres at Poplar.

J. W. Haigler returned late yesterday afternoon from Highwood, where he served papers issued by the district court in the suit of John Jacoby vs. Edward Keaster, to secure possession of the Keaster ranch. It appears that Mrs. Keaster objected to the proceedings and refused to leave the ranch, and was in such a hysterical condition that it was found necessary to leave her in temporary possession of part of the residence.

From Thursday's Daily.

Attorney W. S. Towner is receiving congratulations over the birth of a son, which took place last evening.

Sheriff McDonald left today for the state penitentiary at Deer Lodge, accompanied by Albert Morris, alias Oscar Taylor, who will spend fifteen months in that institution as a self-confessed forger.

The trial of Frank Champaigne, of Box Elder, charged with wife beating, which was to have been tried in Justice Sullivan's court today, has been postponed until 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, pending the arrival of witnesses in the case.

B. W. Jacobs, of Dodson, who is among the visitors in town today, has filed in the county clerk's office a plat of the townsite of Dodson which will be presented to the board of county commissioners for approval. The townsite consists of eight blocks, each containing twenty lots.

Local sheepmen who became acquainted with Charles Cunningham, the "Oregon sheep king," during his several visits here, will be interested in news from Pendleton which says he has sold out to a syndicate for about \$250,000. He is said to have sold his sheep at \$5.00 per head and land at \$6.00 per acre.

A dispatch from Minot reports the arrest of A. E. McGahey, of Williston, at the instance of Montana officers who allege he is implicated in the big horse stealing conspiracy. W. H. Denny, one of the suspects who was recently reported to have gone to Minnesota to escape arrest, is said to be at Devil's Lake, awaiting the outcome of the McGahey case.

According to the Great Falls Tribune, several stockmen and ranchers of Cascade county are considering the advisability of shipping cattle and sheep to the Yellowstone country to be fed during the winter. Alfalfa hay in the stack can be bought at \$6.00 per ton, and they figure that it is cheaper to ship the livestock than to pay high freight charges on the hay.

From Friday's Daily.

Headquarters for Christmas goods at D. G. Lockwood's.

New Process ever fresh bread, better than ever, at C. W. Ayres'.

Hay for sale by the carload, ton or bale. Will deliver Tuesday and Friday of each week.

Skates ground and sharpened on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 25 cents per pair. Henry Hagen.

Just received a car of fancy Washington apples. All varieties of good keepers. T. C. Power & Bro.

Two new quartz claims in the Little Rockies have been recorded in the county clerk's office by J. Umstot, J. Greehan and S. E. Sellert.

Maj. T. A. Cummings, who has been looking after livestock shipments in this locality during the past season, left this morning for his home in St. Paul.

The pupils in the public schools were dismissed this afternoon for the usual holiday vacation, and will resume their studies on Tuesday, January 2.

A dispatch from Washington announces that Charles N. Webster, collector of customs for this district, has

been re-appointed to that position by the president.

Miss Lula Patterson entertained a large number of her friends last evening at her home on lower Main street. The evening was passed at whist, after which refreshments were served.

Harry Watt, of Highwood, has brought suit in the district court against Edward Keaster, to recover \$303 alleged to be due for wages as ranch hand from April 1 to December 20 of the present year.

Frank Champaigne, charged with wife beating was on trial in Justice Sullivan's court this afternoon, and the evidence convinced the court of the guilt of the defendant. Sentence was deferred until tomorrow.

Suit has been commenced in the district court by Nick Batz against Mary Olson, F. McDermott and Chas. A. Olson, to collect on notes for about \$365, for the payment of which defendants are alleged to be responsible.

Judge Tattan has made an order directing the county treasurer of Valley county to pay into the state treasury the sum of \$541.26, the residue of the estate of Walter G. Rogers, deceased, remaining in the hands of the administrator. The order was made upon the petition of Attorney General Galen, in which it is shown that no claimants have presented claims for money belonging to the estate.

Sherman Confesses Murder

LEWISTOWN, Dec. 19.—James Sherman, the 19-year-old boy arrested here last Friday for complicity in the Samuel Studzinski murder of Aug. 23 last, in this city, has made another confession, and, as a consequence the men who were arrested upon his previous statements have been discharged.

In his confession, which was written at his dictation and signed by him, Sherman says that all other statements made since his arrest have been false. On account of his mother, he has refrained from telling the truth, but he has now concluded that it is best to tell all regardless of the consequences. He confesses to several burglaries at the Golden Rule store, to the postoffice burglary and to other local crimes, and then he says that he alone, without the complicity, aid, knowledge or connivance of any other person, either before or after the crime, murdered Studzinski.

At no place in his confession does Sherman express any regret or remorse or any realization of the probable consequences. After he had signed the statement, he called in his father and mother and told them he had told the truth, but did not express any sorrow.

Immediately following the signing of the confession by Sherman, County Attorney Roy E. Ayers directed the release of the men who had been named by Sherman, in previous statements, as his accomplices, and Mr. Ayers issued an official statement, in which he declared that Dr. E. A. Long, Russell Horrop, Alex McCoy, Walter Goch and David Atchison had been wholly exonerated from any suspicion of complicity, in any degree, in any crime.

Rate Committee Interviews Governor.

HELENA, Dec. 20.—Following the instructions given by resolution at the meeting of the Montana Rate association last week, a committee composed of President Frank J. Edwards and Executive Committee man T. J. Walsh called on Governor Joseph K. Toole this morning for the purpose of laying before the executive the desires of the association as voiced in the resolution.

According to the resolution, the executive committee of the state organization is to confer with the governor and present the request of that body for an extra session of the legislature for the passage of a railway commission bill. Should the governor indicate a willingness to call an extra session, in the event that the members of the legislature would consent to pass a bill that would meet the governor's objection as expressed in his veto message on the bill passed at the last session, the committee is to secure an expression from the members of the law-making body agreeing to pass such a bill, and then the governor is to be asked to call the extra session.

When the committee made known its mission Governor Toole requested that the statement be reduced to writing and presented in that way, the executive expressing his preference for this method of dealing with the question, in order that there might in future be no opportunity for misunderstanding the committee or the governor. Messrs. Edwards and Walsh agreed with this plan of procedure, and informed the governor that they would submit the written statement within a short time.

Ex-Governor In Poor House.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—Today in lonely old age, William R. Taylor, governor of Wisconsin from 1874 to 1876, went to the old people's home near this city. In a notable fight before the supreme court Governor Taylor established the right of the state to regulate railway corporations.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

A Budget of Readable Short Items from Various Parts of the State.

HELENA, Dec. 19.—Notice was given today by State Treasurer Rice of a call for general fund warrants involving the payment of about \$250,000. All general fund warrants registered on or before October 12 of this year, are included. Interest will cease December 28.

BILLINGS, Dec. 19.—The saloon of J. H. Tucker, a colored man, located on East Minnesota avenue, was held up last night and robbed by one man. Bartender Frank Atchinson and Richard Lovedale, a piano player, were the only persons in the house. The holdup man compelled them to line up against the wall at the point of a gun. He then emptied the cash register, securing about \$45. He went out of the front door and ran and has not been captured.

BILLINGS, Dec. 19.—The vanguard of beet sugar culturists from Colorado has arrived in the city. The party consists of Messrs. Devitt, Meade, Rosenow, Clark and Buhlman. They have leased or purchased land varying from 160 acres to a section and will engage in the cultivation of the sugar beet. The party has brought their entire outfit and will be ready to commence business in the spring. Some of them are already considering the purchase or leasing of new land through the Simpson agency.

HELENA, Dec. 19.—The articles of incorporation of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company of Montana, filed with Secretary of State Yoder, show that it is the purpose of building a railroad and telegraph line from Custer to Ravalli county in Montana, traversing in addition the following counties: Rosebud, Carbon, Yellowstone, Fergus, Meagher, Sweet Grass, Park, Gallatin, Broadwater, Jefferson, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Powell and Granite. The fee received for filing the articles was \$388.

BUTTE, Dec. 19.—The DREAMLAND burlesque show was prevented from giving a performance here last night by about 3,000 Irish-Americans, members of the Irish-American society of Butte, which passed resolutions calling on its members to forcibly stop the burlesque company from showing in Butte. The action was taken as the result of the display of a poster burlesquing the Irish race. The mayor and police authorities have advised the management of the show against attempting to give a performance as it is feared a riot will be precipitated. Warrants for the arrest of the actors have been issued with a view of averting riot in the event of an attempt to give the show.

HELENA, Dec. 20.—Andrew Stella, who a few nights since broke into the saloon of Jerry Hayes in East Helena, and was caught in the act by a street car conductor, was given two years in the district court today. Stella pleaded guilty, but claimed he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

LEWISTOWN, Dec. 20.—James Sherman reiterated today what he said yesterday about having been the sole person implicated in the killing of Samuel Studzinski. He says he secured \$125 in cash from the dead man. He realized \$420 from the robbery of the postoffice and enough from the disposal of stolen articles to make his total thefts about \$900. All of this money Sherman says he lost at gambling.

DILLON, Dec. 20.—Oscar Wells, a resident of Melrose for the past 15 years, was killed yesterday afternoon by an explosion of dynamite. He was engaged in working a mining prospect near Melrose, and when he did not return late in the afternoon at the usual time, his wife went there to see what was wrong. Upon arriving at the prospect where he had been working she found her husband's body fearfully mangled from a dynamite explosion.

HELENA, Dec. 20.—In an interview yesterday Governor Toole stated that he will not become a candidate for United States senator to succeed W. A. Clark upon the expiration of the term of the latter. Mr. Toole stated that if he did not serve out his term as governor, it would be because his health would not permit him to do so, and furthermore stated that when he leaves the executive office he will be out of politics except to take a general interest in common with all good citizens.

MISSOULA, Dec. 20.—The trial of the damage suit, in which George May of Stevensville, seeks to recover \$75,000 from Chas. H. Cowell of Missoula, for alleged malicious prosecution, was begun today in the district court. The suit grows out of the arrest of George May in January, 1904, on the charge of larceny. May Bros. of Stevensville, loaded a car of sheep January 23, but before it was shipped C. H. Cowell swore out a search warrant and seized seven head of sheep which bore his brand. There was a preliminary hearing in Missoula, which lasted a long time, and finally resulted in the discharge of the defendants. It was shown at the hearing that the brand on the Cowell sheep was one that

would not be readily seen and that a mistake might easily occur.

Auto Party Lost In Snow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to The Record-Herald from Flagstaff, Arizona, says: A transcontinental automobile carrying Percy F. Megargee of New York and David F. Fassett of Lansing, Michigan, is lost in the deep snow in the mountains west of here and the automobilists have not been heard from since Friday, when they left Williams for Flagstaff. An expedition with food, blankets and shovels started yesterday against the blinding snowstorm. Other parties are hunting for two other men lost in the mountains.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you by W. J. Minar, druggist, at 50c. a bottle. Try them today.

Furnished Room.

A furnished room for rent. For particulars apply to LEE SEDGWICK.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Benton Electric Light company will be held on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the River Press office, for the purpose of electing a board of directors.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton, Mont., will be held in the banking rooms of said bank between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on Tuesday, January 9, 1906, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

House for Sale.

A seven-room, well built house, in good repair, third door from Record building, for sale cheap. Address MRS. A. A. SMITH, Helena, Mont.

Notice of Sale.

To be sold at private sale, to the highest bidder for cash, or for cash and the balance in deferred payments with interest at six per cent. per annum, all the interest of John Merlin Power, a minor, in and to the Choteau House property in Fort Benton, Montana, described as follows: A two-thirds interest, undivided in and to lot seventeen and the southwesterly fourteen feet of lot numbered eighteen, in block eighteen of the original townsite of said town of Fort Benton. Bids will be received at the office of T. C. Power & Bro., limited, in Fort Benton, Montana, up to January 24, 1906, on or after which date said sale will be made. SARAH E. POWER, Guardian of said Minor. December 16, 1905.

Terms of Court.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana. It is hereby ordered that the terms of court for and during the year 1906, in said district, be and they are by this order fixed and set as follows, to-wit:

CHOUTEAU COUNTY.  
Tuesday, January 9th.  
Tuesday, March 30th.  
Tuesday, June 26th.  
Tuesday, October 23d.  
VALLEY COUNTY.  
Tuesday, February 27th.  
Tuesday, May 22d.  
Tuesday, September 18th.  
Tuesday, November 27th.

Witness my hand this 9th day of December, A. D. 1905. JNO. W. TATTAN, Judge 12th Judicial Dist.

To Ranchers and Others.

Any person caring for any of my stock this winter will be paid any reasonable price. Stock is branded L on left thigh. LEWIS MUMPER, Beatrice, Mont.

Hay for Sale.

Have hay for sale, or will take stock to winter or run by the year. HENRY ELM, Culbertson, Mont.

\$20 Reward.

Strayed or stolen, from my pasture near Harlem, Mont., three horses, branded as follows: One strawberry roan mare, branded L on left thigh. One steel roan gelding, branded H on right thigh. One white horse, branded L on left thigh. The above reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. ALONZO SMITH, Harlem, Mont.

Bids for County Printing.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Chouteau county, Montana, up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, January 24, 1906, for the county printing of said county for the period of one year from January 1st, 1906. Bids should be addressed to the county clerk and marked on the outside to indicate what they are. The right is reserved by the board to reject any or all bids. By order of Board of County Commissioners. W. R. LEET, Clerk of the Board. Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 4, 1905.

Proposals for Medical Attendance on County Patients.

Bids will be received until 2 o'clock p. m. on January 24, 1906, for the performance of the following services, to-wit:

1st. For medical attendance and surgical services upon the county sick, poor and infirm and inmates of the county jail of Chouteau county, and also including all contagious diseases and all post-mortem examinations and inquisitions as to sanity ordered by the county attorney. All for the period of one year, viz. January 2d, 1906, to January 2d, 1907. This service to include also all such cases as are sent to the county hospital from any part of Chouteau county, together with the furnishing of all surgical dressings, etc., that may be required. This service to be performed in the following district, to-wit: Fort Benton, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles.

2d. For medical attendance and surgical services upon the county sick, poor and infirm in the five following described districts or communities, to-wit: Havre, and all towns and communities within a radius of eleven miles. Chinook, and all towns and communities within a radius of eleven miles. Harlem, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles. Zortman, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles. Said bids to be submitted as in districts or communities. Said services under article 2 to include all post-mortem examinations ordered by county attorney and inquisitions as to sanity also all surgical dressings, etc., that may be required.

Each bidder is to state separately the sum for which he or they will perform the above services in the several districts for the period specified.

3d. Bids are also invited to be submitted to cover all the above and excluding contagious diseases.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, proposals to be addressed to the county clerk and properly marked on the outside to indicate what they are. By order of Board of County Commissioners. W. R. LEET, Clerk of the Board.

Benton Hardware Co. announce The New FLOWER-DE-LUCE pattern in COMMUNITY SILVER

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