

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

A marriage license has been issued to Louis N. Beaulieu, cashier of the First National bank, of Chinook, and Marguerite M. Moore, of Chinook.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Waterman, of White Sulphur Springs, left this morning for Helena, after a visit of several days in this city, the guests of W. J. Minar and family.

County Surveyor A. W. Merrifield, who has returned from a trip to the eastern part of Chouteau county, reports one of the heaviest snowfalls ever known in that locality. In the vicinity of Harlem the snow is nearly two feet deep, and around Dodson it is said to be three feet or more.

Julius Tysver and Blake Gage, who are under arrest in Valley county on a charge of murder, have been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 in each case, and the hearing of their application for a writ of habeas corpus set for February 12. They are accused of killing a railroad brakeman a few weeks ago.

There is an interesting discussion among county officials regarding the office of county auditor in Chouteau county, some of them claiming that the office is not abolished by the classification bill passed by the ninth assembly. The law creating the office of county auditor was passed in 1891, one of its provisions stating that an auditor must be elected in every county having an assessed valuation exceeding \$8,000,000. The legislature of 1895 passed a bill fixing the salaries of county officials, which made no provision for paying an auditor in counties of the fourth class, to which Chouteau county, with an assessment exceeding \$11,000,000 now belongs. The matter is somewhat tangled up, and requires a court decision to make the situation less complicated.

From Monday's Daily.

W. E. Chase has returned from a business visit of several weeks in Minneapolis.

Mrs. W. T. Morrow left this morning on an extended visit with relatives in Seattle, Wash.

Geo. J. Snook and daughter, Dorothy, left this morning via Salt Lake, on a visit with relatives.

A. E. Daly and Ignatius Daly have applied to the district judge for the purchase of ten lots in block 52, townsite of Chinook.

Miss Rose Evers left this morning for Big Sandy on a visit with her brother, Herman Evers, and family at their ranch several miles from that place.

Marriage licenses were issued today to W. H. Trumbull, of Havre, and Edna R. Brien, of Toledo; and to Adolph Strunk and Nellie Travis, both of Cascade.

The intense cold at Havre last night put the Montana Central sleeping car out of commission. The pipes were frozen up, and the car could not be used on the westbound trip this morning.

Messrs. Danielsen and Thompson have a force of men and teams at work cutting and hauling ice for their large ice house near the meat market. The ice is reported to be about thirteen inches thick.

Last night was the coldest in this locality that has been reported so far this season, the government thermometer registering 36 degrees below zero. Arrivals in town today report that about the same weather conditions prevail throughout the country.

Jerre Sullivan, voluntary weather observer at this station, reports a temperature of 21 below zero at noon today. Mr. Sullivan finds this is the lowest temperature recorded at the hour named since his residence here, which dates back nearly thirty years.

A jury commission, consisting of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, county treasurer and county assessor, was at work today, selecting a list of Chouteau county taxpayers who will be subject to call as trial jurors during the current year.

Stipulations have been filed in the district court extending to January 15 the time in which the Great Northern railroad may answer in three damage suits relating to livestock shipments. The plaintiffs in these suits are Malcolm Morrow, Milner Cattle company and Empire Cattle company.

Advices from Great Falls report that George M. Purnell, a well known resident of Havre, who is in a hospital there under treatment for diabetes, is in a critical condition. Several of his personal friends went to Great Falls this morning to comfort what are feared to be the last hours of the patient.

County Attorney F. A. Carnal, who returned from Havre this morning, brings word that through passenger traffic on the Great Northern main line has been suspended the past few days. Six eastbound trains are stalled at Cut Bank, where a mass of frozen snow about twenty feet deep cannot be removed by rotary plows; four westbound trains are waiting at Havre and two at Glasgow. The railroad authorities hope to have the track cleared tomorrow.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Gus Senieur returned this morning from Helena, to which place he was summoned two weeks ago as a juror in the federal court.

The January term of district court opened today, the civil and criminal calendars being called at the morning session. A trial jury was drawn late this afternoon.

According to reports from Havre, the weather bureau station registered a record breaking low temperature at that place last night, when the mercury is said to have dropped to 56 below zero.

Attorneys J. K. Bramble, R. E. Hammond, A. M. Gentry, of Havre, and R. E. O'Keefe and D. L. Blackstone, of Chinook, arrived this morning to attend the opening of district court.

Veronica Sullivan, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Sullivan, is reported to be quite sick and has been placed in St. Clare hospital. The little patient is believed to be suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

An auction sale of real estate that had reverted to the county for delinquent taxes was held today by the county treasurer, the property being purchased by Charles Hayden, representing the Great Northern railroad. It consists of a strip of land lying west of the Benton depot.

Adolph Strunk and Miss Nellie Travis, of Cascade, were united in marriage last evening at the office rooms of Dr. J. H. Russell, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. Rev. J. N. Chesnut, of St. Paul's church, performed the ceremony. The happy couple returned to Cascade this morning.

According to parties who arrived in the city today on the delayed train from the east, the railroad right-of-way for several miles is blocked with cattle that have drifted in from the range. From the Marias to this point the train was compelled to run at a slow rate of speed in order to keep from running over cattle, which were repeatedly driven from the track and through the tunnels.

Dixon Gets Solid Vote.

HELENA, Jan. 15.—In the balloting for United States senator today, Hon. Joseph M. Dixon, the republican caucus nominee, received every republican vote cast, while the democratic members distributed complimentary votes among several leaders of their party. The result of the ballot was: Joseph M. Dixon, 70; Joseph K. Toole, 17; H. L. Frank, 6; W. G. Conrad, 2; Edwin C. Norris, 1.

An elaborate banquet will be given tomorrow evening in honor of Senator-Elect J. M. Dixon.

State Examiner Reports.

HELENA, Jan. 10.—The report of the state bank examiner, T. E. Collins, was submitted to the governor yesterday and shows a very healthy condition in the banking affairs of the state. During the year seven new banks have been incorporated with a total capital of \$265,000. No banks coming under the supervision of the state bank examiner have failed during the year. There are 40 banks in the state under the supervision of the examiner. Their resources November 12, last, were \$23,696,892 43, an increase of over \$5,000,000 from the figures of a year ago.

The examiner suggests that provision be made for acceptance of the bonds of surety companies as sureties on the bonds of public officials. He believes the bond of the state treasurer should be raised. The present bond of this official is \$150,000, whereas he has at times as much as \$2,000,000 in his custody.

Mr. Collins says the entire license system of the state is crude, inadequate, and needs careful revision. The report also recommends that a salary be established for the office of public administrator, which will insure better service to the people and the state from this official.

Police Planned Robbery.

BUTTE, Jan. 13.—A sensation has been created by testimony presented late Saturday night to the council committee which is investigating charges of graft among the police force. Two police officers charged that Captain McGrath of the police force had invited them to join in a conspiracy to rob a delivery wagon of the Northern Pacific Express company between the depot and the express office.

The robbery, it was stated, was to have occurred on the night of November 11, last, when, it was thought, a large amount of currency would be secured. Someone tipped the plan off to the manager of the express company, who immediately telegraphed to the headquarters at St. Paul. A force of armed guards was rushed to Butte, with instructions to kill if necessary to protect the company's property. This precaution, it is alleged, frustrated the plans of the conspirators.

The pen is mightier than the sword when it comes to making an obese bank balance look like 30 cents.



HON. JOSEPH M. DIXON, Of Missoula Will succeed Senator W. A. Clark.

Joseph Moore Dixon was born at Snow Camp, N. C., July 31, 1867. His parents were natives of the state of North Carolina, his father being of Quaker ancestry. The original American representatives of the name came from England with William Penn. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Dixon was born in North Carolina, where he established an extensive iron foundry which became the property of his son, the father of Joseph M. Dixon. During the civil war Hugh W. Dixon, the father of Joseph M., although a Union man, was compelled to manufacture arms for the confederate army, his foundry being utilized for this purpose.

Joseph received his preliminary education in the common schools, after which he entered a college maintained by the Society of Friends in the Quaker city of Richmond, Ind., where he pursued his studies for some time, and then matriculated in Guilford college in his native state, where he graduated in the class of 1889. In 1891 Mr. Dixon arrived in Missoula and entered the law office of Woody & Webster, with whom he continued his reading of the law until he was admitted to the bar in 1892. He then formed a professional partnership

with I. G. Denny in Missoula, and entered upon the active practice of law. He served as deputy county attorney in 1893-4, and at the fall election of 1894 was chosen county attorney, retaining the office until January, 1897, when he resumed the individual practice of his profession.

In the fall of 1900 Mr. Dixon was one of the republican candidates for representative of Missoula county in the lower house of the legislature, and was elected by a satisfactory majority. In the legislature he served on the judiciary committee and the committees on education, insurance and irrigation. His services in this capacity showed excellent judgment and zealous interest in promoting the welfare of the state. In 1902 he was elected to congress, and was re-elected in 1904. In the fall of 1906 he declined to be a candidate for the lower house in congress again, and announced his candidacy for the United States senate.

Fraternally, Mr. Dixon is identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On March 12, 1896, Mr. Dixon married Miss Carrie Worden, daughter of Frank Worden, a prominent merchant of Missoula.

A MURDER MYSTERY.

Friends of A. D. Gill Fear He Was Killed By Outlaw Gang.

After diligent efforts to find trace of Abram D. Gill, the well known Landusky stockman and rancher, the Chouteau county authorities and friends of the missing man are forced to the conclusion that he met with a fatal accident on the range, or was killed by someone connected with the notorious Curry gang of outlaws. Mr. Gill had been threatened time and again by these desperate men, and had been advised by his friends not to expose himself to their murderous designs, but he persisted in maintaining his residence at his home ranch in defiance of the animosity shown toward him by a few of the people of that section. He finally concluded, last fall, to dispose of his business interests there, and effected a sale to the Coburn Cattle company.

The last word from Mr. Gill is a letter written September 30, from Harlem, addressed to Joseph Sullivan, of this city, in which the writer requested Mr. Sullivan to send him some leather work. In his letter, Mr. Gill stated he was just leaving for his old ranch location, and would return to Harlem the following Thursday (October 4), when he would start east. He has never returned from that trip, so far as can be learned.

The authorities received information that Mr. Gill announced his purpose to make a trip from the ranch south to the Missouri river, but as a result of extended inquiry it is ascertained that, if he started on that trip, he never reached his destination. In view of his announced purpose to leave the country, it is believed one or more of his enemies decided to avail themselves of the last chance to assassinate the daring young rancher.

Mr. Gill was respected as one of the law-abiding citizens of that part of Chouteau county, but was particularly obnoxious to the other kind. When officers were searching for members of the Curry gang and other desperate characters, they received every assistance possible from Mr. Gill and his partner, James Winters, and generally made their headquarters at the Gill ranch. As a result of this honorable and manly course, both Gill and Winters were threatened with violence at various times. It will be remembered that one of the Curry boys came to the Gill ranch on a certain occasion, and ordered them off the place under penalty of death, but Winters responded by seizing his shotgun and filling his antagonist so full of lead that death was almost instantaneous. Winters was tried on a charge of

manslaughter, but was acquitted on proof that he acted in self-defense.

About a year later, Winters was shot from ambush at the Gill ranch, and killed by some unknown assassin. It was discovered afterwards that two men were in hiding a short distance from the ranch house, and the theory formed at that time was that they proposed to kill both Mr. Gill and Winters. That plan miscarried, but it is feared the full purpose of the murderous gang has now been accomplished.

Gossip From Legislative Halls.

HELENA, Jan. 10.—E. W. King, speaker of the house, said today that he would get the committees in the house off his hands as rapidly as possible, and it is probable they will all be named within a few days. Mr. King is anxious to complete the preliminaries and begin upon the legislation that is to be transacted by the assembly.

It is said that a large gambling lobby is being formed in Helena, to work for the interests of the gambling fraternity and to defeat any bills detrimental to their interests. Among those here are Kit Carson, Stub Williams and other interested persons. It was stated last night that the gambling lobby would make a point to array themselves against Representative Scallon of Silver Bow county, whom they are specially afraid of.

To smoke, or not to smoke? is a burning question. A resolution to stop it in the house produced a great flow of eloquence. Some members wanted to smoke. Some thought the ladies in the galleries ought to be considered. Others thought it would be a tremendous hardship on old smokers to shut down their smokestacks. Bennett of Madison, said the inhibition would embarrass the house in the transaction of business. Tom Marshall of Missoula, replied that if the members were so lost to a sense of their obligation to the people to prefer to smoke, rather than work, he would favor a resolution to smoke all the time. The resolution was referred to the committee on rules.

Yesterday many of the able politicians and lobbyists who have been interested in the senatorial fight indulged in explanations. The popularity of Dixon over Mantle was said by one set of wise-acres to result from superior campaigning methods. The new senator is credited with marvelous campaigning powers by them, and his personal magnetism is unquestionable. He is also said to stand close to President Roosevelt and to draw strength from that.

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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chester Signal: The first ten days of the new year have certainly not tended to sustain our belief that we lived in the banana belt. During the first days the highest temperature recorded was about 12 degrees above zero and the records show six nights with 23 or more degrees below with a very stiff wind blowing almost constantly.

Chinook Opinion: The increase in the attendance at the Chinook schools is much larger than at the same period last year, so much so in fact that it has been decided that another teacher is necessary. After the mid-year examinations which come soon, either the seventh or eighth grades will be moved into the room formerly used by the band and a new teacher hired to take charge.

Havre Herald: Much to the surprise of Havre people news was received here the first of the week that Frank B. Churchill, the well known jeweler, located in the Havre hotel block, had been declared a bankrupt at Helena on January 2. Mr. Churchill has not decided as to whether or not he will resume business here, but many friends will hope that he may make satisfactory arrangements and again resume.

Glasgow News: J. F. Kilduff, of Malta, has begun suit for \$2,000 damages against Wm. Wofford. Through some oversight Mr. Kilduff let his taxes go delinquent but sent down the money to pay them before the delinquent list was published but by mistake his name was not checked off, hence his name appeared. For that reason Mr. Kilduff figures that his standing in the community has been injured and brings suit to recover for the same.

Havre Pleindealer: Geo. W. Hall, stock inspector, has resigned his position with the Montana Stock association, the resignation to take effect upon the meeting of the stock commissioners. Mr. Hall has not been in good health for some time and is now in Columbus hospital, where he recently submitted to an operation. The operation will keep him confined in the hospital for another month and the physicians advised him that it would be impossible for him to ride for at least a year.

Glasgow News: Reports from over the country show that the range is in a deplorable condition. With the heavy snow now on the ground many ranchmen will be unable to feed through. In some cases sheepmen find it impossible to move their sheep to hay which is stacked at a distance. Some are snow plowing in an effort to prolong their hay supply. If the streak of rust known as the Great Northern railroad will get freight to moving, much of the stock will be shipped to points where hay can be obtained.

Chinook Opinion: The mining situation in the Bear Paws remains unaltered since last week. The parties who went out last week but confirmed the encouraging reports that first came from the new mines that the ore uncovered was of great richness and that there were apparently great values to be uncovered in that section. The parties who secured the prospect on which the find was made have prepared to incorporate and develop the claim. Messrs. Lehfeldt, Stam, Hopkins, Ziebarth, Mundi, Evers and Martens, together with the prospectors are members of the company.

Conrad Observer: On Monday of this week this section was in the throes of a raging blizzard for nearly the entire day. It was considered the worst weather experienced in years. Considerable snow fell and the high wind that was blowing has left it in banks three and four feet high. Reports from stockmen are to the effect that considerable feeding is being done. Chas. McDonald was in town on Tuesday from Wm. Bevan's ranch east of town and reported that the snow was considerably crusted and that they had been snow plowing for about a week and also feeding their sheep. There is more snow on the ground in this section than the oldest settlers have any recollection of.

Would Honor Missouri Mules.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 9.—A resolution was introduced before the house today to have two mules replace the bears on Missouri's coat of arms. The resolution was killed by parliamentary rule. The author of the resolution says he will continue his effort to secure the change.

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, whereas common "remedies" made with mercury merely drive them out and leave you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real cure, not a delusion. All druggists, 50c, or mailed by Ely Bros., 55 Warren Street, New York.

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Table listing Federal and State officials including Senators, Representatives, and County officials.

Table listing County officials for Benton, including State Senator, Representative, District Judge, Sheriff, and various clerks.

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BENTON LODGE No. 28, A. F. AND A. M.—Regular communications of the above named lodge are held at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. W. M. HARRISON, Sec'y. W. H. HAIGLEN, W. M.

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