

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. District court will be in session Monday, when the trial of the water right suit of C. B. Toole vs. Peter Wagner will be commenced.

The cold rain of last evening is said to have developed into a snowstorm in the mountains. A snowfall of several inches is reported from the Bear Paws.

The dance given at Green's hall last evening by the Ladies Guild was attended by a large crowd from the city and surrounding country, and proved to be both a social and financial success.

Advices from Pendleton, Ore., report that public wool sales were held at that place recently, when over a million pounds were purchased by eastern buyers. The prices ranged from 19 1/2 to 22 1/2 cents. Last year the same clips sold at 17 to 19 1/2 cents.

James B. Hurst, who accompanied C. W. Morrison on a trip to Lewistown about ten days ago, returned this morning, and reports a great rush of business in the Fergus county metropolis. Mr. Morrison came as far as Helena, and expects to return home tomorrow morning.

J. L. Paacock, the well known horse buyer, has entered the local mutton market by purchasing about 3,000 head of wethers from Ed. Reichelt, the outfit consisting of three, four and five-year-olds. The price is not made public, but it is said to exceed the figures paid for similar stock last season.

A meeting of members of the Milk River United Irrigation Association will be held at Chinook on June 4, to discuss matters pertaining to the government irrigation project. Many of the members are of the opinion that the work is meeting with unnecessary delay, and suggests that the federal authorities be urged to push things along at a more lively gait.

From Monday's Daily. David G. Browne returned today from a trip to Seattle and other Pacific coast points.

Thos. H. Larkin returned this morning to St. Paul, after a short visit with friends in this city.

Charles Lepley and Wm. Green left yesterday for Lewistown, and will meet the Shonkin roundup at Dog creek Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Atkinson, county superintendent of schools, returned yesterday morning from a two weeks' visit at Malta and Sullivan.

Miss Nora Sullivan has returned from a visit of several days at Hunter's Hot Springs, Butte and other points in western Montana.

The Havre municipality has purchased four lots in the Havre townsite from Judge Tattan, trustee, who will give deeds for the property.

Wm. Swinburn, of Medicine Hat, who has been in this locality for several days past looking over the horse market, reports the recent purchase of about 300 head of horses from A. Lapine of the Teton.

Miss Graela Chesnut, assistant principal of the Fort Benton high school, has been offered the position of special teacher of Latin in the high school at Bozeman, and will probably accept the appointment.

A. J. Brodick, of the Havre Plaindealer, who was here a few days ago, secured a marriage license in favor of himself and Miss Anna R. Morris, of Livingston, the wedding to take place at Havre today. The River Press joins Mr. Brodick's other friends in extending congratulations.

Advices from Havre bring news of a double bereavement in the family of the late Peter Gowrie, of that city. Gertrude and Marjorie, two daughters of Mrs. Gowrie, aged 22 and 24 years respectively, died from consumption a few days ago, both deaths occurring within eighteen hours.

From Tuesday's Daily. Go to M. J. Joyce & Co. for fresh groceries, vegetables and fruit.

A Washington dispatch announces the re-appointment of James M. Burlingame as register of the Great Falls land office.

A public dance will be given at Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday evening, June 5. Good music from Great Falls. All are invited.

A negro named Wood is under arrest at Havre on a charge of beating up the proprietor of a Chinese restaurant who demanded that he pay for a meal. He will have a hearing in the justice court.

The Nelson Coal company, of Great Falls, has been awarded the contract to supply coal to Fort Assiniboine and Fort Harrison for the ensuing year. The annual coal bill of the posts amounts to about \$40,000.

The soaking rain that visited this locality last night made quite an addition to the moisture record of the past two weeks. The rainfall of the present month will largely exceed the average for May in former years.

The first nomination papers to be filed with the county clerk are those of A. G. Staton, one of the republican candidates for the county treasurer nomination. Mr. Staton filed with his papers a pledge that he will secure interest on public funds and pay such interest into the county treasury.

There was an unusually large crowd in attendance at the performance given last evening at Green's opera house by the Moore Concert company, after which the hall was cleared for dancing. The music, which was furnished by the orchestra, was the best heard in this city for some time, and all present report a most enjoyable time.

A Controversy Over Water.

It appears that ranchers along the Milk river are having trouble over the division of water in that stream. About a week ago they were notified that the rights of Fort Belknap Indians to 5,000 inches were temporarily waived, and the result of that action is described as follows by the Chinook Opinion:

The water that the Indian agency sent word was at the disposal of the ranchers for the time being, is proving a serious bone of contention among the different ditch companies. A meeting was held here Monday to discuss the matter. Representatives of the Harlem company were here and made the claim that they had a secret agreement with the Belknap company by which the two companies would divide the water that could be secured from the agency. None of the Belknap representatives who were present would admit any knowledge of an agreement with the Harlem people for division of the water.

It was stated that the Harlem company would bring the water rights of the North Fork companies into the courts immediately by injunction proceedings as the question of priority between the North Fork companies and the Harlem company is a matter that is disputed on both sides. The priority of the Belknap company over the water-users is pretty generally acknowledged and therefore the effort was made by the Harlem company to get them to agree to a division of the water in the Milk river. No definite conclusions were reached at the meeting. In the meanwhile all of the companies have opened their headgates and are taking what water they can get.

The agency has secured sufficient water for irrigating purposes for the time being and is only using about 500 inches for domestic purposes. Word was sent up by Major Logan the latter part of the week that the water was for the time being free for the white men and the scramble commenced at once.

Scenes in San Francisco

The moving picture entertainment given in the opera house last evening by the Moore Concert company afforded an opportunity to local residents to appreciate the magnitude of the San Francisco earthquake and fire disaster. A series of films about 2,000 feet in length gave a life like representation of Market street, the principal business district of San Francisco, before the recent calamity, the moving panorama including large hotel blocks and the other massive structures that were landmarks in this busy thoroughfare. The views were apparently taken from a moving vehicle that traversed the full length of Market street to the ferry house.

Another series of pictures presented the scenes of ruin and desolation on Market street just after the disaster—smoking piles of debris, fragments of standing walls, streets deserted by vehicles and pedestrians, and large crowds of homeless refugees assembled at the parks. It was a striking contrast to the busy scenes first presented.

The views were exceptionally good and realistic, and were highly appreciated by the large crowd that filled the opera house.

Fire Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Havre Herald: Following the policy of the improvement of the morals of the city as outlined in Mayor Newman's policy, the council at a meeting Monday night passed a resolution prohibiting the employment of women in places where liquor is sold.

Glasgow News: Clarence Hall returned yesterday from a trip to the Missouri river and he says he has never seen as much water in this country as there is now. He came near losing one of his horses while crossing Duck creek near Lisemas.

Conrad Observer: The F Cattle company spring round up passed through town yesterday morning and camped two miles west of town. They had about 500 head of cattle which have been gathered along the Pondera and which will be turned loose on the Blackfeet reservation.

Harlem News: Charles Witcomb, manager of the Ruby Gulch Mining company was in the city last Saturday, on his way to Great Falls. Mr. Witcomb states that they will begin crushing the ore of the new strike just as soon as they can purchase horses enough to haul the ore from the mountains. The company now has a force of men working on the new tramway and it will not be ready for use for at least a month.

Glasgow Review: As we go to press the rain which has drenched this vicinity the past week has about ceased. The Milk river has risen about 16 feet and can not be forded at any point. It is reported that the big Truscott dam on Willow creek went out last night, but the rumor is unconfirmed and it is probably untrue. The Mahon & Hoyt reservoir is filled to overflowing and all the bottom lands are well nigh inundated. On the east fork of Cherry creek some of the ranchers had to leave their homes.

Havre Plaindealer: Wm. Brandenburger, better known as Spokee, an old time freighter who has resided in the west for the past fifty years this week received \$4,000 as a back pension and is to get \$18 a month while he lives. It was presumed by his people who have lived in Indiana that he was dead and affidavits were given to the effect that he had been dead more than 25 years by his people in Indiana. He proved to the contrary and is now enjoying his \$4,000 with his friends.

Malta Enterprise: Wm. Coburn who left here the last of November with John Survant for South America, arrived home on Sunday. When Mr. Survant left Buenos Ayres for home, Mr. Coburn took a pack outfit and set out for the interior, penetrating the wild and almost uninhabited wildernesses for a distance of thirteen hundred miles, among the native Indians, the most indolent people on earth. As a stockraising region he was favorably impressed with some portions, but to secure a location is a difficult matter, as the English have secured concessions for everything in sight.

Chinook Opinion: The fair association last week had collected more than the amount necessary to buy the lots on the flat for the fair grounds and have sent the cash and the formal application for the land to the judge of the district court at Fort Benton. More funds are being solicited by the committee to secure the amount necessary for fencing, building a grand stand and other improvements that will have to be made before the fair is held this summer. They have had no trouble in securing subscriptions and the liberal response that was made to their solicitation for funds is abundant evidence of the determination of the business men of the town to make the fair a success as well as a proof of the progressive spirit of the city and its business men.

Livestock Facts and Figures.

Wood Bros., the well known livestock commission men of Chicago, Omaha and Sioux City have just issued their tenth biennial report of "Facts and Figures." This is the most valuable publication of its class, giving as it does, the most elaborate and at the same time most concise records of livestock prices for the past year in detail and extending back over a period of 24 years. The pamphlet is handsomely printed and is the most valuable book of reference of its class bankers and prominent livestock owners and dealers can find. Any of our readers who are interested may obtain a copy free by sending to Wood Bros., Livestock Commission Merchants, U. S. Yards, Chicago, Ill.

To Open Crow Reservation

According to the Washington correspondent of the Butte Miner, the Crow reservation will be opened to settlement on June 14. The proclamation opening the reservation was signed by the president Thursday.

Over 1,000,000 acres will be thrown open to entry. Billings, Miles City and Sheridan, Wyoming, have been designated as places of registration. Fourteen days have been set aside for registration, beginning with June 14. The drawing will be at Billings on July 2, and the lands will be opened

to entry on July 16. The price of land has been placed at \$4 per acre.

Another Washington dispatch says Secretary Hitchcock has temporarily withdrawn from entry approximately 50,000 acres of land, situated in townships 1, 2 and 3 north, ranges 27, 28 and 29 east, within the Crow reservation, Montana, and lying under proposed canals of reclamation service in the Hantley project. The absolute withdrawal was recommended because the location of necessary pumping plants and other irrigation works had not yet been definitely fixed.

A \$55,000 Livestock Deal.

The largest livestock and ranch property deal of the season was made today by Chas. E. Duer, president of the Stockmen's National bank, who purchased the interest of the late S. W. Hamilton, of Winona, Minn., in the Hamilton Sheep company. The interest consists of 555 shares of the capital stock of the company, whose capitalization is \$150,000. The deal was virtually made by wire several days ago, but the receipt of the necessary papers transferring the stock closes the transaction. The price paid was \$55,000.

The Benton Sheep company owns one of the largest and best improved plants in Montana, its various ranches being conveniently located, and having a total area of about 8,000 acres, all deeded land. It also holds under lease from the state a large tract of land that increases its facilities for successfully running several outfits of sheep. The wool clip of the company generally amounts to about 200,000 pounds, and is eagerly sought after by eastern buyers who visit this part of the state.

Many Hard Luck Stories.

The county assessors throughout Montana are usually the recipients of many hard luck stories about this time of year, it being the season when the owner of taxable property feels nearer the poor house than at any other time. One of these stories, written on an assessment list, was recently received by the assessor of Chouteau county to this effect:

"I am all broke up this year. Have sold my team to pay store debt. The property given here has mostly been sold since March 1, 1906, to pay store debt. I have only two head of cattle, two sheep and one pig, and my improvements as listed by you when you assessed me the last time. In fact the drought has broke me up, so that I will put in no grain this year, but will let my land out on shares and prove up this year. Please see my condition. I hope it will be better next year. A pony on my hands over twenty years old is not worthy of mention, as he has been offered as a gift and refused."

We are pleased to state that the drought has broken and it has been raining ever since this letter was written, so the unfortunate rancher has a brighter prospect in view.

Flag Day Proclamation.

HELENA, May 26.—Governor Toole issued a proclamation today designating June 14 as Flag day and calling upon the people of the state properly to observe it. The proclamation follows:

"From the date of its inception in the year 1898 the movement having for its object the fitting observance of the anniversary of the birthday of the national emblem has grown so that at this time the occasion has come to be observed appropriately in a large number of the states in the union. It is eminently proper that the birthday of the American flag should thus be commemorated on each recurring year. In the life of every American citizen Old Glory stands for liberty and truth and justice, and the instilling of these principles in the minds and hearts of our youth is ever praiseworthy.

"I, therefore, in pursuance of this commendable custom, hereby proclaim Thursday, June 14, 1906, as Flag day, this being the one hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States, and recommend that the day be observed by all patriotic citizens of the state in such manner as may suggest itself as being in harmony with the general character of the day. I suggest that all schools of the state observe the day in exercises of a patriotic nature, and that citizens, merchants and state officers in all cities and towns decorate their homes, places of business and public buildings with the national colors on this anniversary."

HELENA, May 26.—A letter has been received by Louis Weigel, chairman of the Eagles convention committee, from Wm. Loeb, Jr., stating that President Roosevelt will be unable to attend the convention of that organization to be held in this city June 18-20, next.

Deaths From Appendicitis decrease in the same ratio that the use of Dr. King's New Life Pills increases. They save you from danger and bring quick and painless release from constipation and the ill growing out of it. Strength and vigor always follow their use. Guaranteed by W. J. Minar, Druggist. 25c. Try them

Testing Wolf Bounty Law.

HELENA, May 28.—The constitutionality of all bounty laws passed by the state legislature since 1895 was vigorously attacked in the supreme court today, when that body heard arguments upon the application of L. R. Terrett for a writ of habeas corpus. The first question to be determined was as to whether Terrett was in custody, and the court held him constructively so.

Terrett was arrested on a forgery charge, it being averred that as bounty inspector for Rosebud county he had fraudulently certified as to the presentation of scalps for payment of bounty.

Terrett's lawyers not only attacked the constitutionality of the bounty laws, but averred that the information upon which the arrest was made was defective in that it did not state a statutory offense. In this manner the jurisdiction of the court was also attacked.

For the state, Assistant Attorney General Hall declared that the offense was clearly one of forgery, because of the inserting of alleged fictitious scalps. Each side was given five days in which to file briefs.

Another Blackfoot Bill

WASHINGTON, May 28. In order to straighten out the tangle in the Blackfeet reservation bill Congressman Dixon has regularly introduced a new bill to open the Blackfeet reservation. The Indian office assures the house Indian committee that a favorable report on the bill will be ready for the meeting of the Indian committee Thursday.

The trouble regarding the measure resulting in the rejection by senate and house conferees arose over the attempt to enact general legislation by attaching the bill as a rider in the senate to the appropriation bill, thus preventing consideration of the matter by the house.

The provision to settle the Conrad ditch suit in the original senate amendment served also to arouse the opposition of the Indian office. It is unfortunate that the matter was not allowed in the beginning to take the regular legislative course, as the bill would undoubtedly have become law before this. It is believed there will be plenty time, however, for the bill to pass both houses before adjournment.

Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The denatured alcohol bill with the senate amendments, was agreed to in the house today on motion of Mr. Payne (N. Y.), the author of the bill, and now goes to the president for his signature.

Senator Gearin today reported favorably from the committee on pensions a bill increasing to \$10 a month the pensions of the soldiers and widows of soldiers of the Indian wars, who are now on the rolls.

The right of a state to compel railroads to place cars on tracks designated by state authorities is decided adversely to the state in a decision of the supreme court today in the case of the North Carolina railroads commission versus the Southern railroad.

Floods in California.

BAKERSFIELD, May 28.—The greatest apprehension is felt by the farmers, who find protection in the Buena Vista levee, 25 miles south of the city. The water is now within two feet of the top of the levee and the waves from the high wind that is blowing are threatening its destruction. If a break occurs, 40,000 acres of the richest land in Kern valley will be flooded.

The Kern Valley Land company, which is the heaviest holder of that section, gave orders for the construction of a railway track from the Sunset line across the levee, and hundreds of men are at work rushing this track. Gravel from the Kern river pits is to be hauled to the levee to strengthen it.

Thousands of acres of land in the reclaimed Goose Lake bottom are two feet under water and the loss to the farmers in that locality is enormous. There is no way to stop the flood from the river through the old Goose Lake channel.

DR. GEO. H. TAYLOR, DENTIST. Fort Benton, Mont.

J. B. LONG & CO., Opposite Park Hotel, Great Falls, Mont.

Our specialty is buying sheep on orders for our customers. If you have any for sale for delivery in the spring, or after shearing, write us giving description and price. We make no charges.

The WEEKLY RIVER PRESS is a good newspaper to send away to your friends in the east. It will save you the trouble of writing letters

For State Senator.

I beg to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I will be a candidate for nomination on the republican ticket for the office of state senator, under the provisions of the direct primary law. THOS. M. EVERETT.

For State Senator.

The undersigned wishes to notify the republican voters of Chouteau county that he will be a candidate for the nomination for state senator, under the provisions of the direct primary law. G. F. BRIGHAM.

Candidate for Representative.

The undersigned will be pleased to receive the support of the republican voters of Chouteau county for the nomination for representative in the state legislature. T. A. CUMMINGS.

Candidate for Representative.

As an old-time resident taxpayer of Chouteau county, the undersigned solicits the support of republican voters as a candidate for representative in the state legislature. C. M. JACOBS.

For County Attorney.

The undersigned announces his candidacy for the republican nomination for county attorney, subject to the will of the county voters, as expressed at the primary election to be held September 4, 1906. W. S. TOWNER.

County Clerk and Recorder.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I am a candidate for the nomination of county clerk and recorder upon the republican ticket, under the provisions of the direct primary law. W. H. LEET.

Superintendent of Schools.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I am a candidate for nomination as superintendent of schools, on the republican ticket, under the provisions of the direct primary law. MYRA L. WILLIAMS. Chinook, May 2, 1906.

For County Assessor.

Believing I can discharge the duties of county assessor to the satisfaction of the people of Chouteau county, I wish to announce my candidacy for the republican nomination of county assessor, under the provisions of the direct primary law. J. LEE SEDGWICK.

Candidate for Assessor.

The undersigned wishes to notify his friends that he is a candidate for the republican nomination for assessor of Chouteau county, in accordance with the provisions of the direct primary law. HENRY GIESBACH.

Candidate for Assessor.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of assessor, under the provisions of the direct primary law. D. E. MARTIN.

For County Assessor.

The undersigned, an old-time resident of Chouteau county, solicits the support of republican voters for the nomination of county assessor, under the provisions of the direct primary law. HAVRE, MONTANA. GEORGE HANKS.

Candidate for Sheriff.

The undersigned wishes to notify his friends among the voters of Chouteau county that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff, under the provisions of the direct primary law. ARTHUR E. LEWIS.

For County Commissioner.

I beg to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner. R. S. CULBERTSON.

For County Commissioner.

At the solicitation of several resident taxpayers of this part of Chouteau county, the undersigned will be a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner (four-year term) under the provisions of the direct primary law. JERE SULLIVAN.

For County Commissioner.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I am a candidate for the nomination of county commissioner (six-year term) upon the republican ticket under the provisions of the direct primary law. OLAF G. SKYLSTAD.

For County Treasurer.

I, too, am an aspirant for the office of county treasurer, and respectfully ask republican voters for their support according to the provisions of the direct primary law. D. R. THORBER.

Candidate for Treasurer.

I desire to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that it is my intention to become a candidate for the nomination for county treasurer on the republican ticket under the provisions of the direct primary law. A. G. STATON.

For County Treasurer.

This is to certify, that in the event of my nomination and election as treasurer of Chouteau county, all public funds entrusted to my care will be deposited in one bank as well as pay a reasonable rate of interest thereon, each of said banks to protect me with good and sufficient security for the safe keeping of such funds; that the interest upon these funds received by me will be covered into the county treasury and be accounted for in my official reports to the county commissioner; and that I will not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any compensation or gratuity to influence the deposit of public funds. I further certify that a signed copy of this pledge will be filed with my nomination papers in the county clerk's office, this making it a matter of public record. Dated this 1st day of May, 1906. GEO. F. LEWIS.

For County Treasurer.

I desire to announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for county treasurer on this platform. That if nominated and elected I will conduct the office without the expense of a deputy; also that I will obtain the largest possible interest upon deposits of public funds, and pay that interest into the county treasury for the benefit of the taxpayers. This pledge will be filed with my nomination papers. D. G. LOCKWOOD.

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For County Treasurer.

J. E. TEMPLETON, Of Fort Benton.

For County Treasurer.

J. D. SAVAGE, Candidate for Republican Nomination for COUNTY TREASURER.

For County Treasurer.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I will be a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer under the provisions of the direct primary law. T. J. THOY.

A Card to Taxpayers.

Several taxpayers having asked the undersigned to state his position upon the matter of interest or profit upon county funds, he wishes to make this statement: That all accrued interest on county money should be turned into the county treasury; and if elected to the office of county treasurer, he pledges himself to properly account for such interest. A. G. STATON.