CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Invitations have been issued for the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Carroll, of this city, which will take place on September 6.

The Shonkin beef shipment that left here last week was delayed enroute, and was on the Chicago market Wednesday. Most of the steers sold at prices ranging from $4.90 to $5.75.

Among the instruments filed in the county clerk's office today was a deed from Hubert Schroeder to the Chinook Copper and Gold Mining company, for six claims in the Bear Paw mining district.

The sheriff's office has been advised that Peter Kramer, otherwise known as "Hobo Pete" is under arrest in Great Falls. The prisoner escaped from the custody of Deputy Sheriff Geo. T. Sanderson, of Havre, a few days ago, while on his way to the county jail to serve a sentence of six months for petit larceny.

The Zortman Miner reports that an investigation of the story regarding the discovery of remains believed to be those of Abram D. Gill, proves there was no foundation for the supposed solution of the mystery regarding his disappearance. The bones found at the place where the body was supposed to have been cremated were not those of a human being.

Arrangements are being made for a steamboat excursion and picnic in which the Sunday schools of the several churches are invited to participate, and which will take place on Thursday of the coming week. Captain Stevens has offered the use of the steamboat O. K. free of charge to the Sunday school pupils and teachers; for other guests a round trip rate of $1 will be made. It is proposed to hold the picnic at one of the ranches a few miles up the river.

J. M. Rochester, of Butte, arrived from the west today with an 18 foot gasoline launch made of pressed steel, in which a party of Butte residents will make a trip down the Missouri river that may be extended to New Orleans. The launch is propelled by a six horsepower gasoline engine, and draws about 19 inches of water. The other members of the party are expected here in a few days, when the launch will leave for Judith, from which point it is proposed to make a hunting trip to the Moccasin Livestock company ranch.

From Monday's Daily.

Born, on Thursday, August 22, 1907 to the wife of Thomas Harwood, a son.

The Misses Gmahling, of Great Falls, arrived yesterday on a visit with the Misses Evers.

Mrs. Charles N. Pray entertained a number of lady friends at whist this afternoon, at her home on lower Franklin street.

Peter Kramer, the fugitive prisoner, was brought from Great Falls this morning by Deputy Sheriff Flanagan, and delivered at the county jail.

The Great Falls newspapers report a pistol duel on the streets of that city between Dr. Leroy Southmayd and Sam R. Wilber, in which the former was slightly wounded. The cause of the trouble is not stated.

It is reported from Glasgow that M. Conley, assistant roadmaster of the Great Northern at that place, was killed near Milk river station Friday evening. He was on a speeder and was run down by a train.

J. N. Talbott, of Butte, one of the members of the party who will make a trip down the Missouri river, was among the arrivals from the west today. The gasoline launch was given a test run this afternoon, and made good speed up stream.

Oscar Ewing, of Gold Butte, was received at the county jail yesterday, to await trial in the district court on a charge of assault in the second degree. He was bound over by Justice John McDowell, before whom a preliminary hearing was recently held.

A. E. McLeish has sold a one-half interest in his Dugout coulee sheep ranch and stock to Adam Johnstone, the consideration being about $25,000. The firm has recently bought about 800 lambs from J. W. Gladden, of Lucille, at $3 per head with a ten per cent. cut.

Great Falls Leader: After James Wall had carried a bullet in his skull between fifteen and sixteen years, the missile was removed by a local surgeon at the Columbus hospital Wednesday and the patient is doing well. It was one of the most difficult and critical operations that has been performed here in recent years. Wall is from Fort Benton and has been a charge of Chouteau county ever since his injury, the bullet wound resulting in partial paralysis and incapacitating him for work.

Some of the anticipated pleasure of a steamboat excursion up the Missouri river was spoiled yesterday by a high wind which commenced about noon, when the O. K. had reached a point near the upper end of Roosevelt island. The wind blew with such force that it was impossible to keep in the narrow channel, and it became necessary to tie up there instead of proceeding to the picnic grounds further up the river. On the return trip late in the evening, the wind drove the boat on a sandbar a short distance from town, where most of the passengers were landed, but some of them were so well pleased with the accommodations of the boat that they engaged state rooms and spent the night on board. About 150 persons, adults and children, took part in the excursion.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. F. W. Humphrey and family left today for Spokane, on an extended visit.

It is reported that the Jones residence property on Washington street has been purchased by John Neubert, of the Teton.

I will buy cows and calves for October delivery. Write, stating price, number, quality and location. JOS. A. BAKER, Benton, Montana. *

Rev. P. W. Haynes, of this city, and Rev. J. A. Martin, of Lewistown, returned today from Anaconda, where they have been attending the Methodist conference.

Notice of location for the "Never Sweat" quartz claim has been filed in the county clerk's office by J. A. Blevins, for the Little Rockies Exploration company.

The corner stone of the new Catholic church will be laid next Sunday, September 1, with appropriate ceremony. It is expected that Bishop Lenihan will be present.

Thomas Coatsworth and H. B. Getty will represent this city at the state convention of Montana firemen, which begins at Havre today. The convention will be in session four days.

Declaration of their intention to become American citizens has been made before the clerk of the district court by Sigurd Belland and Torris Belland, natives of Norway; and Henry Gaida, a native of Germany.

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of Richard Quinn, deceased, has been filed in the district court, the estate being valued at $3,751. The appraisement was made by Henry Griesbach and John Muir, in accordance with an order of court.

A suit has been commenced in the district court by the Johnson Printing company, of Chicago, against the Harlem Mining and Investment company, to recover $224.50, alleged to be due for certain goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant corporation.

A new form of blank for taking the school census is being sent out by the state superintendent of public instruction to the clerks of the several school districts. The latter are required to report the name of each child, age, date of birth, sex, name of father, name of mother, and postoffice address of parents.

The suit of Theodore Hillstrom vs. Herman Bruns, which was tried before a jury in Justice Duff's court at Chinook, has been appealed to the district court. The plaintiff brought suit to recover the value of some saw logs alleged to have been removed by the defendant, and the jury returned a verdict in favor of the latter. The plaintiff appeals against this judgment.

The public schools of this city will open Tuesday, September 3, for the regular nine months term. An additional teacher has been engaged for the commercial course that will be taught in the high school, for which typewriters and other necessary equipment have been secured. The Fort Benton high school is on the accredited list, a rating which ranks it with the best schools in the state.

Milk River Valley Fair at Chinook, September 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Good Demand For Rangers.

In its weekly review of range cattle sales in the Chicago market, the Drovers Journal says:

Quality has deteriorated from last week, but this depreciation in grade is not expected to continue, traders believing that general quality of later marketing will show improvement over those here in first weeks this season. Demand has been fairly good in all quarters, although shippers have not yet come into the market as freely as last season. There is, however, keen competition among packers, who appreciate the good killing qualities of the rangers.

Most offerings came from Montana and Dakota and included a few loads which landed at $5.85@6.00, but few went above $5.60. Bulk of good steers brought $4.90@5.35 and a fair light class of light weight Dakotas went at $4.40@4.75, while tailings and light feeders sold down to $4.00. Range heifers landed up to $5.20 and bulk of cows and heifers at $3 75@4.50. General prices are 40@50c higher than at this time one year ago.

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The River Press.

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EARLY RIVER NAVIGATION.

Interesting Facts About Steamboat Traffic On Missouri River.

An interesting sketch of navigation on the Missouri river in early days is given by the Helena Independent, in which it is recalled that the first steamboat to reach the head of navigation in Montana arrived at the Marias, about fifteen miles below Fort Benton, in 1859, and the following year saw the inauguration of a regular water service.

But, previous to this, the Missouri had been navigated in Montana waters twenty-seven years. Up to 1832 the voyageurs and trappers of the American Fur company had traded among the Indians in the region of what is now northern Montana, making their way up the river in keel boats. They had established trading posts like Fort McKenzie, near where Fort Benton was subsequently erected, but the first regular fort about the mouth of the Yellowstone was Fort Union, which was established in 1829. In 1831 the factors of the fur company suggested that steamboats might profitably be substituted for the old keel boats, while still keeping the latter on use on the upper river in case of accident or emergencies that might make it necessary for men to get out of the region when the steamboats were tied up. This suggestion was favorably considered, and in 1832 the steamer Yellowstone started from St. Louis, coming up the river to Fort Tecumseh, on the opposite side of the river to where Pierre, the present capital of South Dakota, is situated. The next year the Yellowstone came as far as the mouth of the Yellowstone river, the voyage being considered one of the landmarks of the early history of the northwest.

In 1834 the Assinaboine got to the mouth of the Poplar river, some 100 miles above the mouth of the Yellowstone, and for nineteen years this was the highest point reached. In 1853 the steamer El Paso came 125 miles further up, or five miles above the mouth of the Milk river, and there the head mark of navigation stayed for six years.

In the spring of 1859 the American Fur company sent two boats up the river, the Spread Eagle, owned by the company, and the Chippewa, owned by Capt. Crabtree, which had been chartered by the company for the trip. The Chippewa was a light boat, and its captain and owner had contracted to take her to Fort Benton, or as far as it was possible to go up the river. At Fort Union he threw up the contract, and sold the boat to the company for just about what the charter price for the trip would have been.

Such freight as the Spread Eagle had on for Fort Benton was transferred to the Chippewa, the whole making a cargo of about 150 tons. Capt John LaBarge, who was pilot of the Spread Eagle took charge of the Chippewa, and Chas. P. Chouteau went along as the company's representative. The boat made her way successfully and without much difficulty to within fifteen miles of Fort Benton, and discharged her freight at Brule bottom, where Fort McKenzie had stood in former years. She arrived at that point July 17, 1859, forty years and two months after the Independence had first entered the mouth of the Missouri from the Mississippi. In 1860 the Chippewa and the Key West completed the short remaining distance to Fort Benton, and made fast to the bank in front of the old post July 2 of that year.

On June 16, 1866, the steamer Peter Balen ascended the river above Fort Benton to the mouth of Belt creek, six miles below Great Falls and thirty-one miles above Fort Benton. This trip was made during the June flood and would have been impossible at ordinary stages of water. The Peter Balen, by the way, was one of the largest boats that ever ascended the upper Missouri. In spite of this feat, however, Fort Benton was always considered the head of navigation. The famous little Chippewa caught fire near the mouth of Poplar river on one of her trips up in May, 1862, and was utterly destroyed when a lot of powder that constituted a portion of her cargo was ignited.

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Laying Rails On Milwaukee.

HARLOWTOWN, Aug. 26.—The work of laying rails for the Milwaukee extension has been started along the Musselshell. Rails for the last day or two have been laid by hand, but within the week a tracklaying machine will be set at work, which noses its way along the finished track, dropping ties and rails ahead of it in their proper position. Three miles a day of track will be completely laid by the machine.

The Milwaukee is securing plenty of material, but the labor supply is still causing trouble. It was necessay for the company to keep a number of its teams in the stables at Harlowtown last week, eating their heads off. No drivers were to be secured. Every man that wants a job can secure it on the Milwaukee.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chester Signal: The grass on the range is fast curing and every day the danger from prairie fire increases. The railroad has not had the fire guards plowed this year which greatly increases the danger, as almost all the fires are started by the engines.

Chinook Opinion: A. W. Ziebarth left Friday evening for Colorado, where he is to spend some time in the interests of the Sugar Beet Growers' association, securing settlers for this valley. Mr. Sands is in charge of the association's business during his absence.

Culbertson Searchlight: There was a slight frost in the vicinity of Culbertson on Monday night of this week, but no considerable damage was the result. Reports from North Dakota are to the effect that that two killing frosts visited some parts of that state damaging flax and other crops.

Havre Herald: Superintendent McNaught has resigned his official position with the Great Northern, to take effect on the first of September, and will go to the coast country to engage in the lumber business. It is reported that he will be succeeded by Assistant Superintendent Samuel Walker.

Hinsdale Homestead: H. D. Roub, of the Diamond Willow horse ranch, on Rock creek, has wheat, the straw of which measures just six feet long. This wheat was grown without irrigation and is well filled and will, it is estimated, yield about fifty bushels to the acre. This shows what the country will do when given a chance.

Havre Plaindealer: Capt. Jack Strain, of Havre Coal Mining company, is expected home today from a trip he recently took to Iowa for the purpose of looking over rails, machinery, etc, for the building of the new road to the coal fields. His mission also included the work of attempting to hurry some shipments out from the Twin cities that have already been purchased by the company.

Glasgow Review: The hunting season opens a week from Sunday, but would-be sportsmen in this county have been doing some quiet "poaching" during the week past. One fellow lost his nerve when approaching town and emptied the contents of his game bag on the prairie near the Mabee school section. Lobsters of that kind are entitled to be kept in jail throughout the hunting season.

Glasgow News: The Seabury stock spraying machine, in charge of W. S. Guilford and L. T. Poole, arrived Tuesday and is now located at the stockyards east of town, where all the cattle in this section will be sprayed or dipped. Stockmen from localities where the machine has been working claim their stock went through it much better than through the old dipping process, and the spraying is a more humane method.

Conrad Observer: D. V McCormack, who owns land in the Burton bench country, was a visitor this week. He was among the first settlers on the bench in 1894, and has watched the country grow from a barren prairie to a vast agricultural section. He has spent the past year in the Billings country and says that sugar beet growing in that section is a great success this year. An average of 18 tons to the acre is anticipated and these have been contracted for by the sugar factory at $5 per ton.

Glasgow News: The long distance telephone line being constructed from here to Malta by the Moore telephone system, was completed to Saco last night, and the Valley County News received the first message this morning from Manager Moore over the line from that point. Work is not progressing as rapidly as expected on account of inability to secure men to help in the construction, but there is only about 25 or 30 miles more line to be built which is less than half the distance from here to Malta, and we will probably be talking with our western neighbor within a few weeks.

Harlem News: It is reported that the Gros Ventres and Assinniboine Indians will hold a fair this year that will, unless their plans miscarry, eclipse all previous endeavors in this line. The date as yet has not been definitely decided upon, but it is believed that it will be held either the latter part of September or the first part of October, and will probably be again held at Lodge Pole. Prizes will be awarded far the best exhibit of farm produce, the finest display of bead work, the best decorated and neatest tepee and the finest exhibit of blooded stock. There will be races of all kinds, and prizes for the best appearing teams and rigs. The fair will be conducted throughout along the lines of the usual county fairs and just enough of the Indian will be introduced to make it unique and interesting.

Terms of Court, 1907.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY
Tuesday, October 22.
VALLEY COUNTY.
Tuesday, September 10.
Tuesday, November 19.
TETON COUNTY.
Monday, November 4.

A Considerate Musician.

Many stories are told of the jealousy and ill feeling among musicians, so it is refreshing to note that at least one genius did not fail in good natured appreciation of a fellow artist. It is related how Rossini, walking one day on the boulevard with the musician Braga, was greeted by Meyerbeer, who anxiously inquired after the health of his dear Rossini.

"Bad," answered the latter. "Frightful headaches, legs all wrong."

After a few minutes' conversation Meyerbeer passed on, and Braga asked the great composer how it happened that he had suddenly become so unwell.

Smilingly Rossini reassured his friend. "Oh, I couldn't be better. I merely wanted to please Meyerbeer. He would so like to see me go to smash!"—St. Louis Republic.

Why They're Trams Abroad.

"Abroad," said a tourist agent, "you must call street cars trams and street railways you must call tramways. If you speak of trolleys over there, you won't be understood. The word tram must puzzle the average etymologist. It derives from a man's name—Outram—Thomas Outram. Outram lived in Derbyshire, and in the beginning of the last century he invented a peculiar sort of track that diminished the friction between wheels and roadbeds. These tracks of Outram's, though nothing like a trolley track, were called first outramways, then tramways, and when street lines and street cars came into existence they were dubbed respectively tramways and trams."

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,187,404 18
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		24,184 44
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		6,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc		10,616 21
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		16,000 00
Other real estate owned		1,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	$ 3,822 64	
Due from state banks and bankers	1,663 49	
Due from approved reserve agents	362,956 30	
Checks and other cash items	532 41	
Notes of other national banks	6,545 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	145 00	
Lawful money reserve in bank—		
Specie	64,629 00	
Legal tender notes	27,000 00	467,293 84
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		10,000 00
Due from U. S. treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund		5 00
Total		$1,922,443 67

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$200,000 00
Surplus fund		200,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		26,763 56
National bank notes outstanding		200,000 00
Due to other national banks	$ 1,483 21	
Due state banks and bankers	3,291 32	
Individual deposits subject to check	598,194 54	
Demand certificates of deposit	6,630 50	
Time certificates of deposit	685,829 15	
Cashier's checks outstanding	251 39	1,295,680 11
Total		$1,922,443 67

State of Montana, county of Chouteau.—SS.

I, Louis D. Sharp, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LOUIS D. SHARP, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August, 1907.

F. A. FLANAGAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

CHAS. E. DUER
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Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 24, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that

MATHILDA WITT,

of Fort Benton, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert land claim No. 6982, for the NE¼ section 32, township 24 north, range 7 east, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Thursday, 3d day of October, 1907.

She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Fred W. Humphrey, William Harrison, William Witt and Henry C. Riechers, all of Fort Benton, Montana.

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BENTON LODGE, No. 59, I. O. O. F.

Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

FRANK HADLEY, N. G.
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