

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Miss Rose Evers returned today from a visit with relatives near Big Sandy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Buck returned this morning from a short visit in Great Falls.

John V. Carroll, Jr., who has been receiving medical treatment at St. Clare hospital for typhoid fever for over a month past, was removed to his home today. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is recovering.

A. L. Sutherland, who came in today from the Marias country, reports there is very little improvement in range conditions in that locality. There are a few small bunches of cattle along the Marias that are said to be in bad plight.

The trial jury summoned for this term of district court will report for duty Monday morning. The Jones assault case, which had been set for that date, has been continued to the March term, and the first case for trial at this term is that of Thomas Grady, charged with fraudulently obtaining money.

According to the Billings Daily Journal, the sugar beet growers of the Yellowstone valley have had a prosperous season, many of them having secured gross returns of from \$100 to \$167 per acre from their crops. One of the growers, W. H. Clanton, of Billings, raised 60 tons of beets on two acres off land, receiving \$300 for his product.

Several northern Montana livestock shippers who proposed to bring suit against the Great Northern for damages resulting from delay in beef shipments, find themselves shut out by the terms of their shipping contract. The latter required that suit be commenced within ninety days from date of loss, and some of the claimants have permitted the time limit to expire.

According to reports received, the Great Northern is still having trouble in getting through trains from St. Paul, as several of its passenger trains are snowbound in North Dakota. The mail that was received this morning from eastern points was carried over the Northern Pacific to Helena. Railroad officials state that at Minot 720 cars off freight are literally buried under snow in the yards; at Larimore the number is said to be greater, and at Fargo the conditions are but little better. At Havre the yards are full, but freight bound for the Montana Central points is being pushed.

From Monday's Daily. A decree of distribution in the estate of W. P. Turner, deceased, was ordered in the district court today.

John Laird, a member of the well known stock firm of Laird Bros., arrived yesterday morning from the Sweet Grass hills.

Notice of application for naturalization under the federal law, was made in the district court today by Nelson B. Bingham, of Laird, and Gottfried Shwartzner, of Chester.

A large number of the jurors and witnesses subpoenaed for the session of district court, which opened this morning, arrived in the city yesterday and today from various parts of the county.

Albert Wolff, charged with assault in the first degree, was arraigned in the district court this afternoon, and ordered to plead tomorrow. The court appointed Attorney B. L. Powers to defend the accused.

John Lee, who was convicted by Justice Pymon's court at Havre of the offense of petit larceny, was placed in the county jail yesterday, to serve a sentence of ninety days. E. G. Goring, charged with robbing freight cars, was also received at the county jail to await trial in the district court.

Frank N. Lowe, of Whitlash, who is attending district court, reports an exceptionally heavy snowfall in the Sweet Grass hills. Ranchers who are provided with shelter and hay for their cattle are getting along all right, but the few range cattle left in that locality are having a hard sleaze.

Word was received by telephone from Portage this morning that Nell Bannatyne lost quite a number of sheep last night under unusual circumstances. The snow had drifted level with the roof of his sheep shed, and a bunch of cattle walked on the roof, breaking it down and killing nearly a hundred sheep in the wreck.

The young men of this city are making great preparations for a grand ball and supper to be given in Green's hall on Friday evening, February 8, for which invitations will be issued. At a meeting held Saturday night, committees were appointed to take charge and everything will be done to make it a social success. Pinkerton's orchestra from Great Falls, will be secured for the occasion. Arrangements will also be made for those who wish to play cards during a part of the evening.

Arthur Williams, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Williams, died this afternoon at St. Clare hospital.

after an illness of two or three days. The little fellow underwent an operation yesterday morning for appendicitis. Dr. Gordon, of Great Falls, performing the operation, assisted by Drs. Carroll and Russell. The patient was reported to be doing well, when an unexpected change to the contrary was noted. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have the sympathy of the entire community.

From Tuesday's Daily. Judge Tattan, as trustee for the townsite of Chinook, has deeded four lots in block 104 to Charles Erhart, of Chinook.

One and all are invited to attend the grand ball of the season at Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday evening, February 5, 1907.

Albert Wolff, charged with assault in the first degree, pleaded not guilty in the district court today. His trial was set for Thursday, January 31.

Hon. Charles N. Pray left this morning for a short visit in Helena. Mrs. Pray will leave for that city tomorrow morning, to accompany Mr. Pray to Washington, D. C.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by the Churchill Jewelry company, of Havre, the incorporators being J. J. Judd, F. B. Churchill and Alma Judd. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000.

John Hethron, an employe of the Benton stables, pleaded guilty in Justice Kinder's court last evening to a complaint sworn out by Alex Barkley. The defendant, who was charged with assault and battery, was fined \$20 and costs.

The will of the late W. W. Thackeray, of Havre, was filed for probate in the district court today. The will bequeaths to his wife, Barbara Thackeray, all the real and personal property owned by the deceased at the time of his death.

Four notices of location for quartz claims in the Little Rockies have been filed in the county clerk's office by D. L. Baird, of Zortman. Two other location notices have been placed on record by L. M. Guthrie and T. S. Whitecomb.

A dispatch from Washington says that, after a conference with the commissioner of the general land office, Representative Dixon announced that the commissioner assured him he would make a favorable report to congress on Dixon's bill to create a new land district of Valley county, Montana, with headquarters at Glasgow.

Merritt Flanagan, under sheriff, has notified the county attorney that it is impossible to reach several of the witnesses required in the case of Percy H. Cook, who is charged with forgery, and whose trial was set for Wednesday. The witnesses live south of Landusky, and weather conditions make travel in that locality almost an impossibility.

It is reported from Hinsdale that Roy E. Black, a prominent cattleman of that locality, had a narrow escape Friday evening at Rock creek. He got lost in the storm while looking for cattle to take to shelter and remained out all night. His face is very badly frozen, also his hands and feet. His face will be disfigured, but he may not lose his hands or feet.

Range Conditions in Valley.

A. L. Lewis, who has returned from Malta, brings word that he found it impossible to reach his home at Leedy on account of the deep snow and severe cold weather prevailing in that locality. There have been frequent falls of snow the past three weeks, and it is said the conditions are now so full that they cannot be distinguished from the open prairie. The latter is covered with snow from a depth of two feet up.

Strenuous efforts are being made to maintain stage communication between Malta and Zortman, and regular trips are being made although it takes three days to cover a distance usually made in one day. There has been no mail to or from Leedy, 65 miles south of Malta, since December 20th.

B. D. Phillips, who was at Malta yesterday, stated that he has purchased 1,500 tons of alfalfa hay at Billings at \$4.50 per ton, with the privilege of feeding it where it is stacked, and he now proposes to ship 20,000 head of sheep to Billings and feed them there. It will cost about 50 cents per head to make the shipment. Mr. Phillips claims he has enough hay on hand for present emergencies, but he prefers to protect himself from the stormy weather that usually comes late in the season.

BILLINGS, Jan. 28.—Howard Eaton, one of the pioneers of the northwest, is in Billings to buy the remaining animals of what was once a large herd of elk belonging to Paul McCormick. Mr. Eaton has orders for large numbers of animals for public parks. He has stocked several preserves with elk, buffalo and deer, among them Central park, New York, and Golden Gate park, San Francisco. Mr. Eaton lived at Medora, N. D., at the time President Roosevelt was ranching there.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Glasgow News: The rescue party that went to the relief of Paul Bretzke last week returned yesterday having found Mr. Bretzke all right. He returned with them leaving the sheep in charge of Will Bretzke. It took three days to go out there, a distance of 45 miles.

Hinsdale Homestead: We understand that H. H. Nelson will ship several carloads of cattle from Vandalla to Billings as soon as the railroad gets opened so as to handle the shipment. The cattle will be taken to Billings to be fed during the balance of the winter, hay selling over there for from \$4 to \$6 per ton.

Chinook Opinion: The Skiddoo train came in here Saturday from Havre, made up of a big baggage car and a caboose. When it came time to make up the train in the Havre yards, it was discovered that all the heating pipes in all of the passenger coaches in the yards were frozen up and it was impossible to turn on the heat in the train.

Havre Herald: It was a surprise to many to learn that Peter DesRosier, one of the progressive merchants of Havre had made an assignment last week. Mr. DesRosier has been one of the painstaking and accommodating business men of the city for several years and it is hoped that he will resume business here in the near future.

Malta Enterprise: Henry C. Fullerton, of this place, who went to Zortman in the fall to work on the new school building there, died at that place a few days ago, and was buried there. He was 62 years of age last April, and was a Grand Army man, having served for three years in the 9th Illinois Cav. His wife is at Pony, and a brother lives at Spokane.

Harlem News: W. C. Hensen, the well known and popular sheepman, who in company with his wife left Harlem about three months ago for the Fatherland, arrived in Harlem the latter part of last week from Minong, Wis., where Mr. Hensen has purchased a large tract of land. Mr. and Mrs. Hensen did not go to Germany, as they contemplated when they left this city.

Choteau Acantha: It is reported from Conrad that A. K. Prescott loaded a trainload of sheep at that point last Sunday for shipment to Cascade, where he has made arrangements to run them for the balance of the winter. Mr. Prescott still has one band of sheep on his ranch near there and he figures that he will have hay enough to run them until spring.

Havre Platdealer: County Commissioner Olaf G. Skystead with Road Supervisor George Herron, this week visited the county bridge across Milk river just north of town. It was determined that it would be necessary to rip up and fix the approaches and tighten up the bridge. It is feared that the great volume of water that will come down in the spring may, unless the work is put in, carry the bridge away.

Glasgow News: At sidings within a distance of thirty miles of Glasgow, is piled plenty of cordwood. Trains are running every day and yet the railroad company will not furnish any cars so that the fuel famine in this city may be relieved. The company has very kindly (?) sold to the merchants a few cars of old Sand Coulee slack which is too poor for engine use and which contains about as much heat as the average snowdrift. At most any condition can be borne when necessary but there is absolutely no cause for a shortage of fuel in Glasgow.

Harlem News: J. H. Gordon, claim agent for the Great Northern Railway company, was in the city the latter part of last week making an effort to settle a number of claims held by the stockmen of this vicinity against the Great Northern for killing stock. However, it is reported that he was not successful in his mission as he only made one settlement out of about a dozen claims. The ranchers along the railroad track in this valley are certainly receiving a hard deal from the railroad people. Almost every day a critter is either killed outright or injured to such an extent that it must be slaughtered.

Havre Platdealer: Sartain Bros., coyote and wolf hunters, came into the city Monday from Medicine Hat, Canada, and they had an experience on the plains that they will not soon forget. E. J. Sartain had his feet, face and hands frozen, while his brother escaped with a frozen face. When they pulled out of the Hat with their dogs and horses the cold was severe, but they anticipated that the worst of the storm was over and that the temperature would moderate. They did not have a camp outfit as they expected to be able to make ranches along the trail to spend the night, but in this they were disappointed.

Water right blanks—only correct form published—for sale at the RIVER PRESS office.

The Thomas Grady Trial.

The case of Thomas Grady, charged with obtaining property by fraudulent methods, occupied most of the time of the district court at its Tuesday session. The prosecution challenged several of the jurors who were called at the morning session, and at noon eleven jurors had been secured, with the regular panel exhausted. A special venire of ten members was then ordered to report at the afternoon session of court.

The defendant is alleged to have been associated with H. R. Johnston in fraudulently obtaining property from William Meldrum, of the Sweet Grass hills, the property consisting of a certificate of deposit for \$500 on the Stockmen's National bank. The crime is alleged to have been committed on November 15, 1904, by inducing Meldrum to engage in a card game. Johnston was tried for his participation in the affair, convicted, and sentenced to four years in state prison, but the trial of Grady has been postponed from time to time because of the sickness of the defendant.

List of Trial Jurors.

The following resident taxpayers of Chouteau county have been summoned to serve as trial jurors at the present term of district court:

- Arbogast, J. C. Harlem. Bossuot, F. F. Havre. Bentzle, R. A. Havre. Brown, John A. Gold Butte. Brough, H. E. Box Elder. Bingham, Nelson, Laird. Bobzener, Ernest, Hill. Cance, Wm. Havre. Collier, A. F. Havre. Christian, Ed. Gold Butte. Eversmeyer, H. C. Chester. Everett, J. M. Harlem. French, F. L. Havre. Gough, F. W. Havre. Gartland, John, Havre. Green, Wm. H. Reidel. Griffin, John C. Clearcreek. Harrie, John D. Lloyd. Hofeldt, Herman, Lloyd. Iverson, Robt. J. Steele. Kearful, Jerome A. Ada. Lucke, Lou, Havre. Lowe, Frank N. Whitlash. Lewis, E. T. Cleveland. La Frantz, Daniel, Lloyd. Lyon, B. K. Lloyd. Mitchell, Wm. Chester. Maddux, Henry, Lloyd. Morrison, J. R. Landusky. Newby, E. C. Chinook. Parrott, W. W. Gold Butte. Ryan, B. B. Havre. Reaser, A. H. Chinook. Rouse, Geo. W. Fort Benton. Schaler, Wm. Whitlash. Schilling, Diedrich, Warrick. Schwaender, Fred, Chester. Shuler, Cal. C. Chinook. Senieur, Gus, Fort Benton. Sailor, Clinton, Gildford. Van Alstin, W. H. Gildford. Wright, J. A. Havre. Wiltner, Wm. Havre. Wallace, Wm. J. Whitlash. Welch, B. B. Chester. Walters, Herman J. Big Sandy. Williams, Lew, Steele. Wilson, C. Steele. Witt, Wm. Fort Benton. Young, W. S. Clearcreek.

Butte Gamblers Plead Guilty.

BUTTE, Jan. 24.—Fines to the amount of \$500 were paid into the county treasury yesterday by defendants who pleaded guilty in Judge Bourquin's court to charges of conducting nickel-in-the-slot machines in their saloons and other places of business. In mitigation of their offenses the defendants stated they supposed they were not violating the law and were protected, at least, because of the fact that they were paying "fines and licenses" regularly to the city and county authorities. In fixing punishment the judge said he dealt leniently with the offenders because of the pleas of guilty.

The indictments returned by the grand jury which are affected by the decision of Judge Bourquin to the effect that the grand jury was illegal, are being replaced by informations filed against the indicted persons by the county attorney. Informations have been filed against George Hrst, Charles Kirk, J. E. Enright, two against Geo. H. Switzer, all charged with gambling, and one against Ed Matthews, charged with operating a slot machine. Bench warrants were issued for all of the defendants and bonds fixed at \$500.

New Dam is Completed.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—The gates were closed in the Hauser lake dam today. It will be three weeks before the power is turned on, as it will take this time for the lake to fill. The water will back up 18 miles in the river and through the Prickly Pear canyon, six miles in the valley below Helena. The dam is 640 feet long and 76 feet wide, and is made of steel throughout. The lower part is encased in concrete, while the upper part is protected by special paint. The dam is the largest of the kind in the world. Fifteen thousand horsepower will be generated, and this, with the Canyon Ferry plant, will make Helena the

largest producer of electricity of any place in the country with the exception of Niagara Falls. The power will run the Washoe Reduction works, the Anaconda railway, light that city, and operate many of the Butte mines, as well as some at Marysville and Rimini.

Politicians Are Alert.

HELENA, Jan. 25.—One of the fat plums that many politicians at Helena have their eyes upon at present is a railroad commissionership at \$5,000 a year and expenses, and a good many such persons are strenuously engaged at the present instant in lobbying at the capitol and wherever influence is lodged to secure the coveted prize. The names of many men are mentioned, and a good many of them are more recommended by political service than anything else.

The Weed bill provides that the commissioners shall receive \$5,000 a year, traveling expenses, \$1,000 for incidental expenses, free rides on the railroads when on business bent, and salaried employes to do the manual labor of the commission. The jobs have the power to make the eye of the wayfaring political opportunist glitter and his feet to skip briskly about. A good many hard-thinking business men of the state are of the opinion, however, that much care should be taken in the selection of the men for this office, and that they should be of such standing morally and substantially, as well as endowed with apt experience, and sufficient ability, that there should be no fear of their failure to give service of the highest as well as the most efficient character. A railroad commissionership, it is perceived by these critics, will be an excellent basis upon which to labor for either a very large graft or for the everlasting benefit of the state and the glory of the commissioner.

Favors Immigration Bureau.

HELENA, Jan. 28.—It is said here that the mass meeting tomorrow of state boosters will ask the legislature to establish a bureau of immigration and appropriate \$30,000 or \$40,000 to support it. The cold and snowy weather keeps the expression of enthusiasm down and may keep some people away from the meeting. It is said the program is to be for the state to spend \$10,000 or \$15,000 to establish a bureau, as much more in advertising the state and \$5,000 or \$10,000 to keep agents in the east to guide home-seekers to Montana.

May Sell Government Hay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A joint resolution was passed today granting permission to the secretary of war to sell, during the next three months, to citizens of Montana, at actual cost to the United States, at the place of sale, limited quantities of hay, straw and grain for domestic uses, from the stock provided for the use of the garrison at Fort Assiniboine. Representative Dixon of Montana, explained that there were 20,000 head of cattle in the vicinity of Assiniboine threatened with starvation by reason of the blizzard now raging and in dire need of hay, straw and grain.

Montana News Brieflets.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 28.—Sheriff Hogan was informed tonight that several cases of smallpox had appeared among men employed in the construction of the Billings & Northern railway, in the eastern end of the county. The men are under the care of contract and the cases had not been reported to the health officers. The sheriff will investigate at once, and if the conditions are as represented, will quarantine the camps.

BUTTE, Jan. 28.—Louis Larson, a saloon keeper, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve ninety days in the county jail on his plea of guilty to selling liquor to a ten-year-old boy. Larson is a new man at the business, and entered his plea of guilty without counsel the other day.

Burlington Sends Engines.

ONAHA, Jan. 28.—James J. Hill has called upon the Burlington railroad to help raise the blockade of the Northern Pacific in the Dakotas, and the Burlington responded by sending twelve of its heaviest locomotives from the Nebraska division to the Northern Pacific. So urgent was the call that the twelve big moguls were sent forward without loads, each running under its own steam and going by the new line between Ashland and Sioux City. Conductors and firemen to man the engines also went from the Burlington. It is possible six more locomotives will go from Nebraska, although there is a shortage of motive power in this state.

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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 Wednesdays of each month. Members of sister lodges and journeying brethren are cordially invited to attend. J. W. HAIGLER, W. M. W. HARRISON, Sec'y.

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