

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A marriage license was issued today to Charles A. Heath and Annie Smith, both of Havre.

The trial jurors summoned to attend district court from distant points in the county have been excused for the term.

Lawrence Kaniuth has applied to the district court for letters of administration in the estate of Felix Kaniuth, deceased.

The dance given at Odd Fellows hall last evening by Miss Rosa Ford and Frank Kehoe, of the Overland hotel, was attended by a large crowd, a number of residents from the country being in attendance.

A Great Northern fireman was badly crushed at Chester yesterday, by several tons of coal falling on him while it was being loaded on the tender. The unfortunate victim was taken to Great Falls for treatment.

Sheriff Frank McDonald and Henry Hagen returned this morning from Deer Lodge, to which place they took a number of prisoners who were sentenced to the penitentiary during the present term of district court.

The attorney general has advised County Attorney F. A. Carnal that Chouteau county is not entitled to a county auditor. The law provides for such an official in first, second and third class counties only, and Chouteau county belongs to the fourth class.

Attorney F. E. Stranahan, who returned today from a business trip to Harlem and Dodson, reports that most of the baled hay in that section has been sold and shipped. There is still a considerable quantity in stack, and efforts are being made to bale it as rapidly as possible.

It is reported from the Milk river valley that several ranchers who entered into contracts some time ago to supply hay are repudiating their agreements. The result in one of these cases is the commencement of suit in the district court by T. C. Power & Co. vs. J. A. Hatch, in which damages of \$1,230 are asked. The complaint states that on or about November 10, 1906, the defendant entered into a contract with plaintiff to supply 150 tons of hay at \$11.00 f. o. b. cars at Harlem, delivery to be made on or before January 1. It is claimed that only about 27 tons were delivered on the contract, to the alleged loss and damage of plaintiff.

From Thursday's Daily.

August Heydt, of the Shonkin, returned this morning from a short business visit to Great Falls.

Alexander Ayotte, the well known Canadian land agent, was among the arrivals in the city this morning.

J. P. Mueller left this morning for Belgrade, Gallatin county, to take a position in the T. C. Power store at that place.

Geo. D. Patterson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks past with an attack of la grippe, is able to be around again.

Arrivals from the Teton report the death of the baby child of P. J. Gibney, of that place, who was taken to Great Falls for medical treatment.

Notice of location for the Exchange quartz claim, in the Little Rockies district, has been filed in the county clerk's office by L. S. Goslin and others.

The state superintendent of public instruction has made an apportionment of school funds on a basis of \$3.00 for each child of school age in the respective counties. The distribution gives Chouteau county \$7,677; Valley county, \$4,098; Teton county, \$3,237.

The damage suit of Stephen Porter vs. A. E. McLeish, was to have been tried in the district court today, but when it was called the parties to the suit filed a stipulation that the matter had been settled out of court. It is understood each party to the suit will pay his own costs.

Advices from Great Falls announce the death of John Hobbins, a well known and old-time resident of northern Montana, who was under treatment at Columbus hospital for erysipelas. Mr. Hobbins was a frequent visitor to this city in early days, and had many friends and acquaintances here.

The Helena newspapers announce that J. M. Boardman, who has large livestock interests in northern Montana, has gone to Washington, D. C., in response to a telegram received yesterday morning from President Roosevelt, asking Mr. Boardman to attend a meeting of stockmen together with officials of the land department and department of agriculture looking to the adoption of a system of leasing or of the issuance of grazing permits on the public domain.

Governor Toole has made the usual appointments of members of the two state stock boards, the appointments being confirmed by the senate. The list of members of the board of stock commissioners includes C. J. McNamara, of Chouteau county; M. E. Miller, of Valley; W. K. Flowerree, of Teton county. The membership of the

state board of sheep commissioners: George B. Bourne, of Chouteau county; L. H. Mills, of Valley; W. K. Flowerree, of Teton county.

From Friday's Daily

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

Attorneys A. M. Gentry and J. K. Bramble, of Havre, were among the arrivals in the city today.

Mrs. Merritt Flanagan and children returned this morning from a visit of several weeks in the vicinity of Ada.

A bulletin of the Montana State College of Agriculture, at Bozeman, announces a special one month dairy course for butter makers, commencing March 1.

A marriage license has been issued by the clerk of the district court to Edgar Lee, of Dodson, and Julia E. O'Riley, of Wagner.

A suit for divorce has been commenced in the district court by Fred I. Esmay vs. Ida B. Esmay, the complaint alleging desertion.

H. O. Phelps, who has been deputy clerk of the district court for over a year past, has taken a position in the Stockmen's National bank, succeeding H. C. Smith.

Messrs. Pinkerton and Hammill, of Great Falls, arrived in the city this morning, and will play for the dance to be given by the young men at Green's hall tonight.

James Dochstader, who arrived today from Lethbridge, brings news of heavy livestock losses in Northwest Territory. It is believed some of the brands have been almost entirely wiped out.

The civil suit of J. J. Ober versus David Oxford was on trial before a jury in the district court today. The plaintiff seeks to recover an alleged indebtedness of about \$120 for supplies furnished the defendant.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by a new firm, which will be known as Broadwater, Pepin and Broadwater, and which proposes to engage in the general merchandise business at Havre. The capital stock is \$7,500, one-third of which is subscribed by each of the incorporators—E. T. Broadwater, Simon Pepin and A. J. Broadwater.

THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE.

A Proposition To Increase the Tax Levy For State Purposes.

HELENA, Feb. 5.—The governor has appointed Sidney Fox as judge of the Thirteenth judicial district and the senate confirmed the appointment.

McManus of Silver Bow, introduced a bill in the house today appropriating \$59,000 for the school of mines.

In the senate there was a fight on the Wendell bill to increase the limit of indebtedness of cities. The bill was presented for passage and an effort made to kill it, but it was finally referred to one of the standing committees.

Senator Martien introduced a bill to provide that the passenger rate on railroads in the state shall be 2 1/2 cents a mile.

Another bill was introduced in the senate by Muffley prohibiting the marriage of whites with negroes, Indians, Chinese or Japanese, and declaring all such marriages hereafter null and void. The performing of such marriages is made a misdemeanor, with a penalty of a fine of \$500 or a month's imprisonment in jail.

In the senate there was also a fight over the Daly county bill. It came in committee of the whole and attempts were made to kill the bill.

Senator Glidden, author of the bill, made a very eloquent plea for it. Senator Everett of Chouteau county, moved that it be made a special order of business for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

In the house, Representative Allen gave notice that he would introduce a bill to increase the state levy for taxes. The constitutional limit is now 2 1/2 mills—until an assessed valuation of \$300,000,000 is reached. The limit of assessed valuation has been nearly reached, and when this is reached, the limit of the levy will drop to 1 1/2 mills. This bill is for the purpose of continuing the limit of 2 1/2 mills on an assessed valuation of \$400,000,000 or \$500,000,000.

The governor signed the bill extending the right of eminent domain and the three appropriation bills.

Both houses today did more business and passed more bills than on any other day since the session began.

In the senate about 20 bills were passed. These included a number of deficiency claim bills, the bill relating to child and animal protection, bill to increase the debt of cities, and concerning reports of corporations; relating to free high schools; fire insurance, and giving the boiler inspector a clerk.

In the house, in committee of the whole, about 17 bills were considered, and 12 or 14 recommended. The Arbor day bill was recommended, the firemen's disability bill, the bill prohibiting extortion, and the bill providing for the publication of the treasurer's reports.

This latter bill gives the secretary

of state authority to have the report published, instead of the governor. It provides for publication in both daily papers.

The committee recommended Hyndman's bill relating to railroad tickets. This bill provides that tickets shall be good for a year.

The bill providing for the payment of Dr. Ricketts for investigating scarlet fever was also recommended.

The initiative and referendum bill, the bill giving the attorney general two assistants, the bill appropriating \$35,000 for state institutions were also recommended.

NO DALY COUNTY.

Proposition To Divide Carbon County Rejected By Senate.

HELENA, Feb. 6.—The Daly county bill was killed in the senate today, after a hard struggle on the part of Senator Glidden and those who acted with him to save it. The vote on the measure was 14 against to 12 for. The bill proposed to create the county of Daly from a portion of Carbon county.

It was the first bill taken up in the senate committee of the whole and Senator Glidden and Senator Everett were the principal gladiators who wrestled over it, the former contending that the salvation of the Clark Fork people in Carbon county was wrapped up in it, while the latter stated that they would be far better without it.

The following bills have passed the senate:

Annis—Relating to municipal indebtedness.

Rae—Defining the boundaries of Fergus county.

Truscott—Recovering damages from railroads for killing stock.

Rae—Amending free high school law.

Long—Relating to mutual fire insurance.

House bills were concurred in as follows:

Relating to drawing funds.

Vacating streets in abandoned villages.

Bills were introduced as follows:

Edwards—Prescribing the method of measuring hay in the stack.

White—Relating to bankers. This is practically a new banking code.

Martien—Amending the constitution as to the responsibility of the state treasurer for funds.

Miles—Relating to special improvement districts in cities.

The following bills were favorably recommended in the house.

House bill 154, fixing witnesses fees, senate bill 16, municipal debts; house bill 178, expenses of judges sitting in the same county for others; house bill 145, to prohibit bosses from grafting; house bill 74, building at the experimental station; substitute for house bill 50, prohibiting saloons near parks and cemeteries; senate bill 11, licenses; house bill 145, to increase state indebtedness to redeem bonds; house bill 174, to redeem warrants; house bill 200, to assist the sheep industry; house bill 8, to regulate light and water rates.

The following bills were killed in the house: House bill 190, poll taxes; house bill 60, licenses; house bill 201, herding districts.

Miller of Helena, introduced a joking bill prohibiting the railroading of bills through the committee of the whole. Talking over a week at a time, talking on subjects with which the speaker is unacquainted.

Augusta Residents In Distress.

Great Falls Leader.

In spite of the unprecedented reign of cold and stormy weather which Montana has experienced this winter, it was not believed here that in any locality in this vicinity there were people reduced to the necessity of burning fence posts and even their barns for fuel. Such, however, is the situation at Augusta at the present moment, and it will so remain until relief is afforded in a quantity of coal that left Great Falls for that place today. Not only is Augusta out of fuel, but the people there are actually suffering for need of provisions.

With 14 horses drawing three heavy wagons, a man arrived from Augusta, 65 miles west, today, after a most trying two-days' trip over the worst kind of roads imaginable. He came to Great Falls on an urgent excursion for relief and reported that the people of Augusta and vicinity are entirely out of coal, have no coal oil whatever and when he left there Sunday there were but three sacks of flour in the place and this was being dealt out in five-pound lots. The man had telephoned yesterday from Sunnyside to Tod & Kelly, so the firm was prepared for him, and upon his arrival, learning of the plight which the Augusta people are in, they gave him precedence over all other orders.

The Augusta man left for home today with over four tons of coal, several sacks of flour and a large supply of coal oil. While here he said that the conditions in Augusta for some time have been most serious.

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Citizens Seize Coal.

DILLON, Feb. 5.—This valley was visited by a blizzard Saturday and Sunday and the snow fell to a depth of nearly a foot on the level. The thermometer fell from barely freezing to 20 degrees below zero. The coal famine in Dillon has reached a very aggravating stage. Only one car of coal has arrived in several days, and it is a common sight to see a half a dozen wagons back up to a coal train when it arrives in town, and a big force of merchants, workmen and others help themselves to all the coal they can throw off before the train moves out. The coal is weighed, the weighman's ticket taken to the station agent here and the coal is paid for to the agent.

Victory For Land Owner.

HELENA, Feb. 6.—A decision of far-reaching importance was handed down yesterday by the supreme court, when it held that neither by the constitution nor the laws of the state is a foreign corporation authorized to exercise the right of eminent domain.

The Helena Power Transmission company, organized under the laws of New Jersey, brought suit to condemn lands belonging to A. N. Spratt which are now submerged by the waters backed up by the company's dam across the Missouri. The suit was decided in favor of the company and was appealed, Spratt winning his case yesterday. The court holds that the lands were wanted for public use, but the company had no right to condemn them.

The court says the decision is only applicable to foreign corporations of the respondent's character, the question not being considered with reference to any other class.

Valley Treasurer Is Missing.

GLASGOW, Feb. 7.—Because of the disappearance of William Wofford, county treasurer, in whose accounts there is a shortage of at least \$8,000, a petition has been filed in the district court, asking that he be removed from office. The petition is signed by E. D. Coleman, one of Wofford's bondsmen.

In response to this petition, Judge Tattan has signed an order, directing that a citation issue, commanding Wofford to appear before the district court on the 12th inst., to answer the accusation of defalcation and the demand for his removal.

The petition sets up that the shortage of \$8,000 was covered by Wofford by an entry on his books showing that he had that amount of money on deposit in the First National bank of Culbertson. Inquiry showed that the county had no money deposited there. The petition also states that Wofford has not since the 31st of January maintained and kept open the office of county treasurer, and that he is a fugitive from justice.

Wofford's term will expire March 4. He was defeated for re-election.

Reform In South Dakota.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 7.—Both houses of the legislature adopted the anti-pass bill, rejecting an amendment to permit exchange of newspaper advertising for transportation. The bill carries an emergency clause and will probably become a law Friday night. The house has passed the state-wide primary election bill, after passing an amendment requiring candidates to pay nomination fees.

Commission Bill Defeated.

BOISE, Feb. 7.—After a stirring debate, the fight over the railway commission bill closed in the house this afternoon with the defeat of the measure. The vote was 22 for and 26 against the bill, with one member absent and two paired. It is stated another measure will be brought in that will command the support of some of those who opposed this one.

Floods In Oregon.

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Flood conditions in the Willamette valley and at Portland show some improvement today. The river at Portland at noon was 19 feet above low water and four feet above the danger point.

So far the damage resulting from the water has not been great in Portland, only the lower docks being covered, and as ample warning had been given by the weather bureau, most of the goods there had been removed before the flood came. The river is still rising and may go to 22 feet, but even at that stage, little harm will result.

In the upper valley rivers and streams are running bankful and the low lands are covered with water. Many families have been obliged to seek high ground, but there are indications that the crest of the flood has been reached.

All the railroads are swamped by washouts, snowslides, and other disturbances. No mail has been received in Portland from the east since Saturday and it may be several days before letters will be received. There are 250 eastern people stranded in Portland, awaiting developments in the opening of traffic to the east.

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