

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Attorney R. E. O'Keefe and W. L. Weaver were among the arrivals today from Chinook.

Miss Ella Meyers, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Evers, left this morning for Chinook.

H. F. Schwartz and wife returned this morning to their home at Gilford, after a visit of several days with relatives in this city.

A number of the young people attended a dance at Odd Fellows hall last evening, supper being served by the young ladies present. A very enjoyable time was reported by those present.

Merritt Flanagan, who returned today from a trip to Wolf Point and other points in Valley county, reports the range in a deplorable condition in that section. The snow and ice make it almost impossible for ranchers to go to town for supplies, and many of them are short of what they regard as necessities.

T. H. Kelly, who is charged with passing a check bearing the forged signature of John Matheson, of Chinook, was on trial in the district court today.

Several witnesses from Chinook have been called in the case. At a late hour this afternoon the jury returned a verdict of guilty, leaving the sentence to be fixed by the court.

C. W. Miller, otherwise known as Percy H. Cook, was discharged from custody today by order of the court, having been in jail awaiting trial on a charge of forgery since July 1. The trial has been postponed from time to time for various reasons, and was to have been held at this term of court, but the necessary witnesses from Lardusdy could not be secured.

In the case of Emil Gehrig, who was bound over to the district court by Justice Pyper, of Havre, on a charge of burglary, the prosecuting attorney concluded that there was not sufficient evidence to convict and permitted the defendant to plead guilty of petit larceny. The prisoner acknowledged before Justice Kinder that he stole some bedding owned by D. Bolington, who runs a railroad boarding camp at Havre, and was sentenced to sixty days in jail.

From Monday's Daily. O. B. Crane, who represents the American Tobacco company in this district, was among the arrivals today.

Attorney F. E. Stranahan left this morning for Havre, on a short business visit.

A. H. Fey and W. W. Parrott, of Gold Butte, are among the visitors in the city today.

Murray Spencer, known throughout the northwest as the "drummer poet," is among the visitors in town.

E. O. Walters has applied to the district court for the purchase of six lots in block 98, townsite of Chinook.

Geo. J. Snook and daughter returned yesterday morning from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Michigan.

Services of the Forty Hours' devotion will begin at the hospital chapel with high mass at 10 o'clock, ending at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Benediction tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A special jury venire of ten members was drawn in the district court today, consisting of James Bartley, Jos. S. Brown, F. J. Curtis, W. T. Morrow, R. R. Ragland, E. F. Sayre, John Smith, George Smith, Joseph Sullivan and A. Westfall.

It is expected that the Farmers' Institute billed for this point tomorrow will be held, provided the speakers are able to get here. They have been holding institutes the past week in eastern Valley county, and may be detained by the snow blockade.

M. S. Wearley, a well known resident of the Sweet Grass hills, is a business visitor in town today. He reports the range in that locality to be in better shape than in this vicinity, although the snow has drifted to a depth of several feet in places, and range cattle are in poor condition.

Lewis Green, who is alleged to have stolen horses in the Sweet Grass hills, was to have been tried in the district court today, but as several witnesses were detained by a snow blockade on the Great Northern, near Chester, the trial was postponed until tomorrow. The accused will be defended by Attorney J. A. McDonough, of Great Falls.

An opinion of interest to all county officers in the state whose terms expired last month, has been given by Attorney General Galen in response to a question of County Commissioner Hindson, of Lewis and Clark, as to whether the outgoing officers were entitled to pay for the first six days of January. Attorney General Galen holds they are, the amount to be deducted from the present incumbents.

The Overland hotel had a narrow escape from destruction by fire at an early hour Sunday morning, when it was discovered that the rafters in the cellar over the furnace were on fire, caused, it is presumed, by over-heated furnace pipes. The fire alarm was

sounded and the guests were aroused, and with the aid of several buckets of water the fire was extinguished before the fire apparatus arrived on the scene. About half an hour after the first alarm, fire was discovered in the kitchen, but that was soon under control before damage to any great extent was done.

From Tuesday's Daily. A chinook wind and a temperature of 40 above was reported from Highwood this afternoon.

Frank Sutton, of Gold Butte, was among the arrivals in the city this afternoon on the delayed train from Havre.

The evangelistic services continue at the Methodist church. Rev. J. F. Dimmick will preach this evening. All cordially invited.

H. B. Dickenson and wife of Knerville, returned this morning from a visit of several weeks in Seattle and other Pacific coast cities.

Glasgow News: A bunch of about 75 head of antelope drifted in from the north Wednesday and lodged in E. A. Cutting's pasture adjoining the townsite.

Three civil suits in the district court have been continued by agreement of parties interested in them. The cases are Fridrich vs. Fridrich; Fridrich vs. Thomas, and Stokke vs. Gollgroski.

A. E. McLeish denies the report that he recently purchased a quantity of hay at \$30 per ton, the price asked by the owner. Mr. McLeish says he has bought about 500 tons this season at \$5.50 to \$16.00, none of his purchases exceeding the latter figure.

W. S. Stocking and other old-time residents of this part of northern Montana, declare the present winter is the worst since the memorable one of 1866-7. In the latter year the ice in the Missouri river did not go out until the first week in April.

Percy H. Cook was sentenced yesterday afternoon by Justice Kinder to a term of sixty days in the county jail for being drunk and disorderly. Cook was released from the county jail last Saturday, where he had been held to await trial on the charge of forgery.

W. Evers and C. W. Thrailkill made a slow and very unpleasant trip to Everson last week. They camped one night by digging a cave in a snowdrift in which they had a little protection from the storm. On a part of the journey it took them five hours to travel a little over a mile.

The grand larceny case of Lewis Green, who is charged with stealing horses in the Sweet Grass hills, was this afternoon continued to the next term of district court. The defense secured the postponement on affidavits stating that two witnesses for the accused could not attend and give testimony at this term of court.

Helena Record: Land seekers will be interested in the joint memorial (S. J. M. No. 1) introduced in the senate by Senator Everett, of Chouteau county, urging congress to pass senate bill 7,674 introduced in the federal senate January 9 last, for the survey, allotment and opening of the Blackfeet Indian reservation in northern Montana. The memorial refers to what is termed the injustice being done to the residents of all northern Montana, especially in the vicinity of the Milk river by the operation of the injunction in the Winters' case, which deprives settlers of the use of water from Milk river.

Montana News Briefs.

BILLINGS, Feb. 4.—The severest storm in twenty years prevails in eastern Montana. Snow now covers the ground to the depth of nearly a foot. Conditions are said to be worse than since 1886, when thousands of sheep died in the storm. Thousands of sheep are being driven to ranches near this city to be fed. Train service is badly demoralized.

LEWISTOWN, Feb. 4.—The records of the voluntary observer here, show that the amount of snowfall last month was unprecedented for recent years, the total being 18.75 inches, as against 9.25 inches in January, 1904, the next highest record. This moisture represents a vast sum to the farmers, and practically insures remarkably good crops in the Judith basin.

BILLINGS, Feb. 4.—Five thousand sheep belonging to Long Bros., well known stockmen, of Great Falls, arrived in Billings this morning and will be taken to Silesia, west of here, to be fed during the rest of the winter. About 6,000 head came in late last night from the eastern part of the state and will be fed near Laurel. A well known stockman who came in this morning from Lavina said he had seen seven bands of sheep headed for Billings. Scarcity of feed in the regions mentioned is said to be the cause of the animals being moved.

Malta Enterprise: Lee Flegal came in Thursday from the Missouri river, a distance of 65 miles. He was six days in making it and had a tough trip of it, losing his horse in gulches a number of times. The snow is fully as deep on the river as here and cattle are faring badly and growing weak rapidly.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Harlem News: John Towne, who owns one of the largest bands of sheep in the state, was a Harlem visitor the middle of the week. It is said that Mr. Towne purchased several carloads of hay which he will ship to Cut Bank, where he has his headquarters.

Malta Enterprise: F. J. Bennett, of Livingston, was here yesterday on the hunt for a band of sheep which he proposed buying. We do not think he found any as those that could be moved are on feed, and any remote from the road are where they could not be moved.

Culbertson Searchlight: R. O. Lunke received a letter from Max Bass, of the Great Northern railroad, today to the effect that a round trip rate of \$21 had been granted from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and other eastern points to Culbertson, good on the first and third Tuesdays of March and April.

Havre Herald: Ed. Larock, of Harlem, was here Wednesday looking for cars to ship a band of 2,800 yearling sheep he has been feeding about 20 miles north of Malta. He proposes to ship this band to Harlem to feed the remainder of the winter. He has fed two bands of sheep at Harlem since December 15 and finds it easier to ship the sheep than the hay.

Chinook Opinion: The lead on which the copper strike was made in the Bear Paws recently has been traced for a considerable distance to the old Bear Paw mine, over which there was so much excitement at the time the reservation was opened up. It is expected that there will be considerable development work started at different points as soon as the weather moderates.

Chinook Opinion: The Farmers' Institute revived the beet sugar talk around here. As have all others who have investigated the subject, Mr. Martin was convinced of the profit in the growing of sugar beets. Most of the ranchers in this vicinity are convinced of the fact already. The excursion to Billings convinced many that were inclined to be skeptical. The same condition prevails around Harlem and Dodson.

Havre Plaindealer: The sale of two trunks of Flora Ward, the total estate of the deceased, ended in a considerable surprise for the milder bidders and for the creditors alike. The trunks were sold by the administrator, Henry Gross, at public auction Monday afternoon and the trunks were bought at a total price of \$80 by Peter DesRosier and E. O. Williams. It develops that the contents of the trunks in furs and silks are worth several hundred dollars.

Glasgow News: The big hay stacks and all of the straw stacks on "Happy Flat," north of Hinsdale, have all been sold at good figures. It is said that W. M. Woodbridge contracted to furnish Guthrie & Co., the railroad contractors on the Billings line, a certain amount of hay at \$11 per ton on the car at Hinsdale. He baled a car and shipped it and was then offered \$12 for his hay in the stack. He wrote the company and offered to make them a present of the first car if he could be released from the contract. It wouldn't go, the company wanted the hay.

Two Dead In Wreck.

MISSOULA, Feb. 1.—D. R. McDonald, freight conductor, and Lewis Burris, fireman, were killed yesterday on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, in a wreck which occurred at bridge No. 46, two miles west of De Borgia. A dozen or more trainmen and laborers were also injured. Two light engines were running over the road to the scene of a freight wreck and the first went through the bridge and into the St. Regis river and pulled the second after it.

Conductor McDonald was pinned beneath the boiler of one of the engines in the ice cold water of the river, and for nine hours men held his head above the water while others strove to effect his release. At the end of that time he expired. Although details are meager because of the wires being down, it is stated that one of his legs was crushed and that an iron bar was driven through the fleshy part of the other one. He leaves a widow and three children in Missoula.

Lewis Burris, the fireman, was instantly killed at the time of the accident. He leaves a wife and two children in Missoula.

Three Frozen To Death.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 3.—A woman and two children were frozen to death this afternoon, in an upstairs tenement here, with a third child in an adjoining room, badly frozen, but alive.

None of the family had been seen since Thursday, when two of the children attended school. The children reside with Miss Livingston, who was their aunt. It is supposed that after they retired Thursday night they became partially asphyxiated by coal gas and, the fire dying out were frozen to death.

FAVORS COMMISSION BILL.

Railroad Committee Makes Favorable Report On Measure.

HELENA, Feb. 4.—In the house this afternoon the railroad committee favorably reported the railroad commission bill introduced by Shaw and Tudor, and recommended that Weed's name be attached to it.

The bill was recommended in an amended form, the salary of the commissioners being reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,000, and the salary of the secretary increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000. It names Stanton, Godfrey and Morley as commissioners.

The committee recommended that the Weed bill be indefinitely postponed and took the same action as to the commission bill introduced by Swindlerhurst on Friday.

When the report was made O'Conner of Broadwater, democrat, called for a roll call, and in the vote on the report, by ayes and nays, the democrats voted against the report and the republicans for it. It was carried by a large majority.

In the senate the bill introduced by Senator Martien increasing the powers of the state board of equalization was killed.

The resolution introduced in the house by Representative Macaulay of Silver Bow, providing for an investigation of the coal shortage in the state, and which was adopted unanimously, has created more interest in view of the exceedingly cold weather and the cost of heating which has prevailed at the capital and other towns of the state this winter. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, There has been a protracted shortage of coal in the state of Montana, due to causes not sufficiently explained; and

"Whereas, There has been a rise in the price of coal to the consumers of from 25 to 50 per cent. above last year's prices; be it

"Resolved, That the speaker appoint a committee of representatives of this house, whose duty it shall be to investigate the coal shortage and the unprecedented rise in the price, together with the cause through which the small consumer has been confined in his purchase to limited quantities of coal, while mines, smelters, railroads and other large concerns have been fully supplied, and report to this house, the report to be made the basis of needful legislation, in case it be shown that the domestic consumer of coal has been made the victim of a coal combine or conspiracy designed to subject him to unjust discrimination and to compel him to pay extortionate prices for coal."

Dance Halls Are Closed.

BUTTE, Feb. 4.—For the purpose of ridding the city of a class of women pickpockets who frequent beer, concert and dance halls in the restricted district, and also of the male crooks with which many of the women are in partnership, the county attorney last night ordered all the concert and dance halls of the restricted district closed. Notice was served upon the proprietors of the places by George Parlin, formerly a member of the police force and employed especially for that purpose by the county attorney and by several members of the staff of deputies from the sheriff's office. All stall saloons were also notified that no women will be allowed to frequent them in the future.

Coldest January On Record.

The local weather authorities who maintained that the past month was the coldest January on record, are endorsed by the official weather report issued by Observer C. W. Ling, of Havre. The report says that the past month had a mean temperature of 8 below zero, a period of cold without precedent in at least 27 years. The nearest approach to it was a mean temperature of five below for January, 1890. In the hard winter of 1886-7, January had a mean temperature of seven above zero.

The lowest temperature recorded at the Havre station last month was 43 below zero. There was only one day during the month on which the mercury did not fall below the zero mark. The precipitation last month was 1.73 inches, representing over 17 inches of snow, compared with an average precipitation of 0.69 inches for January.

Last month had eight clear days, nine partly cloudy, and fourteen cloudy days.

Buried Under Avalanche.

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 4.—A special to the Chieftain from Salida, Colo., says that a dozen lives are believed to have been lost in a terrific snowslide that came down Monarch mountain about 9 o'clock tonight, completely overwhelming nine business houses and burying their occupants under 50 feet of snow and dirt. The wrecked buildings are Steve Skinner's saloon, Fred Mason's rooming house and Fred Schrader's restaurant, the inmates of which had no warning and no time to get out before the crash came. Great confusion reigns at the scene

of the disaster and it is difficult to secure details. The snow is waist deep on the level at Monarch, and although help has been asked from Salida, 18 miles east, it is probable that several hours must elapse before relief can be obtained.

Montana Matters in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senator Carter has secured the passage of a bill to allow the Missouri River Improvement company to construct a dam across the Missouri river in the vicinity of Helena.

Congressman Dixon has introduced a bill extending the provisions of the isolated tax law to the 640 acre tracts of government land lying within the checker board tract of the Northern Pacific land grant in Montana. Under this bill these 640 acre tracts of government land may be sold at auction to the highest bidder, on application to local land officials.

The Blackfeet reservation in Montana is to be opened to settlement if another senate amendment is adopted. Provision is made for the immediate survey of all the lands embraced within the limits of the reservation and for allotments to persons having tribal rights on the reservation.

The remainder of the lands are to be appraised in the usual manner and opened to settlement in accordance with the general custom of throwing Indian lands open to the public. An appropriation is made also to enable the secretary of the interior to complete the survey allotment, classification and appraisal of the lands in the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana.

Will Fight Beef Trust.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Six hundred refrigerated cars, the first of a total of 6,000 ordered by the Pacific Fruit Express company for use in handling southern California fruit shipments, in opposition to the Armour company, arrived today. The cars will continue to arrive at the rate of 1,200 a month until the order is filled.

The Pacific Fruit Express Co. is known as an auxiliary of the Harriman railroads, but it is claimed it will furnish competition with Armour, who has hitherto practically had a monopoly of this business.

After Harvester Trust.

WASHINGTON, February 2.—Under the terms of a senate resolution the secretary of commerce and labor announces that the bureau of corporations has begun an investigation of the international Harvester company, commonly known as the Harvester "trust."

In addressing the senate upon the subject Senator Hunsbrough, who introduced the resolution, declared that all competition in the sale of agricultural implements had ceased and that the quality of such implements had depreciated while the price had appreciated. He charged that the prices were controlled by one selling agency, which handled the various makes of agricultural implements and machinery.

Beef Sales In Beaverhead.

WISDOM, Feb. 4.—John Kennedy, buyers for Seattle packers, landed in the basin the latter part of the week, and has been industriously inspecting the beef steers and buying everything he can get. So far he has taken between 2,000 and 3,000 head, the stock-growers contributing to the number being Silas C. Deshue, Thomas Low, and others. The cattle are for March and April delivery, and Mr. Kennedy is paying \$4 a hundred pounds at the ranches, or \$1.50 delivered in Anaconda. All of these cattle will be shipped by way of Anaconda, owing to the difficulty of securing cars from the Oregon Short Line at Red Rock.

John Wenger of Anaconda, left for home Sunday, after several days in the basin. Besides buying a large number of fat cows and calves, Mr. Wenger bought about 250 head of fine beef steers from Gist & Kennan of Jackson, and D. E. Stephens of Bristol.

Terms of Court, 1907.

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