

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Mrs. Clem Lauer has returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Phelps returned this afternoon from an outing of several days on Highwood.

The dance at Odd Fellows' hall last evening was attended by a fair sized crowd of young people, all of whom report a very enjoyable time.

A postoffice bulletin recently issued, announces the establishment of a new postoffice at Conley, about 26 miles from Big Sandy, with James Conley as postmaster.

John T. Murphy, of Helena, arrived in the city this morning from the west. It is understood that a deal is on foot for the purchase of the Murphy ranch on the Shonkin by J. W. Woodcock.

Seven additional location notices for quartz claims in the Little Rockies were filed in the county clerk's office today. The locators of the properties are James Lackie, M. G. Cassidy, J. C. Emerson and others.

Among the deeds recorded in the county clerk's office is one which transfers the A. D. Gill ranch property of about 560 acres, near Landuskey, to the Coburn Cattle company. The consideration is not named in the instrument.

A dispatch from Chester reports that C. J. Loftus, of Gold Butte, a well known resident of the Sweet Grass hills, committed suicide Thursday by shooting. The reason assigned for the suicide is that he had been arrested on a charge of cattle stealing.

Chas. H. Boyle, who installed an elaborate current wheel plant at his Missouri river ranch last year, is being rewarded with bountiful crops of grain forage and vegetables this season. His friends are the recipients of liberal supplies of squash, water melons and other varieties of garden truck of unusual size and quality.

An instance of the loss sustained by delay of a livestock shipment is reported by the Bar Eleven Cattle company, of this city, one of whose outfits was loaded at Glasgow on Friday of last week with the expectation of placing it on the Chicago market Wednesday. The shipment was delayed two days en route, not reaching Chicago until yesterday (Friday) morning, when prices were the lowest of the season. The steers sold for the most part at \$3.50 to \$4.

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. W. R. Leet, of Chinook, arrived in the city yesterday on a short visit.

Mrs. E. P. Deeds, of Havre, is visiting in the city with relatives, the guest of N. T. Chemidlin and family.

Miss Mabel and George Johnston returned this morning from Glendive, where they attended the Dawson county fair.

A sample of Teton ranch products, consisting of a 35-pound pumpkin, is on exhibition at Geo. W. Crane's store. It came from H. A. W. Jacob's garden patch.

Miss Agnew, of Great Falls, arrived in the city today as a special nurse for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Towner, who is reported to be dangerously ill.

Appraisers of the estate of Earl Lynn Martin, deceased, have been appointed by the district court. The appointees are F. A. Prosser, H. C. Gelder and R. H. Clarkson.

James H. Thornber, administrator of the estate of Francis J. Thornber, deceased, has made returns of the sale of personal property belonging to the estate. The proceeds amounted to \$540.

C. W. Goodale, of Butte, general manager of the Amalgamated Copper company, is among the business visitors in town today. He is accompanied by W. T. Burns, of the B. & M. smelter at Great Falls.

M. N. Lease, the Great Falls contractor, and a crew of men, began work this morning tearing down the Catholic church building. Work on the new structure will begin as soon as stone arrives for the foundation.

P. P. Lee left today for Havre, in response to a message reporting the death of his brother, who was injured several days ago as the result of a runaway accident, which occurred at the ranch of Frank Schwartz a few miles south of Havre.

Howard Booth, a 17-year-old boy was brought up from Zortman yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Minugh, and placed in the county jail to await trial in the district court on the charge of grand larceny. He is alleged to have stolen a watch from a man at Zortman.

L. A. Nutting, deputy state veterinarian, arrived from Great Falls this morning to inspect the outfit of horses recently purchased from parties in this locality by K. J. Neufeldt, of Medicine Hat. The horses will be started tomorrow on their overland trip to Canada.

Frank Laird, of the Sweet Grass hills, confirms the report of the recent suicide of C. J. Loftus in that locality. The deceased had been accused of

stealing calves, and this addition to other troubles appears to have so preyed upon his mind as to cause him to commit suicide.

Helena Independent: Officials in the United States marshal's office are backing Charley Powell, of the Blackfeet reservation, in the relay race. Powell has what are declared to be the best six horses that could be found on the reservation. He has been practicing relay riding at the reservation and arrived in the city last night with the determination to capture first money. Powell is an old-time cowpuncher and his friends say he will make the other riders go some. Perry Kennedy of the Blackfeet agency, is here acting as Powell's manager.

From Tuesday's Daily. Enamel filling, Dr. Stephens over Lockwood's.

A marriage license has been issued to Samuel W. Aiken and Louise Murray, both of Gold Butte.

Miss Lula Patterson returned today from a visit of several days at the J. O. Patterson ranch at Lost Lake.

Mrs. G. W. Fields and daughter and Miss Jeannette Morrow have returned from the Fields ranch at Square Butte.

H. Wickhorst has returned from Sunnyside, where he installed some big current irrigating wheels for the Sun River Stock and Land company.

Beef shipments from this point during the present week will include 50 cars by John Harris and Jos. A. Baker on Thursday, and 24 cars by A. Nottingham and others Friday.

W. T. Merrill arrived in the city this morning from Minneapolis on a short business visit. Mr. Merrill has recently made several purchases of mutton sheep in the Milk river country.

A deed recorded in the county clerk's office transfers to Jurgen Kühr, of Chinook, the F. D. Parker ranch property on People's creek. The consideration named in the deed is \$9,000.

A representative of the Percival B. Palmer company will be here Saturday, to take orders for their celebrated suits and coats for ladies and children. Come and see them. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, states that Warren Price, son of Chas. W. Price, formerly of this city, is in a critical condition, as the result of a surgical operation performed in that city a few days ago.

An order has been made in the district court appointing S. A. Miller, Mahlon Williams and F. E. Countryman appraisers of the estate of Frank G. Moore, who was recently committed to the insane asylum.

Advices from St. Paul state that J. McNaught, a Great Northern official located at Minneapolis, has been promoted to the position of superintendent of the Montana division, with headquarters at Havre, succeeding C. O. Jenks, transferred.

Mrs. Thomas Lacy, of the Shonkin, who was brought to this city several weeks ago, died at an early hour this morning at St. Clare hospital at the age of 49 years, death being caused by a tumor. The funeral services will be held from the Catholic church tomorrow morning.

The Chouteau county tax list for 1905 has been delivered by the county clerk to the county treasurer, who will notify each owner of taxable property as to the amount of his dues for the current year. The total amount of taxes is \$229,696, which includes the several state levies, county taxes and those collected for the several city governments and school districts. The latter amount to about \$55,000.

The September Weather Report

The weather bureau report for the past month, issued by Observer C. W. Ling, of the Havre station, shows a mean temperature of 60 degrees, which is slightly higher than the September average. The highest temperature during the month was 92 degrees, and the lowest 28 degrees.

The precipitation was 0.93 inches, compared with the September average of 1.03 inches. For the nine months of the current year, there is a deficiency of about one-half inch in precipitation compared with the average of former seasons.

The past month had sixteen clear days, twelve partly cloudy days, and two cloudy days.

The October Weather Record.

A press bulletin issued by Observer C. W. Ling, of Havre, gives these weather data for the month of October, which are compiled from official records covering a period of 25 years: The mean or normal temperature for October has been 44 degrees. The highest temperature recorded was 89 degrees in 1889, and the lowest 16 below zero on October 13, 1881.

The average precipitation for October is 0.64 inches, the heaviest on record being 2.16 inches in 1895. On the first day of that month there was a snowfall of 7.4 inches.

The average number of clear days during October is ten: partly cloudy, twelve; cloudy days, nine.

DRY FARMING EXPERIMENTS.

Professor Linfield and Assistants Report a Successful Season.

Helena Independent. Prof. F. B. Linfield, the director of the experiment station, is touring the northern part of the state in company with M. J. Costello, land agent of the Great Northern railway, which is furnishing part of the funds for Prof. Linfield's experiments in dry farming in that section of the state. So far the dry farming season will certainly make a fine record: in the northern part of the state the season has been the best ever known. The fact that the amount of rainfall this year has been above the average discounts a little the results of the year's experiments. As they are to be continued for five years, however, they seem likely to encounter a fair average of conditions.

In eastern Montana also the year has been successful beyond expectation. The yield of oats on the farm near Forsyth promises to be 75 bushels to the acre. In Beaverhead the winter rye is expected to run about 25 bushels to the acre, which is regarded as very satisfactory.

On the station farm in Bozeman they are now cutting the winter wheat, which will give a good average crop. The third crop of alfalfa is about to be cut, and some interesting results of experiments have been obtained. It has been apparently demonstrated that the land which was planted last year with only four pounds of seed to the acre is yielding as many tons as the land which was planted with from 30 to 36 pounds to the acre. This would seem to prove that many farmers have been wasting the seed, which is very expensive, by planting from 15 to 30 pounds per acre. Another interesting result was that a tract of land which last year was seeded with both alfalfa and oats, and which yielded 80 bushels of oats to the acre, this year gave as many tons of alfalfa per acre as the land which was planted with alfalfa alone. Apparently the 80 bushels of oats were pure grain.

A curious fact is reported from the sugar beet fields. The station is experimenting with a dozen different varieties this year. Several of these (and a similar fact is reported from the farmers' fields) are apparently sending up seed stalks and preparing to produce seed. Whether they will actually produce seed or only go through the motions remains to be seen. The beet is nominally a biennial, and produces seed only in the second year after planting. It will be curious if under the influence of the particularly rich soil of the Gallatin valley it changes its fixed habits. This peculiarity is not a desirable one, for the beet is valuable only when the root devotes itself energetically to the process of storing up energy for the second year's growth.

The Milk River Valley Fair.

Preparations are about completed for giving the people of the Milk river valley a fine list of attractions at the fair to be held at Chinook on October 9th, 10th and 11th. Among the principal features will be the following program of races:

- 2:30 p. m.—Indian race. Half-mile. Purse \$25.
3:00 p. m.—Running race. Three furlongs. Purse \$100.
3:30 p. m.—Free for all. 400 yard dash. Purse \$30.
4:00 p. m.—Cowboy relay race. Five miles each day for three days. Purse \$200.

The program will be the same each day except that the running race will be four furlongs the second day and five the third day.

Entrance fee ten per cent., four to enter and three to start. No jockies or blooded horses in the cowboy race.

The management has secured a rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip from all points tributary to the Great Northern railway, tickets to be on sale October 8th and good to return not later than the 12th.

Lower Prices For Range Beef.

In its review of the Chicago beef market for the past week, the Drovers' Journal says:

A slump in values for range cattle has thrown the trade into rather unfavorable shape, and the present situation does not forecast immediate improvement in the price basis. The bulk of late sales of medium to fairly good grades have been 15c lower than a week ago, and even on this basis the sellers have had hard work interesting buyers. Packers have been bearish most of the week, and the demand from shippers has been mainly extended toward the good to choice lots, which kinds have been in rather small supply.

The receipts in the week were 32,500, the largest of the season to date, against 29,000 a week ago and 24,000 a year ago, while marketing for the season to date shows a total of 195,200, against 197,000 a year ago.

The bulk of the Montana and Dakota wintered Texas steers have sold at \$3.75@4.25, prices which have shown fully 25c decline from a year ago. Sales were numerous at \$3.40@3.65 also, while tailings went below \$3.25. Feeders have been in larger supply,

but they still meet quite good call from distillery buyers.

A decline of 10c@20c is noted in values for good cows during the week, but there has been relatively better demand for the medium grades, which have held about steady. The proportion of the stock arriving has been fairly large and offerings included some choice heifers, which sold at \$1.60, although not many went above \$3.75. Bulk of the cows have sold at \$2.50@3.15.

INDIANS WORKING ON CANAL.

Engineer C. C. Babb Reports Satisfactory Progress At St. Mary's Lake.

Great Falls Leader.

C. C. Babb, engineer in charge of the St. Mary's canal work, arrived in the city last evening, leaving this afternoon for Helena. Mr. Babb is quite pleased with the showing made by the Indians working upon the canal.

"We have 250 Indians working on the job, and they are doing excellent work. I have established a merit system, whereby the Indians are given \$3.50 per day for man and team, provided they move earth at 13 cents per cubic yard, and they are doing it. The government allows \$2.50, but under the merit system the Indians will soon all be earning the higher wage. They go at the work like rustlers, and for eight hours they do nothing but dig—and dig well. The men holding scrapers, etc., get \$1.75, and I have yet to see the Indian who has not earned the money. I have Indian bosses, and no strikes. I am well pleased with the Indian labor, and have completed two miles of the canal to date.

"We advertised for bids for the construction of the first 15 miles of this canal and received such a high bid that we could not award the contract. Afterward I secured authority from the secretary of the interior to go ahead and do the work by force account and immediately went to Chicago, where I purchased machinery with which to start this work. There I purchased a Marion steam shovel, an Armstrong grader, a 24-horsepower traction engine and other machinery. The steam shovel has been shipped around by way of Canada in bond and we expect to have it ready for work within a month. I found that by shipping to Cardson over the Canadian Pacific I would be able to save ten miles of haul across country and so had it sent into Canada instead of unloading it at Browning.

"From Cardson to the head of the lake, where work will be commenced, the distance is 27 miles, and the shovel will be moved by its own power over the country on a temporary track which will be laid in front of it as it progresses and will be removed as fast as the grader is moved. I am also having the traction engine and a string of road cars shipped around by this route and will use them in hauling the boom, dipper and other attachments of the steam shovel.

"The traction engine with its cars will be regularly used along the canal and between it and the railroad for the transporting of supplies. The engine is capable of hauling 30 tons along the roads over which the material will have to be taken."

LIVESTOCK GOSSIP.

A Big Deal In Ranch Property and Active Trading In Sheep

One of the biggest ranch and livestock transactions of the season is the sale of the Northwestern Livestock company real estate and sheep interests on the Shonkin to local investors. The property consists of what is generally called the John T. Murphy place, comprising about 6,000 acres of deeded land, adjacent to which are several thousand acres of state land under lease to the company.

The purchasers are Chas. E. Daer, John V. Carroll, L. D. Sharp, M. F. Pagley, J. W. Woodcock, of this city, and Walter Brown, of Box Elder, each of whom will hold a one-sixth interest in the property. The purchase includes several thousand head of sheep, the value of the entire property transferred amounting to nearly \$100,000.

Recent sheep deals in this part of Montana include the sale of about 700 yearling wethers and aged ewes by H. Lehfeldt, of Judith, to C. H. Itagland. The price was \$3.00 per head.

One of the high-price lambs sales of the season is reported by J. H. Evers, of Chinook, who recently disposed of a top bunch of lambs at \$3.00 per head.

Another transaction reported today is the sale of about 2,600 ewes by C. H. Itagland to J. H. Patterson. The price is not definitely known, but is said to be near the \$4.00 mark.

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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chinook Opinion: C. V. Vassau has been shipping the sheep he purchased in this vicinity this week. He is shipping to Mayville, N. D. to feed them there before putting them on the Chicago market.

Harlem News: Work on the new Harlem dam is progressing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. There is now over five cars of lumber and piling on the ground and every thing is being done preparatory to driving the piles.

Glasgow News: Barney Johnson, "pumper" for the Great Northern at Snowden, was found dead in the pump house Wednesday night. No particulars have been received here other than the telegram yesterday morning stating that the body had been found.

Conrad Observer: Carlos Warfield was here Monday from his home near Bynum. He said that it is expected that work will start in about two weeks on the big irrigation project known as the Bradford reservoir near Bynum. Mr. Warfield is a large shareholder in the project.

Choteau Acantha: Mrs. Nat Collins claims the distinction of being the first white woman in what is now Teton county. Her daughter Carrie (now Mrs. F. Salmond) was the first white child born in this section. At the first fair held in Teton county Mrs. Salmond's daughter won first prize in the baby show.

Havre Plaindealer: N. E. Thomas has purchased the 1,000 acre ranch of H. I. Nash in the Cypress hills and expects to move there in the near future. It is one of the best ranches in the west with plenty of outside range and water. Mr. Nash has bought the Arlington hotel in Chinook from James Gifford and will run that establishment in the future.

Havre Herald: Definite orders for the removal of troops at Fort Assiniboine as received this week, are to the effect that all the troops present stationed at the fort will depart October 5. The Seventh infantry will go to Fort Wayne, near Detroit, and the Seventh cavalry will be divided in station between Fort Wayne and Fort Brady, near East Saginaw, Mich.

Conrad Observer: Alex Mackie, who emigrated to Canada about five years ago, has returned and will again take up his residence in this section. He has purchased 1500 yearling ewes and wethers from Peter Eyraud at \$3.60 per head and intends to lease suitable accommodations for the present. Mr. Mackie formerly lived about eight miles south of town, where he was in the sheep business.

Malta Enterprise: Alex Black returned from a trip of two weeks at Helena, on Friday, and while there completed a deal with eastern capitalists for the utilization of the magnificent water power on his ranch, five miles from the town of Zortman, utilizing the same to furnish power and light for the mines, mills and town of Zortman. It has been determined from surveys made that from 800 to 1,000 horsepower can be secured.

Hinsdale Homestead: Mr. Norris has just picked from one tomato plant in the experimental garden, 21 pounds of ripe and green tomatoes. On another hill there is 179 shapely fruit. These hills can be duplicated all over the piece. He has one-twelfth of an acre and will get not less than 200 bushels, two-thirds of the crop ripe. Ripening began August 15 from seed planted May 5. Mr. Norris calls this crop satisfactory. He is no less pleased with his cauliflower, cabbage, beets and other root crops, including onions and squash. He says soil and climate in Milk river valley are unsurpassed for gardening.

Mr. Pray's Speaking Appointments.

Hon. Charles N. Pray, the republican candidate for representative in congress, will open the campaign on Saturday next, when he will address a public meeting at Kallispell. His speaking appointments have been arranged by the state committee as follows:

- Saturday, October 6, Kallispell.
Monday, October 8, Plains.
Tuesday, October 9, Missoula.
Wednesday, October 10, Hamilton.
Thursday, October 11, Stevensville.
Friday, October 12, Phillipsburg.
Saturday, October 13, Drummond.
Monday, October 15, Anaconda.
Tuesday, October 16, Deer Lodge.
Wednesday, October 17, Dillon.
Other dates for Mr. Pray will be announced in due course.

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One boy selling branded P lazy S on left thigh, with white stripe in face and spot on side, and four white legs. Return to JOSEPH JENKINSON, Fort Benton.

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