

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fish left this morning for a visit with relatives in Chinook.

A heavy rain storm was a feature of midwinter weather conditions in this locality this morning.

Mrs. Merritt Flanagan and children left this morning for a visit of several weeks at their ranch near Chinook.

Earl Sedgwick entertained about thirty of his friends last evening at a photograph party, the occasion being his birthday anniversary.

W. E. Chase is having a stairway constructed from the side window in the opera house to the ground on the outside of the building, to be used as a means of escape in the event of fire or other dangers.

An order has been made in the district court confirming the sale of ranch property belonging to the late Mary Howe and Emma V. Howe. Each owned a ranch of 160 acres, the properties being purchased by O. D. Tibbits for about \$2,650.

A dispatch from [Browning reports an Indian murder and suicide at Cut Bank a few days ago, as the result of a drunken quarrel. An Indian named Harry No Chief first shot his wife and then killed himself. Four other Indians, who were witnesses of the tragedy, have been placed under arrest.

In response to protests regarding poor mail service at this point when westbound trains on the main line are delayed, the River Press is advised by Charles D. Wilson, chief clerk of the railway service, that the matter shall receive proper attention. He has given instructions that the mail clerks make up an emergency mail pouch for Fort Benton when the train service is disarranged, and thus facilitate delivery at this point.

From Monday's Daily.

It will be difficult at first to write it 1-9-07.

Porcelain dentistry, Dr. Stephens over Lockwoods.

Go to M. J. Joyce & Co. for fresh groceries, vegetables and fruit.

The River Press wishes its many friends a very happy and prosperous New Year.

District court was adjourned today without date. The new term will begin January 15.

Howell Harris, of Lethbridge, arrived in the city this morning on a visit with relatives.

C. W. Buck and family have returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Gilford.

J. F. Bradford and wife, of Medicine Hat, were among the arrivals in the city this morning.

W. O. Dickinson and wife, of Great Falls, are the guests of his sister, Mrs. P. W. Haynes, for a few days.

A marriage license has been issued to J. F. Rhoads and Polly M. Watkins, both of Harlem. This makes 88 marriage licenses issued in Chouteau county this year.

An excursion to Billings, for the purpose of inspecting the new beet sugar factory to that city, has been arranged by the Harlem Industrial association. The excursionists will leave Harlem on Wednesday.

At the annual meeting of the Conrad Cattle company, held a few days ago, the following officers were elected: President, W. G. Conrad; vice-president, Harfield Conrad; secretary and treasurer, James T. Stanford; general manager, John Harris.

Upon his retirement from the office of county attorney next week, Charles N. Pray will engage in the practice of law in this city during the time his presence in Washington is not necessary. He has secured offices in the Stockmen's national bank building for that purpose.

There have been nine applications for citizenship in the district court since the new federal naturalization law went into effect. Eight of these may be heard on the first two days of court at the term which begins March 19, the necessary ninety days' notice having been given by the applicants.

F. B. Linfield, who will be in charge of the farmers' institutes that will be held in northern Montana the coming month, sends word that Miss Lucille Brewer will be one of the speakers at the institutes. Miss Brewer will discuss domestic science topics, which will be of special interest to the ladies. The institute at Fort Benton will be held January 24.

Montana beef shipments are still being received at the Chicago market. The Drovers' Journal says: J. S. Phillips, of Utica, Mont., was on Monday's market and sold eight 1198 pound steers of his own feeding at \$4.85 and C. H. Overrocker of the same place sold ten of 1438 pounds average at \$5.40. Mr. Phillips said that more cattle would have been shipped to market from that part of Montana had the cars been available earlier in the season.

Glasgow Review: "Hoke" Smith, of Scobey, who was among the visitors this week, informs us that the snow is so deep on the Poplar that he was forced to bring his cattle down to Nashua for the winter.

STATE LAND REGISTER REPORTS.

Millions of Acres Owned By Montana Citizens Under Federal Land Grants.

In the biennial report of State Land Register John P. Schmit, to the Tenth legislative assembly, the holdings of land by the state is shown as well as the selections of land made through his department.

The state's holdings now amount to 3,409,029.39 acres. Of this amount 345,825.95 acres are timber lands, although not all appraised show an estimate of 1,138,895,000 feet of saw timber thereon. The remainder of 3,063,203.44 acres being grazing and agricultural lands.

The amount of land under five-year lease is 1,890,452.07 acres, being 41 per cent. of the state lands, exclusive of the timber lands, which are not placed under lease. The amount of land sold by the state up to the present time is 99,178.02 acres, made up from the several grants as shown in the tables following selections.

The several grants of land made by congress to the state, amounting to 668,560.00 acres, have been practically filled by selections made by the state. There remain yet 5,000 acres to be selected for the capitol building grant.

During the past two years 33,059.44 acres of land have been selected as indemnity school land in lieu of school lands lost to the state by reason of appropriations by settlers before survey, or claimed as mineral land by miners and prospectors; or reserved by the federal government for other purposes. In this manner 513,138.39 acres have been selected by the state and practically all placed under lease.

In Yellowstone county 3,820 acres of good agricultural land was selected upon the west bank of the Big Horn river in lieu of the school land that fell below the government canal at Huntley, said school land being retained by the federal government on account of the irrigation project being constructed at that point.

In Teton county 6,624.72 acres were relinquished to the federal government on account of being in conflict with irrigation projects, or a hindrance to the policies of the interior department, and other selections were made in lieu thereof.

Estimates of State Expenses

State Auditor Cunningham has submitted his biennial report to Governor Toole. It contains estimates of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing two years as well as the receipts of the insurance departments, which for the year 1905-6 amounted to \$173,368.15.

The estimate for the expense of maintaining the different departments of the state for the years 1907-8 are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: ESTIMATED EXPENSE, 1907, 1908. Rows include Executive department, State institutions, Miscellaneous, Legislative, Total estimated expense, ESTIMATED INCOME, From taxes, From licenses, From state officers' fees, From inheritance tax, Total.

The January Weather Record.

The government weather bureau records of the past 25 years suggest that any kind of temperature may be expected in the month of January. Seven years ago the summer temperature of 61 degrees was recorded at the Havre station, while in 1886, the January record of 49 below zero was made. These are the extremes of temperature for January, which has a mean or normal temperature of 13 degrees.

The average January precipitation is 0.62 inches, but four times that amount is credited to the first month of the year 1883. The heaviest January snowfall in 24 hours was nine inches, on January 21, 1886.

January has an average of eight clear days, fourteen partly cloudy, and nine cloudy days.

Will Increase Beet Acreage.

BILLINGS, Dec. 29.—Indications are that the acreage of beets grown next season for consumption by the Billings sugar factory will be nearly double that of the one just passed. About 3,000 additional acres will be grown in Yellowstone and Clark's Fork valleys, and besides, word has been received from Bozeman to the effect that farmers in Gallatin valley are anxious to raise 3,000 acres of beets to be shipped to the local factory, while Wyoming husbandmen are anxious to add as their quota the product of more than 2,000 acres. This will make a grand total of 16,000 acres.

According to Manager Simmons, of the Billings factory, something like 2,000 people will be imported by the sugar company for work in the beet fields in Yellowstone and Clark's Fork valleys, while outside territory will have to look out for beet culturists themselves. Letters are being received daily from prospective laborers asking about work in the fields, whereas last year considerable difficulty was experienced in securing sufficient men. With the increased acreage mentioned, the big plant will run to its fullest capacity next season.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Malta Enterprise: The chinook winds have bared the country extending from near the Phillips home ranch to the Little Rockies. The streets of Zortman are dry and dusty. The stage from Malta goes on runners to the hog ranch and there transfers to wheeled vehicles.

Lewistown Democrat: A. J. Nettleson, who was brought to the city from Chinook by Fireman Tullock, a few weeks ago, was tried in the justice court last week, on a charge of trying to remove a herd of mortgaged cattle. He was found guilty and a fine of \$150 was imposed upon him by Justice Brassey.

Havre Plaindealer: At a special election held by the directors of the Security State Bank, of Havre, December 23, S. McKennan was elected vice-president. Mr. A. Beckstead, who has held this position for some time has disposed of his business interests in this city and removed to Payette, Idaho.

Conrad Observer: G. W. Weed, engineer in charge of the Bradford reservoir project near Bynum, was in town last Saturday, going to Great Falls. The work is suspended owing to cold weather, but Mr. Weed informed us that a large force of men and teams will be put to work as soon as practicable and the work would be pushed through.

Havre Herald: O. P. Brigham has sold his city property on Third and Third street to Ed. Redwing, the well known rancher west of this city, for a consideration of \$7,000. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham and daughter will soon take their departure from Havre for Oregon, where he has purchased a small fruit farm and has interests in city lots and property.

Chouteau Acantha: This section has been enjoying all sorts of weather during the past week, ranging from below zero to the balmy chinook we are having today. Reports from ranchers and stockmen are to the effect that the range is in good condition and that stock of all kinds is doing well. It is not thought that there can be any great losses in this section this winter.

Lewistown Democrat: Lewistown is the Mecca of the surrounding hay growers these days, but prices paid here do not compare with what the hay product brings at Stanford and in the Musselshell valley. At the former place hay has been sold at \$20 per ton in the stack. Loose hay brings from \$16 to \$18 in the Musselshell. The farmer with hay is fortunate in these localities.

Harlem News: Charles Wilson, a miner employed in one of the Tommy Carter mines, was killed in the mine while doing assessment work. It is hard to tell in what manner Wilson lost his life. His head was smashed and his brains were scattered all over the room in the mine. The theory advanced by miners is to the effect that he carried dynamite caps in his cap and in some way they became ignited.

Chester Signal: A. C. Wolfe's saloon building at Whitlash was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. His loss will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 with no insurance. There seems to be different versions in regard to the origin of the fire but the prevailing opinion is that some enemy of Mr. Wolfe took that means to play even. Mr. Wolfe is building an annex to the hotel to be used by the saloon.

Chinook Opinion: The stockmen in the valley and to the north are not entirely pleased with the weather situation this year. The heavy snow of the middle of the month has stayed on the ground and has thawed only enough to form a tough crust. As a result the stockmen are all feeding in hopes of a thaw that will make the range better for their stock. In the Bear Paws the average temperature has been so much better that the stockmen are not troubled with feeding.

Accuses Husband of Cruelty.

BUTTE, Dec. 28.—A sensation was sprung here this afternoon when Mrs. George W. Bourquin, wife of District Judge Bourquin, and one of the best known men of the city, began an action for separate maintenance, alleging in her complaint that the judge had been untrue to her, and bringing into the case a certain pretty young lady law librarian. Mrs. Bourquin declares that her husband treated her with such extreme cruelty, blacking her eyes and flogging her, that for the past six months she has been compelled to live apart. By odd chance in accordance with his filing number, the case fell before Judge Bourquin, but there is no doubt but that it will be transferred to some other department of the court.

Judge Bourquin is wealthy and his wife asks that she be allowed \$250 per month to care for herself and their three children, whom the judge, she alleges, brands as "Irish brats." County Attorney James E. Healy, whom Judge Bourquin recently attacked for failure to enforce the anti-

gambling laws in this community, is attorney for Mrs. Bourquin.

In a recent political speech Healy publicly denounced Judge Bourquin, accusing the judge of having tried to install another woman in his home in preference to Mrs. Bourquin. The speech caused a sensation, and was denied by Judge Bourquin in a lengthy letter to the press, though the judge practically admitted having thrashed his spouse.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

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

BOZEMAN, Dec. 29.—A new thing in the way of stock shipments from these parts was the sending this week of four cars of cattle from Gallatin valley to Denver. The cattle were shipped by Wilson and Tarbell to their Colorado ranch for winter feeding. It is supposed that the high price of hay in the valley had something to do with making such a shipment profitable. It is the first time, for many years at least, that cattle have been shipped to Colorado from this point.

HELENA, Dec. 29.—Timothy E. Collins and his bondsmen today fled demurrers in the district court to the two suits instituted by the state to recover interest on public funds when Mr. Collins was state treasurer. The demurrer alleges the complaint failed to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. George H. Stanton of Great Falls, represents the defendants.

LEWISTOWN, Dec. 29.—A sensation of large proportions was created here today by the arrest of Thomas Merryfield, one of the oldest and most prominent ranchers in the vicinity of Maiden, and George Campbell, until recently engaged in the livery stable business at Gilt Edge and a large horse buyer, on the charge of receiving stolen property. It is alleged that these parties purchased horses stolen by the Hedican gang, knowing that the animals had been stolen. Both at once gave bonds before Justice of the Peace Edward Brassey, and their preliminary hearing will be set later.

HELENA, Dec. 29.—The Montana Assessors' association will hold its annual session in Helena, January 21. The meeting will probably last two days. It is expected that assessors from nearly every county in Montana will be present. At these meetings the assessors determine upon the assessment which shall be placed upon livestock, and other property and discuss ways and means to effectively get at the man who is too modest to put down on paper the full amount of property he has. The meeting has been called by S. Jarrett of Big Timber, president of the association.

LIVINGSTON, December 29.—Word reached here today from Staple, Minn., that John Frieze, a prominent rancher of the Upper Shields river valley, had been instantly killed in a wreck at Winnipeg Junction, Minn., this afternoon. John and George Brueckert, well known ranchers, who reside near Frieze, were severely injured in the same wreck. The particulars of the wreck cannot be learned here, more than it was a very serious one and that two or three persons were killed and several injured.

Cases in Federal Court.

HELENA, Dec. 28.—Sentences were passed, defendants arraigned and decrees entered in the federal court this morning.

The grand jury returned an indictment against some Crow Indians for stealing sheep on the reservation which belonged to Charles M. Bair. The indictment against Bird-in-the-Cedar was notified on motion of District Attorney Rasch. Swallow Bird pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in the Lewis and Clark county jail; Red Star pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100; Sings Good, whose health is poor, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50. Bear Child pleaded guilty and will be sentenced next Saturday.

John Moore, charged with selling whisky to Indians, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

F. D. Cooper, of Cascade, indicted for the illegal fencing of the public domain, pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1,000 bond, which was furnished. A year ago Mr. Cooper was indicted, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve 24 hours in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

The indictment was made public of Emil Bircher, charged with unlawfully maintaining and controlling a fence around 5.189 acres of public land.

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BLACKMAILERS FRUSTRATED.

Threats Were Made To Dynamite Billings Beet Sugar Factory.

BILLINGS, Dec. 26.—Several days ago the manager of the Billings sugar factory received a threatening letter that unless the sugar factory delivered \$25,000 the plant would be dynamited and blown into atoms. The sugar company turned the letter over to the sheriff of the county and plans were made to capture the persons making the threat.

The letter received directed that the company place a man representing the company on Burlington train No. 43 leaving Billings at midnight Christmas night. He was to have the \$25,000 done up in one package and the money was to be in currency. The letter also directed that the representative of the sugar factory should carry a red lantern and stand on the platform of the rear coach.

Between Billings and some point west, not designated, the train would pass a man alongside the track who would have a red lantern, and as the rear coach passed him the signal would be given to the sugar company's man on the train who would then throw the package on the track.

The sheriff last night organized a posse of six and secreted themselves on the rear car of the train. They had the sugar factory representative with them with a red lantern and a package, supposed to contain the money. They traveled as far as Livingston on the train, 115 miles distant, but found no sign indicating that the blackmailer had carried out his part of the deal.

Wild Man Is Arrested.

HELENA, Dec. 29.—Word has been received here that an old man has been arrested at Clancy on suspicion of having shot Arpin and Dolive, two Helena telegraph operators, a year ago; of dynamiting the Harris quarry at Clancy; of shooting at Mr. Harris recently a short distance east of Helena, and more recently of having shot at another Helena man.

A few days ago Michael Foley accidentally stumbled upon the cabin in a place where it never would be discovered by persons searching for it. During the past year glimpses were caught of the old man, but he avoided humanity and always slunk away, earning the name of "the wild man of the hills."

The day before Christmas he entered Chestnut's store at Clancy and secured provisions which he didn't pay for. He was greatly surprised to learn the next day was Christmas and apparently had never heard of it. Last night the old man was taken to Boulder, where he will be examined as to his sanity.

Coal Costs More.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Bids recently opened at the navy department for 50,000 tons of semi-bituminous coal to be delivered at Manila, disclosed the fact that it is much cheaper if transported in foreign bottoms than in American bottoms.

The prices on shipments on steamers of foreign register and on which there were a number of bids ranged from \$5.90 a ton to \$4.70 a ton. Last year similar coal was bought for \$4.00 a ton, the prices for shipment in American ships being \$7. One concern offered to ship 5,000 tons in a sailing vessel of American register, but no bids for shipments in sailing vessels of foreign register were received.

Two firms offered to ship the coal, regardless of whether it was in ships of American or foreign register, the prices ranging from \$8.88 by one firm and \$7.50 and \$7.25 by the other. Inasmuch as the award probably will be made on the basis of the rate of \$3.50 a ton, the government will have to pay this year \$35,000 more than last year for the same quantity.

Colorado Beet Sugar.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—There is an increase of 66 per cent in the output and value of the refined beet sugar product of Colorado during the present season over the production last year. The sugar produced this season is valued at \$12,412,680. Last year's sugar output was valued at \$7,435,576. The increase in value of the present output is \$4,977,104. More than half of this sugar was refined by the Great Western Sugar company, the Colorado branch of the American Sugar Refining company, controlled by H. O. Havemeyer. The other producing companies are the American Beet Sugar company, National Sugar company and the Western Sugar & Land company.

The total acreage of beets harvested in Colorado during 1906 was 11,670 acres; tons of sugar beets harvested, 1,477,700; average daily capacity, 11,400 tons; average number of days in which factory ran, 130; number of employes in factories, 4,825; money paid farmers for beets, \$7,388,500; money paid factory labor, \$2,011,000; number of persons employed in beet fields, 18,650; money paid hand labor in beet fields, \$2,233,400; pounds of sugar produced, 310,317,000.

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