

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.
A marriage license was issued today to Edward Atkinson and Rosanna Fiddler, both of Havre.

Miss Grace Carroll, who has been attending school near Boston, arrived home today to spend the vacation.

Owing to a typographical error in a recent local item, the size of the new ferry boat was not correctly stated. It is 60 feet long, and about 15 feet wide.

According to the Lewistown Democrat, the wool purchases recently made in Fergus county by a Boston operator, were at prices ranging from 15 to 17 cents.

It is reported from Rocky Point that many ranchers along the Missouri river lost practically everything in the recent flood. Their buildings, fences, crops and other property were washed away.

A. W. Merrifield, county surveyor, who returned today from Chinook, reports that extensive riprapping work is in progress at the pumping plant of that municipality. The plant was threatened with serious damage during the recent flood.

Word was received today that Dr. J. H. Russell arrived at Rocky Point with his raft Thursday, without any trouble en route, and unloaded his automobile and other effects before night. He reached Zortman with his automobile yesterday.

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of Lena Osterhoudt, deceased, has been filed in the district court by Samuel McDonald. The petition states that the deceased, who died in New Mexico, was the owner of property in Chouteau county.

Advices from Washington report that a contract for the installation of a 150,000-gallon steel tank and trestle at Fort Assiniboine has been let to the Pioneer Structural & Ornamental Iron Works company of St. Paul, Minn., by the war department, to cost \$12,481.

At a session of the district court held today, all trial jurors were excused until July 27, at 10 a. m. of that date. The first criminal case to be tried is that of Fred Larimore on a charge of murder, which is set for July 27. It will be followed by the Collins grand larceny case, to be tried July 30, and that of Wrightson, a forger case, July 31.

A suit was filed today in the district court by Andrew Pogreba against Ever Nielson and Albert Thompson, of Box Elder, to recover the sum of \$200. This amount is alleged to be the value of a horse which, according to the complaint, died from the effects of rough treatment while being branded by defendants, which was done without the knowledge or consent of the plaintiff.

The rumor that the interests of Jas. J. Hill in the Great Falls townsite have been purchased by John D. Ryan and other capitalists identified with the Amalgamated Copper company, is confirmed by newspaper announcement of the deal, which says about \$1,500,000 was involved in the transaction. It is said to be the purpose of the investors to build power plants at Rainbow falls and the Great falls of the Missouri river.

Great Falls Tribune: Albert Hatch, whose real name is Howard, and Henry Rheams, the two youths who were implicated in the holding up of the Shelby train several weeks ago, and who recently pleaded guilty to charges of murder in the first degree for the murder of William Dempsey, the victim of the holdup, yesterday appeared in the district court and requested leave to change their pleas to not guilty. The court granted their requests, and remanded them back to the custody of the sheriff until the further order of the court.

From Monday's Daily.
H. Norden, of Warrick, arrived today on a short business visit.

Allan Gray and wife came in from Highwood today, and are visiting with relatives here.

T. B. Shoebottom, of Great Falls, who has livestock interests in this vicinity, is among the business visitors in town.

Advices from Chinook report drouth conditions in the country north and east of that place, and the prospect for hay and grain crops is unfavorable.

R. P. Nickelson, who represents the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, is interviewing local stockmen in regard to their prospective beef shipments.

Orton Bros. announce a special piano sale, to commence tomorrow, at the Grand Union sample room. Each lady caller will be presented with a souvenir piece of music.

O. G. Skystead and Alex Ross, county commissioners, arrived today to attend a special meeting of the board. Road and bridge matters were under discussion this morning.

C. E. Sheldon met with a little misfortune today that cost him one of his fingers. It was caught in a planer that was being operated by a gasoline engine, and was almost instantly amputated.

Mrs. J. W. Lenning, who has been visiting with friends at the Bitter Root valley, was among the arrivals today. Owing to the suspension of traffic on the Montana Central, Mrs. Lenning returned by way of Spokane and the Great Northern.

The young men of Fort Benton wish to announce that a dance will be given at the Baker opera house on Friday evening, July 3. Mr. Hagen has given assurance that the dance floor will be in readiness for the occasion, and a good time is promised for those in attendance. A full orchestra has been engaged for the above date.

According to advices from Great Falls, the ranch property of the Chamberlain Land and Sheep company, consisting of nearly 16,000 acres near Geyser, has been sold to eastern Montana parties at a figure that averages about \$10 per acre. The purchasers propose to divide the land into small tracts, which will be sold to settlers.

An information was filed in the district court today against Carl Smah-house, a boy about 17 years old, who is charged with grand larceny. The defendant, who is now in jail, is alleged to have stolen a horse from Henry Regau, and is said to have confessed his guilt. He is a comparative stranger in this section, having recently arrived from North Dakota.

J. B. Wolff, of the Marias, who is in town today, brought in a specimen of the flood sediment that covers part of the ranches in that locality. It has been sun-baked into a substance almost as hard as brick, but as there is a difference of opinion as to whether it will eventually be of benefit to the land, the matter will be presented to the state agricultural authorities for determination.

From Tuesday's Daily.
New lot of boys' summer clothing at T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.,
Latest productions in stiff and soft hats. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

R. S. Tingley, of Big Sandy, arrived today on a business visit.

New line of wash suits at T. C. Power & Bro.'s clothing department. *
Sweet Orr & Co.'s dress and outing pants from \$3.00 up. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

Men's two piece suits, skeleton coats, just the thing for hot weather. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

A case of measles developed in town today, and has been placed in quarantine by the health authorities.

The government steamboat Mandan was reported at the mouth of Cow creek a few days ago, and is expected to arrive here the latter part of the week.

C. W. Price and wife, former residents of this city who now make their home at Los Angeles, Cal., were among the arrivals from the west today.

John Harris and Charles Lepley left by freight last evening for Great Falls, where they hoped to connect with a passenger train that will enable them to attend the democratic state convention at Bozeman.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to D. F. Pound, of Waverly, Iowa, and Fay McMurray, of Janesville, Iowa. The wedding took place at the Chouteau house last evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. N. Chesnut.

Recent beef sales in the Chicago market included another shipment made by the Billings Sugar company, the cattle having been fattened on beet pulp and alfalfa meal. The cattle averaged about 1,400 pounds and sold at \$7.60 to \$7.85, which are the highest prices ever paid in the Chicago market for that class of stock.

A false alarm of fire gave the department a quick run last evening. The trouble appeared to be a small brush fire built by some hoboes near the Cummings residence on lower Main street, and a neighbor, believing the smoke came from the building, sent in an alarm. When the hoboes learned the hose cart was headed in their direction, they took to the hills.

The northern Montana wool season has commenced with several sales at Chinook the past week, the prices, according to reports from that market ranging from 15 to 16 cents. The latter figure is said to have been paid for the clip of Martens Bros. A dispatch from Billings states that several sales were made there recently, one sale at 16 cents being reported, and others at 15 to 16 cents.

Great Falls Leader: Death overtook N. J. Brown at Columbus hospital suddenly this morning and his life was snuffed out in one brief moment. Mr. Brown, who was a rancher of the Sweet Grass hills, 73 years of age, had been in the hospital under treatment for just one week. He had been feeling fairly well and had passed a good night. This morning he ate a hearty breakfast, and about 9 o'clock his heart refused to longer continue its functions and death was instantaneous.

Hinsdale Homestead: J. M. Nelson left this week on another trip up the river with his boat to Kismet. Mr. Nelson says the river looks dangerous since his last trip, and he is not so enthusiastic over the boat business.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Malta Enterprise: A. O. Downey, an engineer in the reclamation service, arrived Sunday morning and will be in charge of some surveying on the Malta-Glasgow canal. Mr. Downey was formerly in charge of work on the Shoshone project in Idaho.

Havre Herald: It has been ascertained from authentic sources that eight troops of the 15th cavalry under command of Major J. B. McDonald, are to relieve the battalion of the 2d infantry, now stationed at Fort Assiniboine, Montana, in the fall after the return of the troops from manoeuvre camps.

Chinook Opinion: At Harlem a crew of men under the direction of T. M. Everett, have nearly completed the building of a big dike to protect the north side of that town from flood waters from Thirty-mile creek. The dike is about three-quarters of a mile long, 25 feet wide at the bottom, ten feet across the top and five feet high.

Havre Plaindealer: Fireman Burton while firing engine 1308 on the Kallepell division, met with an accident at Fielding last Saturday that cost him his life. The draw bar between the engine and tank broke, and he was precipitated beneath the train, four cars passing over him. He had only been in the employ of the company ten days.

Hinsdale Homestead: The first broom making outfit to come to Montana arrived here the first of the week and is the property of A. M. Butler, who arrived here a short time ago from Michigan. Mr. Butler, as well as some others, has planted some broom seed corn to test the growing of the corn here and if it proves a success he will establish a factory at Hinsdale.

Harlem News: It still continues very dry in this section and much apprehension is beginning to be felt for hay and grain crops, and the range. There has been but one rain this spring that wet the ground to amount to anything and it was only a good shower. The hay crop will be less than half an average yield. Similar conditions exist at Hinsdale and doubtless all northeastern Montana.

Conrad Observer: Owing the high water Teton county is up against the expense of rebuilding and repairing every bridge in its confines, estimated at 19. The work of repairing a number of bridges has been let to F. H. Pings and last week a force of men were put to work rebuilding the bridge crossing the Pondera, just south of town. It is going to cost Teton county a good round sum to replace and repair bridges this summer.

Harlem News: W. E. French returned Wednesday from Ogden, Utah, where he went recently. He was accompanied by John Pingree, the field expert of the Amalgamated Sugar company of Ogden. Mr. Pingree will at once make a full and careful examination of the conditions existing in the valley, taking whatever time is needed to go over the ground thoroughly. He will soon be joined by Mr. Eccles, the president of the company, and a definite and positive conclusion relative to building the sugar factory will now soon be determined upon.

Body of Flood Victim Recovered.

The search party that left here Friday morning, to recover the dead body which was reported to be lodged in a tree near the mouth of Eagle creek, returned by gasoline launch Sunday afternoon with news that the remains were undoubtedly those of Peter Bentzen, who has been missing since the beginning of the flood. The body was found entangled in the branches of a tree, with the head and shoulders submerged, and was almost divested of clothing that would assist in identification. The features were unrecognizable, but the absence of two front teeth, and the general build of the deceased, convinced the members of the search party that the corpse was that of Bentzen. The body was buried near the place where it was found, and may be disinterred later.

This solves the mystery of the disappearance of the missing man, and confirms the theory that he was drowned in the Missouri river. He was last seen on the evening of Friday, June 5, when he was catching logs and other flood debris near Roosevelt island, about a mile above town. He failed to return to his home that night, and no trace had been found of him since that time. The deceased was a laboring man who had been a resident of this vicinity for several years, but so far as known had no relatives in this part of the country.

The members of the search party report piles of flood debris at various points along the river, the wreckage including building material, bridge timbers, logs and other evidence of property destroyed by the flood. On a small island surrounded by deep water was a small colony of live chickens that had apparently come down the river on some floating debris

and lodged there, but had no means of subsistence. An effort was made to corral them, but the party secured only one of the flock.

Death of Colonel Dan Searles.

Advices from Anaconda announce the death of Col. Daniel A. Searles, the veteran Montana editor, who has been seriously ill in that city the past few weeks. Death was mainly due to the infirmities of age, the deceased being about 79 years old.

Colonel Searles was well known among residents of this city and vicinity, having been editor of the River Press in the early nineties and becoming acquainted with a large number of northern Montana citizens at that time. He was also engaged in newspaper work in Butte, Great Falls and at other points in Montana, and had many friends throughout the state. He was a graceful and effective writer, and did excellent work for the newspapers with which he became identified.

Awarded Contract For Bridge.

The condition of county roads and bridges, and the work necessary for their repair, formed the principal business under consideration at the special meeting of the Chouteau county commissioners. A large part of the session was devoted to a discussion of the best method of restoring to serviceable condition the county bridge over the Missouri river, a portion of which was wrecked by the recent flood, and it was finally decided to begin repair work with the least possible delay.

In view of the fact that the bridge is in an impassable condition, to the great inconvenience and loss of many residents of this part of the county, the board adopted a resolution stating that the situation calls for immediate action. It was resolved that the board proceed forthwith to let a contract for repairs and reconstruction of the damaged portion of the structure, and restore it to use as a public highway.

Bids for the work were submitted by A. Y. Bayne & Co. and O. E. Peppard, each contemplating a combination bridge of steel and timber, with a span of 225 feet. The bid of Bayne & Co. was \$6,720, and that of Mr. Peppard \$5,495. After due consideration, the board accepted the Peppard bid, and a contract was executed, the time limit for the work being November 1, 1908.

The figure at which the contract was awarded is the lowest price for which similar work has ever been done on Chouteau county bridges.

Montana Horse Thieves Captured.

The story of the capture of a gang of horse thieves who had been operating in northern Montana is told in a news item from Ambrose, N. Dak., which says: Sheriff S. C. Small and Deputies H. F. Calderwood and H. McNeill of Glasgow, Mont., arrived here in search of a bunch of horses that were stolen from a man named Hess, who lives near Saco, Montana. Early the next morning they proceeded to Crosby, N. Dak., where they found the horses in a pasture supposed to be owned by C. J. Clarke, cashier of one of the Crosby banks.

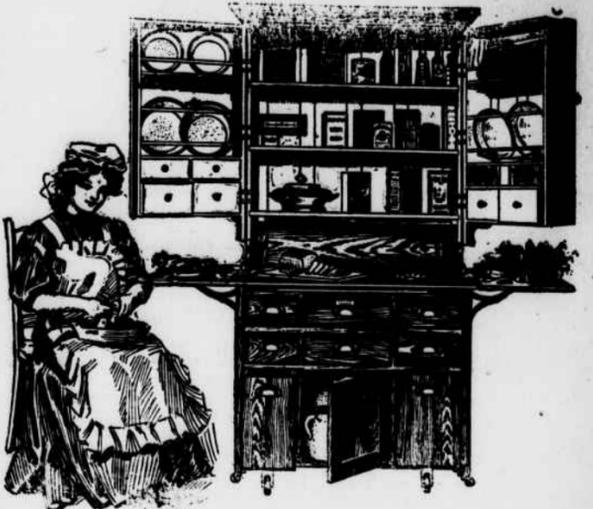
After locating the horses, the officers went in search of the men who brought them here, and so well were their plans laid that the rustlers were not aware of their presence until they were covered with guns and forced to surrender without having a chance to make any resistance.

Three men were supposed to be implicated in the stealing of the horses. One was left out on the trail to watch and give the alarm in case they were pursued and the other two took care of the horses. In some way the officers failed to overtake the watchman, nor did he know the officers were in pursuit, or he would have warned his pals. He escaped, but Vern Parker and Jim Smith, alias King, were arrested and are being taken back to Montana for trial. Both of them were armed when captured and are desperate characters.

This country has been a nest of horse thieves, but a determined effort is now being made to get rid of them. "Bloody Knife," one of the gang, was shot on the streets of Ambrose a short time ago. "Pigeon Toed Jim" was shot and instantly killed by Deputy Sheriff Calderwood in Montana about two months ago, and the mounted police have disposed of several across the border in Canada this spring since they have been stationed there.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
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.
For County Commissioner.
The undersigned is a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner, subject to the approval of the county convention.
CHAS. A. SMITH.
Harlem, Mont., June 12, 1908.
Candidate for Sheriff.
The undersigned wishes to announce that he is an applicant for the republican nomination for sheriff of Chouteau county, subject to the approval of the republican county convention.
GEORGE W. ROUSE.
Fort Benton, April 24, 1908.

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