

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. E. R. Russell and daughter left this morning for Great Falls on a visit with friends.

Miss Jeannette Ward left today for the Marias, to resume her duties as teacher at the school in that district.

J. B. Hurst left this morning by way of Salt Lake and Denver for Texas, where he expects to locate in the future.

Five notices of location for quartz claims in the Little Rockies have been filed in the county clerk's office by E. L. Williams, manager of the Fergus Mining company.

The dance given at Odd Fellows' hall last night by Veillette Bros., was attended by an unusually large crowd, several residents from the surrounding country being in attendance.

Great Falls Leader: Walter S. Clark, of this city, who owns several thousand acres of land in Teton county, has just sold to Carlos Warfield 300 tons of hay for \$3,600, the price paid being \$12 a ton.

It is announced that the hearing of the celebrated land contest cases in which members of the Maloney family contest some desert entries in eastern Valley county, has been transferred from Culbertson to the Great Falls land office.

Montana beef shipments continue to form part of the receipts at the Chicago stock yards. The Drovers' Journal market review of the past week says: A trainload of Montana steers came this week, part of which had been fed hay, these being the first hay-fed to arrive thus far this year.

Advises from Helena state that Governor Toole has granted a pardon to Charles Sumner, a Chouteau county convict serving a 25-year sentence for murder in the second degree, who was committed to the penitentiary six years ago.

Miss M. F. French, of the Fort Benton public schools, has received a life diploma from the state board of education.

Chas. E. Daer left yesterday for Helena, where he will join Mrs. Daer and granddaughter on a trip to California.

W. A. Byron, of Big Sandy, was brought to this city yesterday and placed in St. Clare hospital to receive medical aid for a scalp wound, the result of being kicked by a horse.

Geo. W. Fields and family and Mrs. D. G. Lockwood left today for a visit of several months in Portland, Seattle and other Pacific coast points.

Miss Frances Green returned yesterday morning from Gull Lake, N. W. T., where she attended the marriage of her brother, Wm. J. Green and Miss Lidana Oelheiser, of North Dakota, which occurred at that place on Wednesday, January 16.

Attorney F. E. Stranahan returned yesterday from Harlem, where he was the successful bidder at the administrator's sale of the Ben Eilers ranch property, which is located near Co. burg. Mr. Stranahan purchased the ranch of 160 acres at \$12.80 per acre, considering it a desirable property at that price.

Henry Hagen has a force of men at work removing the reservoir and cribbing placed in the Missouri river last season by the B. & M. Smelter management, and which was intended as a settling tank for the city water supply.

Word was received today from W. J. Elliott, one of the speakers billed to address farmers' institutes in northern Montana, that it will be impossible to fill the Fort Benton appointment for January 24, owing to the irregular train service. He proposes

that the institute for this locality be held on or about February 5, after the speakers return from Valley county, and those in charge of the matter here will adopt that suggestion.

Albert Wolf, a shepherd, was arrested and given a hearing before Justice Kinder this morning on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Wolf entered the Overland hotel about 2 o'clock this morning, and demanded that Sanford F. Allen, the night bartender, pay him the sum of \$7.50, which the defendant claimed was due him, and which was refused.

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. E. Chase has gone to Boston, Mass., on an extended business visit.

Charles Erhart has applied to the district court for the purchase of six lots in block 104, townsite of Chinook.

Miss Mollie Culbertson left today for the Judith county, to teach a school term of several months in that locality.

The members of the local Masonic lodge entertained a number of friends at their temple last evening. The time was passed very pleasantly at cards, after which supper was served.

Miss Atkinson, who is under treatment at Columbus hospital in Great Falls, announces that the next regular teachers examination will be held Saturday and Monday, February 23 and 25.

Those interested in poultry raising are invited to attend the first annual exhibition of the Montana State Poultry association, which will be held at Great Falls on January 28, 29 and 30.

Thomas E. Ingling, who returned last evening from a visit of several weeks at his old home in Iowa, Illinois, left this morning for Clancy, Jefferson county, to take the position of day operator for the Great Northern at that point.

Messrs. Danielsen and Thompson have completed their ice contracts with local residents for the present season. The ice crop harvested this year is the best that has been secured for many seasons, it being perfectly clear and about fifteen inches thick.

W. F. Bowles, an aged resident of this city, went to Great Falls last evening to have some pieces of broken bone removed from his arm. Mr. Bowles fell on the ice in his back yard yesterday morning, suffering injuries that were painful and serious.

W. R. Leet, who has just returned from a visit with his family near Chinook, reports that in many parts of the Milk river valley the snow is belly deep to a horse. Hay is being held in that locality at \$16 per ton in the stack, with very little to be had at that extreme figure.

Oscar Johnston, of this city, who is operating a stage line between Glendive and Moudak, is having some hard trips, according to a Glendive newspaper. It says: "The snow is from two to six feet deep in the Lower Valley and in some places it is almost impossible to make time. Mr. Ford, one of the drivers, had a hand frozen this week and Mr. Johnston has been suffering from numerous minor frost bites himself due to strenuous efforts to get mail through on time. Mr. Johnston brought in the mail on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday from Barns creek."

Affects Notaries' Fees.

The bill introduced in the senate by Senator White amending the law in regard to the fees that may be charged by notaries public, is one of great importance to hundreds of those officials in the state, and of greater moment to those who have use for the services of such an official. The bill makes a radical cut in the fees, as the following show:

"For drawing, copying and recording each and every protest for the non-payment of a promissory note, or for the non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange, order, draft or check, one dollar.

"For drawing and serving every notice of non-payment of a promissory note, or the non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange, order, draft, or check, twenty-five cents.

"For drawing an affidavit, deposition, or other paper for which no fees are otherwise herein prescribed, for each folio, fifteen cents.

"For taking an acknowledgment of signatures or proof of a deed or other instrument in writing, to include the seal and the writing of the certificate, one dollar.

"For administering an oath or affirmation, twenty-five cents, including the certification of the same, with seal.

"Provided, The maximum fee that can be computed or charged for drawing, copying and recording a protest, and for drawing and serving notices of non-payment or non-acceptance, shall be \$2.50."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Glasgow Review: A couple of commission men from the western part of the state have been in Glasgow the past few days trying to buy sheep from flockmasters who are thought to be in distress. The prices offered are not of such a flattering nature as to induce anyone to part with their sheep.

Glasgow Review: Owing to a scarcity of fuel in Glasgow the city council last week appropriated some forty cords of wood belonging to E. D. Coleman and the same has been delivered about town to those in immediate need. The council will replace the wood to the owner as soon as traffic is resumed on the Great Northern.

Chinook Opinion: The feeding proposition is getting to be serious with many of the stockmen and many of them have already nearly exhausted their supply of hay. The ranchers with hay to spare are not anxious to let go and the prospects are that prices will go soaring. \$10.50 has been offered for hay in the stack and none to be had at that.

Chester Signal: The driver of the Gold Butte stage had an experience Saturday night that he will not care to repeat. The road being badly drifted with snow, he was late on his return trip and night overtaking him and his horses being worn out he unhitched and blanketed them and then proceeded to walk until morning when he came to town, little the worse from the tramp.

Have Plaldealer: John Lee, feeling the rigor of the weather beneath his cotton clothes, noticed a dummy standing in front of the Fair store wearing a comfortable fur overcoat. John decided that he needed the coat more than the dummy and lifted it. He was later arrested with one who gave the name of J. A. Smith, charged with the theft and bound over to the district court. Smith was discharged.

Choteau Acantha: A trainload of sheep, the property of J. B. Long & Co., were unloaded at Collins yesterday morning and will be driven to the ST ranch, south of Choteau, where they will be run for the balance of the winter. The sheep were loaded at Saco, in Valley county, as, owing to a scarcity of feed and the severe weather in that section it was found necessary to get them into a new location.

Conrad Observer: A report from Dupuyer says that Wm. Miller has a corner on the hay market in that vicinity. He has bought up all the available stacks, and he feels that this winter there will be a big demand for it. The Leech brothers and J. W. Quail, of Dupuyer, are feeding several hundred head of cattle for the spring market. They are making inroads on last year's hay and grain crop and a shortage is looked for.

Hinsdale Homestead: It was reported in town a few days ago that at one of the Jamison sheep ranches north of here, sheep were dying so fast that it required one man's entire time to pile up the dead carcasses. It was said that the herder ran out of fuel, water and provisions both for himself and sheep. Word has been sent to Mr. Jamison of the condition and no doubt it has been relieved so far as possible by this time.

Harlem News: Chas. Tubbs, the prosperous stockman of Avery, was in the city the first of the week and purchased hay and straw from local hay dealers and will attempt to drive his large herd of cattle from Avery to the old Heath place on the river a few miles from this city. Mr. Tubbs says the cattle cannot rattle a mouthful in the vicinity of Avery as the snow is over two feet and a half deep, besides a crust has formed on top.

Have Herald: According to a gentleman from Chinook, R. E. O'Keefe and Thos. O'Hanlon of that city, who are interested in the copper field which has attracted so much attention, have strong belief in the future of the locality near Lloyd, where the lode was located and have purchased and mapped out a townsite. The name of the new town will be Julius, named after Julius Lehnfeldt, the Chinook mine owner and merchant, and the plans are to make Julius a "hammer" this summer.

Valley County Range Conditions.

According to the Valley county newspapers, range conditions in that part of northern Montana are far from satisfactory to the livestock interests. The Hinsdale Homestead gives this report of the situation:

According to old timers there has not been a winter for years past in which snow fell to the depth of the present, nor laid on the ground so long at a time. From the snowfall in November it has been continuous on the ground with no chinook winds in this section of the valley to take it off, and with added snowfalls every few days until it has gained a depth of about two feet on the level.

This places the range in the worst shape it probably ever was for stockmen since the surrounding country

became so heavily stocked. Snow is so deep, it is said, that cattle simply stand and low for feed, not being able to work through the snow to grass. Many of our local stockmen are feeding what cattle they could gather since the snow began to fall, and it is said that unless the winter breaks early or the snow goes off so that the stock can get some grass, many of those now feeding will run short on hay. It is believed now that there will be a heavy loss in cattle running on the range, because they can hardly withstand the severity of the weather on little or no food.

Hay is becoming scarce, and about all that is available has been bought up by local stockmen at from \$10 to \$12 per ton.

As to sheep, many of the herdmen are running snow plows to permit of their flocks grazing a little and save heavy feeding, and all are feeding as light as possible.

The Malta Enterprise corroborates this view of the situation, and says:

It is useless to deny the fact that stockmen in this country are up against a pretty serious proposition. Up to Sunday we had about fifteen inches—some called it two feet—of snow, but the big storm of Monday gave us several inches more, until it now lies deeper over the country than the oldest inhabitant has heretofore seen. This means a heavy loss in cattle and sheep unless the unexpected should happen within the next thirty days, as it is practically certain that not one stockman in ten is prepared to feed to exceed sixty days. In sections the snow lies deeper than in others, but the case is up to where a few inches or a foot either way can make little difference. Yet, as serious as the case now appears, the gentle chinook may come at any hour and entirely change the whole aspect of the country, and it is what we are praying and hoping for.

School Funds Apportioned.

Revenue for the schools of the several districts in Chouteau county is provided by an apportionment of the general school fund made by Miss Atkinson, county school superintendent. The apportionment, which is made upon a basis of \$8.77 for each person enumerated in the school census of the respective districts, is as follows:

Table listing school fund apportionment by district: Fort Benton \$2,464.37, Upper Highwood 263.10, Connolly 157.86, Lower Teton 263.10, Lytle 201.71, Lower Marias 333.26, Upper Shonkin 70.16, Lower Highwood 1,806.62, Chinook 532.51, Big Sandy 1,341.81, Box Elder 350.80, Cleveland 280.44, Eagle Creek 219.25, Havre 6,638.89, Paradise Valley 228.02, Ada 184.17, Zortman 841.92, Teton 131.55, Coberg 184.17, Gold Butte 499.89, Landusky 333.26, Lloyd 157.86, Cypress 210.48, Warrick 315.72, Whitlash 508.66, Buckland 149.09, East Chinook 289.41, Wagner 201.71, Marias (La Barre) 122.78, Marias (Cockrill) 122.78, Chester 201.71, Maddux 251.33, Wayne 87.70, North Yantic 166.63, Madras 157.86, Riedel 157.86, Judith 157.86, Beatrice 210.48, South Yantic 140.32, Alma 87.70, Gorman 219.25, Clear Creek 271.87, Dodson 114.01, Holmes 175.40, Davey 70.16, Box Elder Creek 219.25, Joint with Fergus 96.47, Joint with Cascade 96.47, Total \$22,310.88

Short of Fuel and Food.

REGINA, N. W. T., Jan. 19.—There can be no doubt as to the terrible traits of the people in the towns of Hanley and others on the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Northern are in, facing as they are both a fuel and food famine, with little or no sign of relief.

A petition signed by the residents of numerous towns was today forwarded to the government, asking for instant relief by having fuel, groceries and flour sent out. The stock of food available will only last a short time longer and barns have been torn down and burned by the farmers to keep their families from freezing.

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FOR RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Several Members of Legislature Present Bills On The Subject.

HELENA, Jan. 17.—It is apparent there will be several bills to create a railroad commission introduced in the legislature. Representatives Shaw of Lewis and Clark and Tudor of Gallatin introduced one last week, and now Weed of Lewis and Clark has noticed one for introduction.

Mr. Weed's bill is a very long document. It provides that three railroad commissioners shall be elected at the fall election, 1908, and serve two, four and six years respectively. Thereafter their successors shall serve six years. The pay shall be \$5,000 a year, and the commissioners shall furnish bonds in \$25,000.

They shall have power to regulate all rates of all transportation companies doing business in the state, railroads, express car, sleeping car, freight lines and so forth. They shall have their traveling expenses paid, be supplied with a salaried stenographer and secretary, and have \$1,000 a year for incidental expenses.

They will be required to fix schedules for all transportation companies, and the companies shall post the schedules in conspicuous places in their offices and elsewhere; notice of the schedules must be published in the papers and posted before they are finally fixed by the commission, and they will take effect in 20 days.

The commission will have power to issue legal processes to all parts of the state, compel testimony and do everything necessary to make its function effective. It will have the aid of the attorney general, the county attorney and the courts; shall meet once a month, at Helena, and elsewhere if it sees fit. It shall have the power to examine the railroads' business books and records, and all papers necessary to enable it to secure necessary information.

Rebates shall be punished by not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 fine for each offense. Transportation companies failing or refusing to show their books and papers will be punished with a fine of \$5,000 for each day they are recalcitrant. The same fine will be imposed where the companies exceed the established rates. The district courts, sitting in equity, shall have jurisdiction of such offenses, and writs of mandate to compel obedience to the law may be issued by them, and personal offenders who refuse to obey the court's decrees shall be fined not exceeding \$1,000, and be imprisoned at the discretion of the court. Excess rates and treble damages may be recovered by shippers. Companies failing to obey the lawful orders of the commission shall be fined \$500 for every violation. The board and its employes shall pass free of charge over the roads while on commission business, and the board shall receive reports from the companies. Other powers necessary to secure the regulation of freight and passenger traffic and prevent discrimination and unjust or exorbitant charges are conferred upon the commission.

When a recipe calls for a stale cake, the woman who has boys in her family knows that she will never have a chance to use it.

Application for Pardon.

HELENA, MONT., Jan. 17, 1907. At a meeting of the state board of pardons held at its office on the above date, the following order was made:

In the matter of the application for pardon granted by the governor, to one Charles Sumner (Case No. 1139).

Whereas, The governor of Montana has this day officially notified this board that he has granted a pardon to one Charles Sumner, a convict confined in the state prison, who was convicted of the crime of murder in the second degree committed in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana, and sentenced on the 20th day of November, 1904, for a term of 25 years in the state prison;

Therefore be it ordered, That February 20, 1907, be set apart for the consideration of said pardon, so granted as aforesaid, and all persons having an interest therein desiring to be heard either for or against the granting of the pardon are hereby notified to be present at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the office of the state board of pardons at the capitol of said state.

It is further ordered, That a copy of this order be printed and published in the River Press, a weekly newspaper printed and published at Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, once each week for two consecutive weeks, viz: Wednesday, January 23rd, 1907, and Wednesday, January 30th, 1907.

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