

CITY AND STATE.

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

Otto Soeberg wishes to return sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

The bar fixtures of the Headquarters saloon have been purchased by Geo. J. Ringwald, of Harlem, and are being loaded for shipment to that place.

Harry C. Smith has resigned the position of deputy clerk of the district court, and has been succeeded by Harvey O. Phelps, of Harlem.

Durrell Whitecraft, the victim of a shooting scrape in Deer Lodge county, is believed to be a brother of Ed. Whitecraft, formerly of Big Sandy, and is well known to residents of that part of Chouteau county.

The dance held last evening after the performance given by the Moore Concert company at Green's hall was attended by a large number of the young people, who report that the music was the best heard in this city for some time.

Postmaster Crane has received several subscriptions to the Sanders Memorial fund, for which handsome certificates are issued. It is expected that quite a number of Chouteau county admirers of the late Colonel Sanders will assist in the work of erecting a suitable monument to his memory.

A letter received this morning by Henry Hagen states that G. T. Wilson and family and Roy Russell, of St. Louis, who left this point several months ago in a flat boat on a trip down the Missouri river to St. Louis, were frozen in at a point known as Sweetman's bottom, in Valley county. The parties will remain there for the winter.

Roundup work at this season of the year is a new departure in the cattle business, but several outfits are still in the field. The Marias association loaded ten cars of cattle at Big Sandy yesterday for shipment to Hinsdale, and will ship another lot from Galata next week. The Shonkin roundup is also at work, driving cattle towards the Musselshell country.

It is reported from Lory that the Flowerree company is greatly extending its irrigating system, now having about 50 men at work, who will be employed for several weeks. The company has rights to about 7,500 inches of water and has about 25,000 acres under fence. Much of the land has been irrigated for several years and it is proposed to increase the irrigated area very largely.

From Thursday's Daily.
Letters of administration have been issued to A. G. Staton, of Havre, in the estate of the late Robert Thompson.

In the district court today Elizabeth H. Green was appointed administratrix of the estate of Emma V. Howe and Mary Howe, deceased.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by the Staff Land company, incorporators being residents of Helena. Its capital stock is \$5,000.

Among recent marriages reported from Great Falls is that of Alpha Wolary, of Coburg, and Miss Melinda Wright, the bride being a former school teacher in this county.

Mrs. E. Frank Sayre entertained a number of young lady friends at a luncheon yesterday afternoon, after which a guessing contest was indulged in. Miss Pugsley was awarded the prize.

Extensive alterations are being made in the Murphy-Macley building, which was recently purchased by Wm. Davis & Sons. The latter will occupy it as a grocery store about February 1.

Attorneys interested in the appeal case of John Buckley vs. Frank McDonald, involving the office of sheriff of Chouteau county, have been notified that a hearing will be had in the supreme court on January 6.

The conductors on the Great Northern road will not do anything but captain their trains in the near future is the report which comes from the high officials of the road. It is stated that in order to promote safety and efficiency of service on the passenger trains, the officials of the road have taken this step, and the custom which has been adopted only on some of the trains will be made permanent on all Great Northern trains.

According to the records of the clerk of the district court, only one defendant in the Milk river water right suit has so far filed an answer to the complaint. Advice from Havre states that L. Newman, president of the Milk river Irrigation association has announced that the next meeting of the association will be held in Havre soon after the holidays and probably at the time of the Havre jubilee. The hope is expressed that the parties contending over claims in the valley may be brought together and adjust their dispute without recourse to the courts. It is hoped that the meeting will be one of the most important in the history of the association.

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'.
Just received a car of fancy Washington apples. All varieties of good keepers. T. C. Power & Bro.

Skates ground and sharpened on Saturdays, 25 centaper pair. Hollow-ground if desired. Henry Hagen.

Hay for sale by the carload, ton or bale. Will deliver Tuesday and Friday of each week. Orders may be left at Green Bros' store. J. P. Williams.

John Murray, of Big Sandy, has filed in the district court a petition for the guardianship of Coral Smith and Orley Smith, minor children of the late George W. Smith and wife.

The Cascade county authorities have received word that the dead body of Mike McCarthy was found on the prairie near Geysers, death apparently having resulted from heart trouble. The deceased formerly worked in this vicinity as a ranch hand, and was well known to many local residents.

The latest arrival at the county jail is Gus Lantz, who has been bound over to the district court by Justice Ed. M. Allen, of Havre, on a charge of grand larceny. The accused, it is alleged, had the gall to steal a fur lined overcoat of which Justice W. B. Pyppe was the proud owner, the value of the garment being sufficient to bring the theft within the limit prescribed for grand larceny.

A warrant of arrest has been issued by Justice B. G. Thompson, of Harlem, against Charles Jones, otherwise known as "Fatty" Jones, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon Thomas Wright, an employe of the B. D. Phillips ranch. The accused has been in similar trouble on former occasions, and was recently convicted and fined in the justice court, an appeal from the sentence now being on file in the district court.

ROYALTY ON STATE COAL

State Land Board Will Collect for Coal Mined on State Land

Helena, Dec. 26.

Provided they pay a royalty of 12 1/2 cents a ton, the state land board today authorized H. J. Meili, G. J. Ayars, A. Bunton and F. Bessout to mine coal on the north half of section 31, township 33, north of range 16 east, near Havre.

This action was taken by the board after a ruling by Attorney General Galen that under the provisions of the enabling act, the constitution and statutes the state board of land commissioners has absolute power to lease, handle or control lands, patents for which have been issued the state by the national government.

In the meantime, Attorney General Galen, at the direction of the board, had written Meili and the others that they must desist mining operations on the land in question after January 1, 1906. The letter stated that it was not the purpose of the board to deprive Havre of its coal supply, but such action was clearly a trespass and if not discontinued prosecutions would follow for trespass and for recovery for waste. The warning stated that it was the hope of the board that at an early date an arrangement could be perfected whereby operations might be continued.

State Coal Mine Inspector J. B. McDermott and Assistant Register of the Land Office Joseph Oker were sent to make an examination of the lands and mining operations, and both submitted reports to the board. Inspector McDermott said that the coal royalties ran from 6 1/4 to 25 cents a ton, and he recommended that a royalty of 12 1/2 cents a ton be exacted. He also estimated the amount of coal which had been removed.

The board directed Register J. P. Schmit to notify the interested persons of the conclusions reached that they be compelled to pay for the coal taken from the land in question at the rate of 6 1/4 cents a ton, or in the following amounts: G. J. Ayars, \$118.31; H. W. Loudon, \$9.23 and F. Bunton, \$41.86. After January 1, these, together with Mr. Meili, will be authorized to take coal from the land upon the payment of a royalty of 12 1/2 cents a ton.

To Patent Lands For the State

HELENA, Dec. 26.—State Engineer J. W. Wade, who has just returned from an eastern trip, in an interview today stated that he wished to correct erroneous impressions which may have been reported through the reading of reports sent out from Washington as to the purpose of his visit to the national capital. "My business before the department," said Mr. Wade, "was to secure patents for lands which have been reclaimed by the state under the provisions of the Carey land act, and to secure the segregation of lands which we contemplate reclaiming in like manner. I did not go as the representative of the state land board, nor did my visit have to do with certain Beaverhead county lands as has been published in certain Montana newspapers."

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

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

HELENA, Dec. 26.—A man known as "Scotty" was badly burned at East Helena in the Club saloon this morning, and may not recover. He was sleeping in a chair when someone poured alcohol over him and set fire to it for a practical joke. "Scotty" went straight up like a pillar of fire, and it was with the utmost difficulty that it was put out. The perpetrators of the joke have not yet been discovered.

DEER LODGE, Dec. 26.—Durrell Whitecraft was probably fatally shot by George Waterman as the result of a quarrel which started at a dance at Race Track, five miles east of here, at 2 o'clock this morning. Both men are well known hereabouts, and there is considerable excitement over the shooting. Waterman was pursued by a yossee of about 20 men, who were for a time determined to hang him.

GREAT FALLS, Dec. 26.—Desiring to build a flouring mill in the county to compete with the mill established in this city, controlled by Minneapolis men, the Farmers' unions of Cascade, Belt, Stockett and Sand Coulee have inaugurated a movement to secure the required funds, and report that about 75 per cent. of the required amount has been subscribed by farmers. Those subscribing believe they can procure better prices for their wheat than have been paid, and can also secure cheaper flour.

HELENA, Dec. 26.—Helena today experienced one of the worst windstorms in its history, a velocity of 40 miles an hour being attained this afternoon. A large portion of the roof of the First Presbyterian church on Benton avenue was blown off. The force of the wind was sufficient to carry the timber into the yard of the Chumaseo property adjoining the church lot, and the timbers in their descent striking and demolishing several windows in Chumaseo residence, and damaging the porch as well.

HELENA, Dec. 27.—The state board of pardons today approved the action of Governor Toole in extending clemency to George M. Baggs, convicted of forgery in Ravalli county and sentenced to one year, and R. Donnelly, alias Frank Williams, convicted of highway robbery in Silver Bow county and sentenced to 15 years. Baggs is a son of a native born Montanan, while Donnelly is the son of a former Missoula county judge.

LEWISTOWN, Dec. 27.—It is now believed that James Sherman, the self-confessed murderer of Samuel Studzinski, will plead insanity, although no announcement has been made. He has employed John C. Huntoon to defend him, and the preliminary inquiries make it clear that the defense of insanity will be relied upon. So far as known, all the property stolen from Studzinski's place by Sherman, except the money, has been recovered. The last of it was found secreted in the cellar of Sherman's house, the murderer himself taking the officers up there and revealing the cache to them.

LIVINGSTON, Dec. 27.—Henry Hafey, an employe of the Northern Pacific shops in this city, was struck and instantly killed by a train in the yards. No one witnessed the happening. M. T. Burke, a Northern Pacific brakeman, was killed about three miles east of the city while endeavoring to couple together a train which had broke in two, he being caught between two cars and crushed. Burke is said to hail from Illinois.

Montana Loses Territory.

BUTTE, Dec. 26.—For the past two years a large party of surveyors has been working in the main range of the Rockies and in the Bitter Root spur, surveying and marking the permanent boundary line between Montana and Idaho. As yet the work has not been completed, but it has reached a point in the immediate vicinity of the watershed of the south fork of the Big Hole river and there work stopped awaiting a further appropriation from congress in order to complete the survey. This will undoubtedly be granted by the time the snow leaves the mountains next spring.

If reports from Idaho papers can be believed, Montana will be several hundred square miles smaller by the time the survey is completed. Already the settling of the permanent boundary posts has robbed Montana of 430 square miles of territory and as the work progresses the Idaho people expect to see still more land clipped off from Montana's side and added to Idaho's territory.

All of the territory which is being given back to Idaho by the survey is mountainous and timbered and nearly every acre will be included in forest reserves, so the state will not be any the better off so far as settlement is concerned. However, the school funds will be. The state will be allowed to select lieu lands for the school sections embraced in the forest reserve areas and it is estimated that these lands will be worth at the least calculation \$175,000, which will represent a substantial sum and it will take just

that amount from the permanent school funds of the state in the future.
Rockefeller's Big Income.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John D. Rockefeller yesterday drew \$5,000,000 as his share of a dividend of \$10 a share declared last month by the Standard Oil company. This is the last quarterly dividend of the year, and brings the total up to 40 per cent., or \$40,000,000.

Of this, Mr. Rockefeller's share is \$20,000,000. It is estimated that his income from his railway, gas, subsidiary oil companies and other investments will be at least \$20,000,000 more, so that his income for the year, on the most conservative estimate, reaches the enormous total of \$40,000,000.

The year 1905 has been the banner year for the Standard Oil company, so far as earnings are concerned. The disturbances in Russia, which have prevented the normal production of Russian petroleum, have made the demands abroad for the American product larger than ever before. The company has swelled its profits still more by steadily advancing the price of petroleum to the consumers in the United States.

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 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.
L. D. SHARP, Cashier.
Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 8, 1905.

House for Sale.

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

Hay for Sale.

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

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.

\$20 Reward.

Strayed or stolen, from my pasture near Harlem, Mont., three horses, branded as follows:
One strawberry roan mare, branded 4 on left thigh.
One steel roan gelding, branded M on right thigh.
One white horse, branded X.
The above reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery.
ALONZO SMITH, Harlem, Mont.

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 26th.
Tuesday, June 26th.
Tuesday, October 23rd.
VALLEY COUNTY.
Tuesday, February 20th.
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.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Thomas Lannon, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Thomas Lannon, deceased, to the creditors of said deceased, to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, to have them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator with the will annexed at the Stockmen's National Bank, Fort Benton, in the county of Chouteau, Montana.
LOUIS D. SHARP,
Administrator with will annexed of the estate of Thomas Lannon, deceased.
First publication Dec. 26, 1905.
W. S. TOWSER, attorney for estate.

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.
In the matter of the estate of Catherine Connolly, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Jeremiah Sullivan, executor of the last will and testament of Catherine Connolly, deceased, and praying among other things for an order of distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons thereto entitled:
It is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of the said Catherine Connolly, deceased, do and appear before the district court of Chouteau county, at the court room of said court, in the city of Fort Benton, in said Chouteau county, on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why an order of distribution should not be made of the residue of said estate under the terms of said will and according to law.
It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for two successive weeks before the said 9th day of January, 1906, in the River Press, a newspaper printed and published in said Chouteau county.
JOHN W. TATTAN,
Judge of the District Court.
Dated December 23, 1905.
First publication, Dec. 26, 1905.

Farmers' Special

Price of Farmers' Ledger and Account Book Cut in Two.
Until February 1st, the Farmer's Ledger will be sold for \$1.75. The regular price of this valuable book is \$3.00. In order to introduce the book more generally among the farmers and stockmen of Montana, we make this special price for a short time.
Just send us a money order for \$1.75, and we will send the book, carriage paid, on approval. A postal card will bring you a circular describing the book in detail. Address—
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