

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

District court was adjourned today for the term. The next term will commence February 18.

At a meeting of the directors of the Stockmen's National bank, which was held today, the officers of that institution were re-elected.

Mrs. Geo. F. Lewis left today for Great Falls, in response to news that the condition of Mr. Lewis is more serious than anticipated.

Leon Tschetter had a hearing before a lunacy commission in the district court this afternoon, and was committed to the insane asylum at Warm Springs.

In the district court today, Chas. B. Boyle was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Peter Tiedale, upon petition of relatives of the deceased.

Henry Collins, who was convicted by a jury on the charge of petit larceny, was today given a sentence of sixty days in jail, the sentence being imposed by Justice Kinder.

Thomas Buckley, of Harlem, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Buckley reports heavy shipments of baled hay from Harlem, some of them going to points on the Pacific coast.

The Missouri river at this point has been in a turbulent condition since last evening, owing to the formation and breaking of ice gorges some distance down stream. The water has been rising and falling every two or three hours, a large quantity of slush ice occasionally blocking the channel.

A Washington dispatch says the bill providing for the opening of the Fort Peck Indian reservation in Valley county contemplates an extensive irrigation scheme in that part. There are in the reservation 1,800,000 acres, one-third of which has been surveyed. Indians on the reservation consist of 1,800 Sioux and Assinibolines. Nine months is the period given for the work of appraisal.

From Monday's Daily.

A location notice for the Black Eagle quartz claim, in the Little Rockies, was filed in the county clerk's office today by Alex Carr, of Zortman.

A. W. Merrifield, county surveyor, who has returned from a visit of several weeks in Chicago, reports that the mild winter conditions extend to that part of the country.

The Missoula newspapers report the marriage of Oliver B. Crane, formerly of this city, and Miss Grace MacLean, of Missoula, who was until recently a resident of St. Paul, the wedding taking place Saturday. The newly married couple will make their home in Helena.

W. H. Steele and M. L. DeLong, of the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls, are among the visitors in town. They are securing samples of water and ice from the Missouri river, which, it is understood, will be submitted to analysis to determine their degree of alleged impurity.

The death of John J. Ellis, of Great Falls, one of the oldest and wealthiest residents of that city, is reported from San Diego, Cal., where he was visiting. Mr. Ellis came to Montana in the early sixties, locating in the Sun river valley in 1867, and had a wide acquaintance among old-time residents in this part of the state.

John Fleming, the well known livestock dealer who has operated extensively in northern Montana for the past fifteen years, is a prospective mining magnate. He has become interested in some promising Wyoming copper properties, for the development of which \$40,000 worth of machinery has recently been purchased.

Some of the local ice dealers are considering the advisability of securing their supply from the Teton, as the Missouri river shows no indication of furnishing the usual harvest. It is recalled, however, that similar conditions prevailed two years ago, when the freezeup of the Missouri river occurred the second week in March.

In an opinion given to the county attorney of Valley county, the attorney general holds that county coroners have no authority to conduct inquests on Indian reservations. Inasmuch as the United States reserves the right to punish all crimes committed upon reservations against Indians and by Indians, it is not incumbent upon a coroner to determine whether a crime has been committed.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. D. G. Browne, of this city, is visiting with Mrs. Wallace E. Parkman, at Fort Harrison, near Helena.

It is reported from Browning that Judge W. B. Pyper, of Havre, may receive the appointment of Indian agent on the Blackfeet reserve, to succeed Captain Dare.

An active demand for Fergus county ranch property is reported by the Lewistown newspapers. The transactions of the past week included a tract of 800 acres near Philbrook that sold for \$16,000.

The death of Michael Sullivan, of Shelby, at the age of 87 years, is reported by the Conrad Observer. Mr.

Sullivan came to the United States from Ireland in 1844, and had been a resident of Montana since 1865.

At a caucus of republican members of congress, held in Washington a few days ago, the members of the republican congressional campaign committee were selected. Hon. Charles N. Pray was chosen as the Montana member of the committee.

Right Reverend Bishop Brewer arrived this morning, and will hold mission services in St. Paul's church each evening of this week, at 7:30 o'clock. The subject tonight will be "The Kingdom." Everyone is earnestly invited to attend these services.

Returns received by the county clerk from the land offices at Great Falls and Glasgow show that about 360 patents were issued to Chouteau county residents last year. These will make an addition of about 57,000 acres of land to the assessable real estate of the county.

An important meeting of the United Milk River Irrigation association will be held Monday, February 17, at Chinoook, the call having been issued by President L. Newman. The object of the meeting is to consider plans for securing the commencement of work on the lower portion of the Milk river project.

In the district court today, a motion for arrest of judgment was filed in the civil suit of Alonzo Ellis vs. W. H. Lutz and Sam Houston, against whom judgment for \$303 was rendered in the justice court at Harlem nearly three years ago. Mr. Lutz claims he was not served with a summons or advised of the judgment in the case.

Eleven location notices for quartz claims in the Little Rockies were filed for record in the county clerk's office today—seven by Chas. R. Liebert and four by Peter Sieh, of Laudusky. One of the claims is called the "Governor Hughes," as a compliment to the New York candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

Montana Grain in Demand.

A larger demand for Montana grain for cereal food manufacture is indicated in reports from Fergus county, which state that F. R. Johnson, a representative of the Quaker Oats company, is investigating agricultural conditions in that locality. Referring to the purpose of Mr. Johnson's visit, a Lewistown news item says:

His interest in the subject has led to the conclusion that this visit may turn out to be an important one for this country later on. He states that Montana grains are now far ahead of those grown in any other portion of the United States for the manufacture of cereals. Montana wheat is just as desirable as the oats, the berries of both grains being unusually large and hard and they yield more of cereal food to the bushel than the same grade of grains raised anywhere else in the entire country, owing to the fact that the Montana grains are heavier.

He notes, however, some carelessness with respect to farming methods, as well as with regard to the marketing of the grain. If greater care were taken and more scientific methods employed Mr. Johnson says the value of the grain would be increased considerably.

The Boston Wool Market.

In its review of the wool market situation, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

Last week's improvement in the condition of the market is fully sustained and in important particulars has been augmented. Business is of a broader character than for some time, the volume of transactions larger than in any single week this year, and the general interest in the situation greater. It is by no means an active market. The slow progress of the goods market checks activity in the raw material, manufacturers pursuing a conservative policy and not being inclined to become loaded with wool, which may not be needed in the production of cloth.

Still, estimates of the amount of wool changing hands during the week are not much less than 4,000,000 pounds, showing that in the face of an outwardly quiet market a fair amount of trading is in progress.

The selling basis is unchanged. There is a steady undertone to the market and a feeling that a trading basis has been touched from which there will be no decline for the present at least. The strength shown abroad is going far toward giving local holders confidence. Fleece wools of practically all grades are quite firm, but the finer the grade the more firmness is seen. Staple territory wools are bringing former prices and the better class of clothing stock is finding a steady outlet at prices prevailing since the first of the year.

Conrad Observer: Some idea of the immensity of the work going on at the dam site west of town can be gleaned from the fact that 12 carloads of cement and four carloads of steel piling are to be used in the construction of the dam. Two carloads of the steel piling and three carloads of cement are now on the way and are looked for at any time.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Agricultural Experts Discuss Subjects That Pertain to the Farm.

General interest in the farmers' institute held in this city Thursday was manifested by a good attendance at the two sessions. The inclement weather conditions discouraged the presence of visitors from a long distance, but there was a goodly number of neighboring ranchers present at the meetings.

At the afternoon session an interesting address was made by Prof. F. S. Cooley, of Bozeman, in which the speaker described the wonderful possibilities of farming under improved methods. He cited the instance of a farmer in one of the eastern states who followed a scientific system of agriculture with such success that his crops from ten acres had a value of \$10,000 last year.

The subject of Prof. T. B. Linfield's address was "dry farming," to which he has given prolonged and careful attention. The professor related many instances of successful dry farming in Montana, and expressed the belief that they can be duplicated in this part of the state.

There was such a large attendance at the evening session, that the seating capacity of Odd Fellows' hall could not accommodate the crowd. F. E. Stranahan, who was chairman of the meeting, made a brief address in which he dwelt upon the importance of transportation facilities for Montana farm products. Referring to the inability of the railroads to give adequate service at the present time for the comparatively small amount of business offered, the speaker submitted that other methods of transportation will be necessary when the productive capacity of Montana farms shall have been more fully developed.

The merits of the Missouri river as a relief from this prospective congestion were presented as worthy of consideration, as that waterway could furnish facilities that would be equal to those of sixty railroads.

Prof. Cooley gave a short address upon the dairy cow, in which he predicted that dairy products will soon become one of the greatest sources of revenue for Montana farmers.

The principal feature of the evening session was a cooking demonstration by Miss Luella Brewer, of the Bozeman experiment station, who used beans as the basis of her work. Lima beans, kidney beans, or navy beans were stated to be equally adapted for the dishes that could be prepared—the speaker remarking that there are at least 35 different styles in which the vegetable can be served. With the aid of an oil stove, Miss Brewer proceeded to prepare a bean feast that included bean soup, bean croquettes, bean sandwiches, bean salad and other dishes in which beans were the principal ingredient, which were submitted to the judgment of the audience at the close of the demonstration. It was the unanimous verdict that every article on the menu was palatable and nutritious, and Miss Brewer was warmly commended for her instructive exhibit.

Prof. Linfield followed with an address upon "efficiency," his remarks being summarized as urging the desirability of obtaining the maximum returns from the minimum of endeavor. Applying this principle to every occupation, the speaker declared that whatever we do, we should do it well.

During the intervals between the addresses musical selections were rendered by Miss Frances Green, Miss Thibault, Mrs. C. H. Boyle, Mr. Jere Sullivan, Jr., and Mr. Ed. Davis, each of whom was liberally applauded.

In the Grasp of the Grip.

The epidemic of grip that has claimed many victims in northern Montana the past few weeks, is still doing business in this locality. It is one of the worst visitations of the ailment that has ever happened, very few families having escaped its attention.

According to news reports from various parts of the country, the epidemic has reached serious proportions in some of the larger eastern cities, one of the dispatches stating that over half a million patients are under treatment by Chicago physicians. The situation in that city caused the health authorities to issue a bulletin which says the grip is bad enough in itself, but it leads to results that are serious. Much of the suffering entailed by the grip is due to carelessness on the part of those who contract the disease: the ounce of prevention is worth considerably more than the pound of cure in this case.

These are the items of advice that Chicago's experts have sent out to their constituency: Don't neglect slight colds; dress warmly; breathe through the nose; keep the feet dry; don't wear wraps indoors; shun drafts; keep rooms well ventilated; don't overeat; avoid alcoholic beverages. These are simple enough and if they are observed they will help. The grip is apt to develop into pneumonia or something worse and it is well to be careful these days.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chester Signal: We can show home-seekers land that will equal any in northeastern Montana for producing all sorts of small grain and vegetables; ideal for stockraising and where the average winters are open and mild and where water may be easily had by boring or by building reservoirs in coolies. What more would any one want?

Belt Times: A four thousand dollar bridge will be built at the Highwood crossing of Belt creek nine miles north of town, the contract having been let Saturday by the county commissioners. This is one of the main traveled roads of the county and the bridge, which replaces the old wooden structure which was carried out by high water last spring, will be a steel bridge of modern design.

Glasgow News: County Attorney Slattery and Sheriff Small returned Wednesday from their trip up into the "Muddy" country, north of Culbertson, where the preliminary hearing of Ed. Sherman was held for the shooting scrape at a dance recently in that vicinity. The defendant was bound over to the district court, and after securing bonds he was given liberty until the next term of the district court.

Chinoook Opinion: Dr. C. F. Hopkins made a trip to the Bear Paws recently to inspect the work being done on the Copper Gulch property. The shaft has been sunk to the hundred foot level and the miners had crossed out and had just cut the vein at the time of his visit. The vein showed well defined walls and bore, according to assays just received, two and a half per cent copper, 20 in gold, six ounces in silver and a small percent of lead.

Glasgow News: There was a lively kidnaping affair in town Wednesday night in which Clara Healy, with the assistance of some fellow, as yet unknown, forcibly entered the house of Mrs. Christina Burke's near the reservoir, and while the man held Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Healy grabbed the child and disappeared in the darkness. A warrant was issued for their arrest and the woman was taken in custody at Nashua by the sheriff yesterday and brought back to Glasgow with the child.

Malta Enterprise: James Kyle, one of Montana's typical westerners, and a general favorite, died very suddenly last Wednesday night at Zortman while lying on his bed conversing with a friend. He was about sixty years of age, but a man of great vitality and well preserved. He leaves three sons, residents of Butte, who ordered the body prepared and shipped to that place for burial. In charge of Wm. Wellwood, an old-time friend, the body was brought to Malta last Thursday and shipped west on the evening train.

Zortman Miner: Since the first of the year several parties have been prospecting in the country lying between Alder and Grouse gulches, and are meeting with results far beyond expectations. The country is abundantly strewn with float and in several instances the parties have shown well defined leads with values up to about \$9 per ton at the surface. This is all very encouraging and simply demonstrates that, with the least amount of effort, paying mines may be discovered anywhere within the Little Rockies.

Chinoook Opinion: Buttermaker W. H. Thompson received the silver cup this last week that was presented him by the business men of Great Falls for the highest butter score at the Montana Dairymen's convention at Great Falls in December. Mr. Thompson received news this week also that a tub of butter which he entered at the North Dakota State Dairymen's convention had received second place with a score of 914, the high mark receiving 92. The product of the Chinoook creamery is receiving some good advertisement through Mr. Thompson's good scores in the different butter contests.

Suit Clubs Are Lotteries.

HELENA, Feb. 8.—Suit clubs are lotteries under the Montana statutes and therefore not allowed, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Galen in reply to a query of County Attorney Law of Bozeman. The attorney-general says the courts of Georgia, Michigan and Minnesota have held the same way and their statutes are identical with the Montana law. If the matter is tested in court and sustained it will hurt many clothiers who conduct them in connection with their regular business. The agreements provide a person must pay a dollar per week for so many weeks, depending upon the price of the suit, but if, in the weekly drawing, a member wins a suit, he drops out and no longer pays.

The Cut Bank Townsite Tangle.

HELENA, Feb. 10.—Business houses and residences of Cut Bank, in the northern part of Teton county, are situated upon land owned by the Great Northern railroad, and by the state of Montana, and the land upon which the school house is situated is the only tract in that village whose title is clear. This is the gist of the report to be made to state board of land commissioners by State Engineer John W. Wade, who returned yesterday from Cut Bank, where he was engaged in surveying and making plats of the village.

This situation is the result of a long controversy between the state and a settler named Allison for possession of the land on which Cut Bank is built. Believing that Allison was the rightful owner of the land, property owners either purchased or leased lots from the settler, with no reference to the claims of the state or of the railroad. A recent decision of the court places this land in possession of the rightful owners, thus making the former deeds given by Allison invalid.

Many Claimants For Reward.

BUTTE, Feb. 10.—There is promised a fine squabble in court before the \$7,000 reward for the capture and conviction of Towers, Hastings and Gruber is apportioned. If present signs don't fail, each claimant will be heard. From the arguments advanced on the Butte street corners it would be hard to say offhand who is entitled to the larger share. But it is expected Judge Callaway will decide upon the "divvy" within the next few days. The money will be turned over to him by the railway company.

Of the reward, \$2,000 is to be given by the Northern Pacific for the capture and conviction of each of the three men. The other \$1,000 is that offered by the state of Montana. The railway detectives, McPetridge, Page, Keown and Goddard, who worked on the case at different times, cannot share in the reward, it is said on good authority, and this somewhat simplifies the matter.

Applications for Grazing Permits. NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses or sheep within the HIGHWOOD MOUNTAINS NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Highwood, Montana, on or before March 15, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request. J. G. THAIN, Supervisor.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Feb. 8, 1908. Notice is hereby given that BENJAMIN McMAHAN, of Highwood, Montana, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 568, made February 3, 1882, for the (as amended) 8 1/2 SE 1/4 and 8 1/2 SW 1/4 section 8, township 21 north, range 7 east, and that said proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on March 15, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Olaf E. Johnson, Halvor O. Lyng, Hilman C. Lyng and Isaac Shephard, all of Highwood, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Feb. 8, 1908. Notice is hereby given that SANFORD PRICE, of Hill, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1381, for the E 1/2 NE 1/4 section 8, E 1/2 NE 1/4 section 10, township 25 north, range 3 east, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Gold Butte, Montana, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Maurice C. Price, Frank Henry and Louis Amos Hroz, of Hill, Montana; George Robinson, of Whitish, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Table listing various officials including Senators, Representatives, District Judges, Sheriffs, and County Commissioners.

BENTON LODGE, No. 29, I. O. O. F. Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

BENTON LODGE No. 28, A. F. AND A. M.—Regular communications of the above lodge are held at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

MODERN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA Meets every second and fourth Saturday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

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