

CITY AND STATE.

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. S. Ronne arrived yesterday on a visit with her daughter, Mr. E. Frank Sayre.

Mrs. O. B. Crane arrived from Butte yesterday, and will visit with relatives here.

Miss Mae Senlear, who has been visiting with relatives here, returned to Helena today.

John D. Sloane of St. Paul, government inspector of steamboats, was among the arrivals today.

Glen King, who has been attending the state agricultural college at Bozeman, is visiting with his parents.

The regular meeting of the ladies improvement society has been postponed until next Monday evening.

Miss Gracia Chesnut, who has been teaching in the Bozeman high school, arrived Saturday to spend the vacation.

Miss Mabel Copestick, of Seattle, a former resident of this city, is the guest of Mrs. John Neubert, of the Teton.

O. G. Skylstead and Alex Ross, county commissioners, arrived today to attend the regular June meeting of the board.

Charles Crepeau returned yesterday from Fort Shaw, where he recently completed his contract on the government irrigation canal.

According to reports from the country northeast of this city, the heavy rainstorms of the past ten days did not reach that locality, where the moisture would be gladly welcomed.

W. M. Davis, Jr., arrived from Great Falls today in response to news of the serious sickness of his father, W. M. Davis, of this city. The patient was reported to be improving this afternoon.

According to advices from Helena, a resident of that city is claiming the baby record of Montana because of the birth of five children in two and a half years. He must take a back seat in favor of a resident of Warrick, in this county, whose wife presented him with two pairs of twins within twelve months.

A remarkable meteorological phenomenon was observed this afternoon in the northeastern sky, where a long funnel-shaped cloud was suspended for several minutes. Some of the spectators expressed the opinion that it was a cyclone, while others believed it was a waterspout, its appearance favoring the latter conclusion. It appeared to be located over the Bear Paw or Milk river country.

Harry Crane, the six-year-old son of Postmaster Geo. W. Crane, had a remarkable escape from drowning Saturday afternoon. While playing at the foot of the Missouri river bridge he fell into the water and was carried into a deep eddy at the foot of the pier. The little fellow was swept around by the strong current, and by a fortunate accident was carried into shallow water, where he managed to scramble ashore without assistance. It was a very close call.

The steamboat "O. K." had a narrow escape from serious damage yesterday afternoon while passing through the draw of the Missouri river bridge to the lower levee to take on board a cargo of freight for lower river points. The vessel encountered a strong cross current between the piers of the bridge that forced her out of the narrow channel, and part of her upper deck was swept by the draw and some of the woodwork demolished. The accident also twisted some of the brace rods out of shape and damaged other fittings that will take several days to repair, and delay her trip down the river. The draw of the bridge was slightly damaged by the collision.

From Tuesday's Daily. Geo. W. Lovinger, of Virgelle, is among the business visitors in town.

A. J. Brodick, of the Havre Plain dealer, arrived today on a short business visit.

State Treasurer J. H. Rice and wife were among the arrivals from the west this morning.

A Washington dispatch announces the appointment of George W. Seaback as postmaster at Conrad, Teton county.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Frank A. Lehmann, a native of Germany.

Geo. Granillo and his crew of sheep shearers were among the arrivals yesterday. They expect to commence work in this vicinity in a few days.

It is reported from Chinook that several sheep camps south of that city have been quarantined for small pox, and the authorities fear more trouble from the disease.

An inventory and appraisal of the estate of Benjamin Cunningham, of Harlem, was filed in the district court today. The estate consists of personal property valued at \$652.50.

The Missouri river has been rising rapidly the past few days, as the result of heavy rains in the upper country. The record today is a little over eight feet above low water mark.

Fred H. Rolf arrived from Seath

today to secure the shipment of an outfit of ranch supplies on the steamboat "O. K." which will save a long overland haul from the railroad.

The May report of the Helena assay office again places Chouteau county second in the list of gold producing counties. The gold receipts from this county during May amounted to \$31,316.

A large freight outfit from Fergus county is camped on the south side of the river, waiting for a better condition of the roads. It is on the way to Dodson, to engage in freighting from that point to Zortman.

The eighth grade examinations of the public schools will be held in the assembly room, commencing Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The seventh grade will write on geography at the same place Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

George W. Tope and Fred Rapp, of Fort Wayne, Ind., have located bench land farms about four miles west of town, and have put in crops of potatoes. They report that a large number of settlers propose to locate in this part of Montana.

Jack-on Ripley, an old-time resident of northern Montana who was generally known as "Uncle Jack," died last week at the home of his daughter on Birch creek, in Teton county. Mr. Ripley, who was about 84 years of age, came to Montana in 1864, and had a wide acquaintance among the pioneer citizens of this part of the state.

Among the bills passed during the closing hours of congress was a bill providing for the opening of the Fort Peck Indian reservation, the passage of which in the house was secured by Representative Pray. It provides for an irrigation project that will reclaim about 180,000 acres of land. It is expected that the president will soon issue a proclamation, opening the reserve to settlement.

A damage suit was filed in the district court today by William L. Miniken against William E. Hiles, of Chinook, the complaint stating that plaintiff was wounded by a rifle shot at the hands of the defendant. The damages suffered by plaintiff are stated to be \$1,000, and judgment for three times that amount is asked. It is reported that Mr. Hiles shot at a dog, and accidentally hit the plaintiff.

SIX ARE GRADUATED.

Students of Fort Benton High School Give Pleasing Entertainment.

The graduating exercises of the Fort Benton high school, which were held in the assembly room Friday evening, were the most successful event in the history of the institution. The assembly room was too small to accommodate the crowd that was in attendance, and it was unfortunate that a larger auditorium was not available.

The assembly room had been prettily decorated with flags and streamers in which the class colors, gold and black, formed an attractive feature. The stage was banked with cut flowers, foliage plants and evergreens, and overhead was suspended a banner bearing the class motto, "Animo et fide," (By courage and faith), in gold and black. The graduating class consisted of Helen R. Sherry, who was awarded the scholarship of the year, Frances Harber, Gertrude Harber, Katherine Lee, Maude Minar and Leonard Morrow. The essays delivered by the graduates showed careful preparation, and were rewarded with hearty applause by the audience. All the items on the program were excellently rendered, the bell drill by twelve girls being worthy of special commendation. The program of exercises was as follows:

- Chorus, "The Bee"..... High School Invocation..... Rev. John Hennessy Chorus, "Voice of the Woods"..... High School The American Woman..... Helen R. Sherry Some of Its History..... Frances Harber Instrumental Solo..... Nina C. Thibault The Power of Absorption..... Leonard Morrow The Early Jesuit Missionaries..... Katherine Lee Vocal Solo..... Jere J. Sullivan A Dream in a Library..... Maude Minar The Passion Play..... Gertrude Harber Presentation of Diplomas..... President of School Board Class Song, "The Gold and the Black"..... Graduating Class Address, "Times and Types of Education"..... President J. M. Hamilton Bell Drill..... Twelve Girls Benediction..... Rev. Philo W. Hayes The address by J. M. Hamilton, president of the agricultural college at Bozeman, dealt largely with the educational methods of the present day, and received close attention. The speaker expressed the opinion that a course of industrial training is necessary to prepare students for their life work, and that such a course will be adopted in the high schools in Montana. At the close of the exercises the graduating class entertained their guests with light refreshments, after which the audience dispersed.

BUTTE, June 1.—Standing up to their knees in drifting snow while a blizzard beat upon their bare heads, members of the local Grand Army of the Republic held memorial services in the Mount Moriah cemetery. The blizzard prevented the parade, in which the school children were to have participated.

BOLD BOY BANDITS.

Three Great Falls Kids Holdup Passenger Train Near That City.

Three Great Falls boys, ranging in age from 15 to 17 years, planned and carried into effect a train robbery near that city Saturday night, and were placed under arrest the next morning. The passenger train from Shelby was run into a sidetrack by turning a switch, and when the train was stopped by the engineer the youthful bandits shot up the atmosphere in regular highwayman style, preparatory to interviewing the passengers. Two of them boarded the train, and under their direction—emphasized by a display of revolvers—the conductor collected contributions from the passengers to the amount of about \$100, which was turned over to the bandits. One of the passengers, William Dempsey, of Augusta, was shot in the leg while attempting to escape from the train, this being the only instance of bodily injury.

The boys arrested for the crime are Albert Hatch, William Randall and Harry Rheams, all residents of Great Falls, and less than 17 years old. In reporting the arrest of the youthful train robbers, the Great Falls Tribune says:

According to the story told by Rheams and Randall, Hatch, the youngest of the trio, was a ring leader and it was he who planned the robbery and did most of the work in carrying it out. Hatch does not deny this, and he is extremely vindictive because his partners in crime confessed the details of the robbery.

George Creswell, another 17-year-old boy, was also arrested and is being held on suspicion that he was in some manner implicated in the holdup. It is alleged by Rheams and Randall that Creswell helped plan the job, but was prevented from taking part because his mother would not allow him to leave the house Saturday night. Creswell refuses to make any statement about the matter.

According to the story told by Randall, Rheams and Creswell, the holdup was planned and carried out under the generalship of Hatch, the youngest of the four, who is said to have turned the switch, ordered the engineer to back up and to have gone through the passenger coaches with the conductor, forcing the latter at the point of a revolver to collect money from the passengers. According to the other boys, it was also Hatch who shot Dempsey and shot at Conductor Jack Hays, sending a bullet through Hays' left sleeve.

Rheams states that Hatch, after they had left the scene of the holdup, proposed that they cross Sun river to the Montana Central and hold up passenger train No. 230 from Butte, which was due in two or three hours. Because he demurred, Rheams states, Hatch drew his revolver and threatened to kill him, saying that he was captain and his orders must be obeyed implicitly. He was dissuaded from the second attempt at train robbery by the two youths who were with him.

The June Weather Record.

The weather conditions for June during the past 26 years are reviewed in a press bulletin issued by Observer C. W. Ling, the data being compiled from the official records of the Havre station. The exhibit says the mean or normal temperature for the month is 61 degrees, the coldest June being that of 1901, with an average of 56 degrees. The highest June temperature recorded was 108 degrees in 1900.

The average June precipitation is 2.90 inches. The maximum amount for the month was 9.33 inches in 1887, while in the June of 1889 there was a precipitation of only one-fourth of an inch.

The average number of clear days in June is eight; partly cloudy days, thirteen; cloudy days, nine.

Democratic Delegates Selected.

Pursuant to a call issued by Chairman John Harris, the democratic central committee met in the parlors of the Grand Union hotel, in this city, the business on hand being the selection of delegates to represent Chouteau county in the state convention to be held at Bozeman Wednesday, June 10. Most of the members of the committee were represented at the meeting, and after a brief preliminary discussion, the following list of delegates and alternates was named:

Delegates—John Harris, David G. Browns, A. S. Lobman, L. Newman, Joseph Sullivan, C. W. Young, Thos. Down, W. C. Kester, W. L. Weaver, Thomas McDewitt, B. F. O'Neal, Jas. Holland, Charles Lepley, C. W. Gardner.

Alternates—James Bartley, Charles E. Duer, A. W. Ziebarth, T. J. Todd, J. C. Bailly, F. A. Prosser, W. C. Broadwater, Pat Yeon, John Ruckley, Charles Carroll, C. B. Toole, E. C. Carruth, James E. Fox, L. O. Hudson.

The members of the committee expressed their preference for Bryan as the presidential candidate of their party, and instructed the Chouteau county delegation to use every honorable means to secure Montana support

for the Nebraskan at the Denver convention.

The following resolution was adopted by the committee:

Resolved, that the chairman of the democratic central committee of Chouteau county, Hon. John Harris, is hereby empowered to make all arrangements as to the time and place, and apportionment of delegates, and to issue call for the democratic county convention to nominate candidates for the various county offices, and the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the democratic state convention to be held at Anaconda September 7, 1908.

List of Trial Jurors.

The jury term of district court for Chouteau county will begin Monday, June 8, the first criminal case on the calendar being that of Fred Larimore, charged with the murder of W. P. Turner. The following have been summoned for jury service during the term:

- S. Belland, A. M. Grimmer, J. J. Ober, J. B. Kinella, W. L. McKenzie, L. Newman, John Ryan, L. Shambau, A. D. Shipley, J. F. Valadon, W. F. Wiltner, and V. Zweina, of Havre. Alex Barkley, W. Brach, R. S. Culbertson, F. J. Morger and Wm. Witt of Fort Benton. W. H. Duke, Paul Hensen, J. E. Ross, Ernest Johnson, J. P. Minniken, J. H. Thorber and J. Wisch, of Chinook. R. W. Buckland, Allan Gray, W. Sample and J. Strawbridge, of Highwood. C. M. Jacobs and M. R. Johnson, of Clearcreek. F. J. Kimball and Paul McCann, of Cleveland. A. Mallon and W. S. Henderson, of Maddux. F. M. Brechbill, Jacob Lafrantz and Fred Ranyan, of Lloyd. Frank Laird and Nels Bingham, of Laird. Ed. Forbes and E. A. Larock, of Harlem. Jas. Nantiel and W. M. Robinson, of Box Elder. H. Jappe, of Big Sandy; E. Hatje, of Warrick; J. F. Forgey, of Coburg; C. E. Sprinkle, of Ada; Jos. Rehal, of Chester; Isaac Evans, of West Butte; N. Bannatyne, of Portage.

May Rainfall Was Deficient.

According to the weather report for May, issued by Observer C. W. Ling, of the Havre station, the rainfall in that locality was less than the average for May during the past 27 years. The precipitation last month was 1.87 inches, compared with an average of 2.09 inches for May in former years.

The mean temperature for the past month was 55 degrees, which closely corresponds with the average for May since 1881.

The past month had eight clear days, nineteen partly cloudy, and four cloudy days.

Wool Market Conditions.

Advices from Helena state that the wool situation in Montana was discussed at a meeting recently of the board of directors of the Montana Woolgrowers' Commission company and arrangements were made with Frank Peters of Boston, who handled wool for the concern last year, to do likewise this year if there is no change in the situation. Arrangements have been made which insure ample finances to the company in handling consigned wool, even if every member of the company decides to consign.

Letters have been sent out to members advising them of conditions, and the method necessary for them to pursue to have the company handle their wool.

An encouraging feature of the situation is the announcement that the London wool auction sales closed last week with a recovery of the decline at the opening of the series. There was an improvement in prices for all classes of wool suitable for the American trade, and the Boston market is feeling the effect of the better conditions.

Death of Senator Jones.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Former United States Senator Jas. K. Jones of Arkansas, died at his residence here today, after an illness of a few hours, aged 69. He was one of the leading democrats in the senate from 1855 to 1903, and was one of the strongest supporters of W. J. Bryan, having, as chairman of the democratic committee, conducted the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. Since leaving the senate in 1903 he has conducted a law practice in this city, and has not actively engaged in politics.

Havre Herald: The plans and specifications for the first five miles of the main division canal and dam at Dodson have been prepared and forwarded to Washington for the final approval of the head of the department. From information which comes from Washington it is learned that these plans will shortly be approved, and calls for bids for this portion of the work will then be made.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Malta Enterprise: James Tweedie, ex-county assessor, died this morning at Saco, where he had been visiting. His children, who were apprised of his sudden illness were at his bedside.

Zortman Miner: We understand that a pocket or ore which assays several hundred dollars to the ton, was encountered in the Alabama last week. On several occasions this has happened and several years ago one bunch of 1,500 pounds is said to have netted \$6,000, but no more so rich was ever found.

Glasgow News: Ed. Browning was in from his Brazie creek ranch Friday of last week. He reported a heavy cloudburst on the head of that creek a few days previous. His sheep were camped on the creek, which was dry at bed time, and about 2 o'clock in the morning the water came down with such a rush that 200 or 300 were drowned.

Havre Plaindealer: C. A. Smith of Wild Horse lake, was in town Monday purchasing supplies. Mr. Smith stated that there was less water in the lake than there had been for a number of years, and unless there were some heavy rains the hay crop would be short. The rains that have fallen so generously around Havre have not extended to the lake.

Conrad Observer: There will be all of 7,000 acres of land under cultivation in this immediate vicinity this summer. A compiling of the individual acreage sown up to last Saturday showed a total of over 6,500 acres. Two steam plows are now at work in the vicinity breaking up land which will be sown this season, and a very conservative estimate is that 7,000 acres of grain will be growing right around Conrad this summer.

Harlem News: The people of Harlem are much pleased to know that they are quite likely to have Miss Agnes Atkinson, the present county superintendent, for the principal of the school here the coming school year. She has been elected by the board, and it is understood that her acceptance is practically assured. Miss Atkinson has high standing as a capable instructor, and her coming here will be a distinct value to the schools and the town as well.

Chinook Opinion: The end of the water rights controversy in this valley seems to be in sight through amicable agreement between the ditch companies of Chinook and Harlem and the reclamation service. The agreement has been practically concluded that the ditch companies are to come under the Milk river project and take water from the government, and receive an allowance of \$12.50 an acre for their previous rights which they surrender. It is thought that the agreement will hasten work on the St. Mary's project and will result in everyone securing a sufficient supply of water, besides avoiding the necessity of long drawn out litigation to determine priority of rights.

For County Commissioner.

I desire to announce that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner of Chouteau county, subject to the approval of the republican county convention. JAMES GRIFFIN. Chinook, Mont., May 30, 1908.

Notice.

To the members of the Montana Stockgrowers' Association: Please send in to the secretary at once your brands, number of cattle and horses, location of range and postoffice address, as we intend to get out a brand book as soon as all the brands of the members of this association get in. The secretary is required to make a record of the number of cattle and horses belonging to the members of the association, accompanied by their brands, location of range and postoffice address. It is the intention of the association to place inspectors in the field and in the different markets to handle cattle and horses belonging to members of the association only. Any stockman of good character who desires to become a member of this association will please apply for blank applications to the secretary-treasurer. H. R. WELLS, Secretary-Treasurer Montana Stockgrowers Association, Miles City, Montana.

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