

CITY AND STATE.

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. J. Strawbridge, of Highwood, is the guest of John Reynolds and family.

A large number of young people were very pleasantly entertained at a lawn party given by the Misses Harris Saturday evening.

An enjoyable picnic took place Saturday afternoon at the Embleton ranch on the Teton, the guests including several visitors from town.

C. H. Ragland returned Saturday morning from a visit of several weeks in San Diego, Calif., where Mrs. Ragland and family are temporarily located.

Among the informal program of sports on the Fourth was a 100-yard foot race between I. Hunsberger and Chas. Crepeau, in which the honors and the purse of \$30 went to Mr. Hunsberger.

A decree of foreclosure and order of sale was entered in the district court today in the suit of J. S. Almas vs. Leslie F. Austin and others. The suit was brought to recover an indebtedness secured by a mortgage.

Another roundup of hoboes was made by the authorities at an early hour this morning, thirteen members of the fraternity being taken into custody. Their arrival at the jail made a list of 44 prisoners in that institution.

Charles Thomas, of Browning, one of the oldest of old-timers in this part of Montana, is renewing acquaintance with his Fort Benton friends. He states that great damage was caused by recent floods in the Blackfoot reservation.

Among the visitors in town are R. L. Thompson and W. S. Kingsbury, of Virgelle, and I. F. Churchhill, each of whom suffered heavy loss in the recent flood. They are replacing some of the property that was taken away by the high water.

In the police court today, A Peterson was given a fine of \$5.00 for disorderly conduct, and Roy Lundy a fine of \$10 for assault. L. S. Hale, who had a hearing in the justice court on a charge of petit larceny, was found guilty and given a sentence of thirty days.

There was a large attendance at the Fourth of July dance, which took place in the new Baker opera house Friday evening, and which was the first entertainment to be held in the new hall of amusement. The new accommodations are superior to any heretofore enjoyed by the residents of this city.

The remains of the late Mrs. K. Flinnigan arrived from Napa, Cal., Saturday morning, accompanied by Thos. T. Healy and wife and Mrs. E. J. Dunna, formerly of this city. The body was buried by the side of that of Dennis Flinnigan, husband of the deceased, who died here some years ago, the funeral services being held at Riverside cemetery.

The gasoline launch that has been operated here by Hagen & Fry has been purchased by John T. Sneath, who left on the craft today for his ranch about sixty miles down the river. Mr. Sneath took with him two homing pigeons, which he will use to send word of the government steamboat Mandan as soon as it arrives at the Sneath ranch, and it is expected the birds will return here in quick time with the message.

Wagon transportation over the Missouri at this point, which was interrupted by the recent flood making a gap in the county bridge, was resumed yesterday by putting the new ferry boat into commission. The new steel wire cable was put into place during the day, and the first transfer was made across the river in the evening with Captain Stevens at the helm. The ferry is being kept busy with the traffic that has been awaiting means of communication.

V. F. Blankenbaker, of Virgelle, is one of the flood victims who does not propose to surrender to the discouragement of an occasional spell of high water. Several of his ranch buildings were carried away, but they will be replaced by larger and more substantial structures. Mr. Blankenbaker is preparing plans for a new residence of nine rooms, a machine house, barn, ice house, blacksmith shop and other buildings necessary for a well equipped plant.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One lot children's clothing at half price. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

One table of \$2.50 and \$3.00 hats going at \$1.00. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

Buy a suit from the red tag table. Less than cost. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.

Half price on one table of shoes. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd., clothing department.

Five location notices for quartz claims in the Little Rockies have been filed in the county clerk's office by J. A. Blevins and others.

W. Weldley, who was given a sentence of sixty days by Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, for petit larceny, was received at the county jail today.

An inventory and appraisal of the estate of Robert J. Wood, deceased, has been filed in the district court, the property being valued at \$1,905.

Declarations of their intention to become American citizens were filed in the district court today by John Wildin and Ralph L. Wildin, who are natives of England.

R. A. Luke, the well known Helena insurance man, arrived from the west today to adjust the loss on the steamer O. K., which was practically destroyed by fire last week.

Word has been received from Bozeman announcing the marriage of Thomas W. Scott and Allie R. King, both of whom were former residents of this city and have many friends here.

A man whose name is unknown was brought in from Gold Butte today by Deputy Sheriff Teal, and placed in jail to await a hearing on a charge of insanity. He was committed by Justice John McDowell.

Several of the hoboes who were recently given jail sentences have been put to work on the streets, the authorities believing that a little hard labor will discourage other members of the fraternity who may propose to visit here.

J. P. Lee, who lost his house in the recent Marias flood, has recovered the building at a point some distance down the stream. It is somewhat damaged, but part of the contents remained in the building during its voyage down the Marias.

It is reported from Chinook that Moe Anderson, at a hearing in Justice Duff's court on a charge of assault in the second degree, was bound over to the district court. The defendant is alleged to have threatened J. N. Cook with a rifle.

I. M. Rogers, deputy sheriff, arrived from Bozeman today with Jas. C. Walker, who was arrested at Bozeman at the request of Chouteau county authorities. He is charged with stealing a horse belonging to Joseph Sheetz, near Chinook, and states that he will plead guilty to the charge.

Great Falls Leader: Edward Kennison, a young rancher of the Highwood district, died at the Columbus hospital Saturday after a long illness with tuberculosis. Deceased has been under treatment at the hospital for a number of months. He was 31 years of age and is survived by his wife. He has been a resident of Montana for about eight years.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office today by the Upper Milk River Water Users' association, the incorporators being T. M. Everett, A. H. Reser, J. N. Cook, J. C. Cronk, E. M. Kennedy, Thos. Down and R. F. Morris. The company is formed for the purpose of adjusting matters relating to the government Milk river project, and is intended to represent the interests of all who have water rights in the upper valley. Its capital stock is \$2,500,000, with 100,000 shares of the value of \$25 each.

Steamboat "O. K." is Burned.

The steamboat "O. K.," which was beached on the lower levee by the recent flood, and was awaiting repairs, was practically destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Whether the fire was started accidentally or by an incendiary is not definitely known, but the prevailing opinion is that it was the work of a firebug.

The fire was discovered about 11:30 o'clock and an alarm was at once given, the department responding within a few minutes. Two streams of water were soon turned on the burning vessel, but the flames had made such headway among the dry lumber of the upper deck that the greater part of the boat was destroyed. The remnants consist principally of a charred hull and a tangled mass of metal fittings and machinery.

It is the general belief that the fire was started by hoboes, several of whom have attempted from time to time to make the steamboat a roosting place and were ejected by the watchman. The latter was temporarily absent when the fire was started, and it is assumed that one or more of the hoboes fired the boat in a malicious and revengeful spirit. There is at present no evidence to support this or any other theory as to the origin of the fire.

The burning of the steamboat is a severe loss to Captain Geo. H. Stevens, who was preparing to have it repaired. A crew of ship carpenters recently arrived from Grand Forks to do the repair work, but they have been employed in building the new ferry boat and were about to begin the work for which they were originally engaged. The O. K. was a 100-ton boat built especially for Missouri river traffic, and cost about \$14,000. It is said to have been insured for such a small amount that its destruction means almost a total loss.

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MONTANA WOOL GOSSIP.

Better Demand in Eastern Markets Will Advance Wool Values.

The wool buyers have been busy the past week gathering in northern Montana clips at what are believed to be bargain prices. The deals were closed in some instances without inspecting the wool, the price being so satisfactory to the buyer that he immediately made a contract for its purchase. Several sales were made the past week at Chinook, Harlem, Malta and other points, the prices reported being 15 to 16 cents.

The eastern Montana sheepmen are said to be holding their wool in anticipation of better market conditions. A recent report from Miles City says a clip has been sold at 18 cents, and a sale at 17 cents is reported from Billings.

Improved conditions in the Boston market are reported by the Commercial Bulletin, which says dealers have plucked up courage and will not accept any and all bids. Actual advances are noted on staple and territory wools, and all grades of fleeces are marked. Strictly clothing wools do not show the buoyancy of staple. They too, however, are firmer in that holders find it easier to obtain prices which formerly they asked in vain. The cleanup recently of one large holding of Montana wool, amounting to close to 1,500,000 pounds, will have the effect in all probability of strengthening the market.

The Howard-Boyer Wool company, of Philadelphia, in which Wyoming sheepmen are the principal stockholders, gives this statement of the situation:

Today's cable from our London correspondent says the United states will get no cheap wools at the London wool sales July 14. If present prices hold good fine Australian will cost 42 cents net per pound in the grease, to say nothing of the two per cent for selling.

The entire Montana and Wyoming wools are therefore fully ten to twelve cents less than competing Australian wool and confirms our advice to our stockholders that American wools are the cheapest in the world at present prices, to say nothing of the prices at which dealers are trying to obtain their supplies.

A railroad man informs the River Press that wool shipments by rail and lake to eastern markets carry higher charges than the all rail route, because of the additional charge for insurance. The rail and lake rate is six cents per cwt. less than the all rail freight rate, but with 12 1/2 cents per cwt. insurance on the lakes, the cost to the shipper is increased to that extent.

An Attempted Jail Break.

There was some excitement in the vicinity of the county jail Monday morning, one of the prisoners making a desperate break for freedom. He escaped from the building by pushing past Deputy Sheriff Geo. Wackerlin, who was bringing the morning meal to the prisoners, and started on a run down Washington street.

Mr. Wackerlin shouted word of the escape to Undersheriff M. Flanagan, who was in the jailer's office and who at once started after the fugitive. The latter was warned to stop, but paid no heed to the command which was emphasized by a few shots from a revolver to frighten him, and with the last shell in his gun Mr. Flanagan inflicted a slight flesh wound in the leg of the prisoner. This brought him to a halt, but he suddenly turned on the under sheriff and grappled with his pursuer, beating him on the head with a rock. Deputy Sheriff Wackerlin arrived just in time to help out his fellow officer, and was assailed with a rock by the desperate fugitive, the blow mashing one of his fingers and knocking the pistol from his hand. Mr. Wackerlin quickly regained possession of the weapon, however, and knocked his assailant down with a blow on the head, after which he was handcuffed and conveyed back to the county jail within a few minutes from the time of his escape.

The prisoner is a man named Julius Ekkrath, who was brought to the county jail a few days ago from Dodson, to serve a sentence of thirty days for vagrancy. He is a big husky Swede, and from his actions since his arrival at the jail is believed to be crazy.

The Norris and Rowe Circus.

With the Greater Norris & Rowe circus, museum, menagerie, hippodrome and congress of nations, which will exhibit in this city Friday, July 10, afternoon and night is a family of acrobats that go under the name of the Astral St. Leons. This family was engaged and came direct from Melbourne, Australia, to the Norris & Rowe circus. There are seven members to the troupe, among them are performers that turn double full twist and double somersaults from the bare ground, a feat that has been accomplished but by three performers in the world, and then on rare occasions only.

In their contract with Norris & Rowe they agree to perform this almost incredible act at every representation of the show.

During the run of the circus in San Francisco this spring of spring performances, 279,873 persons paid admissions to the big show, and the St. Leons made one of the big distinct hits of the program, which includes performers from every country in the world. Their act cannot be described, "it beggars description." The new big street parade will take place at 10 o'clock. By arrangement, the Norris & Rowe circus will be the only big show to visit this section of the country this year.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Zortman Miner: The Exploration company made a cleanup for the month a day or two ago, which is understood to have been around \$15,000. Considering the inexperience of those in charge, this is regarded as good.

Harlem News: There is no definite announcement yet of the determination of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. to build a beet sugar factory in the Milk river valley, but it is nevertheless settled that the plant will be built and that work will be begun on it this fall.

Culbertson Republican: Pilot E. S. Small was accidentally drowned at Sioux Crossing on Wednesday afternoon while attempting to make a crossing of the Missouri river. The body was drawn under the boat and disappeared to rise no more, and as yet has not been recovered.

Conrad Observer: W. D. Jones is in this week from his spring hill home. He said he had 10 acres of fall wheat fully 3 1/2 feet high and all headed out. His experience in fall wheat is that the seed must be in the ground before July 15th. He has a crop that was sown 12 days later than the first, and he says one can plainly see the difference.

Glasgow News: Last Friday afternoon a sharp electrical and wind storm visited this part of the country and north and east of town it assumed the nature of a cyclone, and did considerable damage to some of the new settlers' buildings, in several instances completely demolishing the buildings and blowing away entire stacks of hay. E. R. Young, one of the new settlers, was caught in his house, and when the building was blown to pieces he came out of the wreck with a broken arm and numerous bruises.

Glasgow Review: A. F. Dunnington, connected with the U. S. Geological survey, with headquarters at Washington, arrived in Glasgow Wednesday with a corps of assistants, ostensibly for the purpose of surveying the Fort Peck reservation recently turned over to the interior department and soon to be open for homesteading. Mr. Dunnington will start in with about 45 men, but does not expect to complete the survey before next summer, as there is something over a hundred thousand miles of lines to run.

A Story of Henry Clay.

The following anecdote of Henry Clay was told by one of his personal friends: While making the journey to Washington on the National road, just after his nomination as candidate for the presidency, he was traveling one stormy night, wrapped up in a huge cloak, on the back seat of the stage-coach when two passengers entered. They were Kentuckians, like himself. He fell asleep and when he awoke found them discussing his chances in the coming campaign.

"What did Harry Clay go into politics for?" said one. "He had a good bit of land; he had a keen eye for stock. If he had stuck to stock raising he'd have been worth his fifty thousand. But now he doesn't own a dollar."

"And," the great Kentuckian used to add, "the worst of it was, every word of it was true."

It was characteristic of the man that at the next stopping place he hurried away and took another coach lest his critics should recognize him and be mortified at their unintentional rudeness.

Impertinent Lady Holland.

In "A Family Chronicle," a book of gossip, is a story about the fearful and wonderful Lady Holland which is comparatively unobscured. She was at Lord Radnor's, and they could not get rid of her. Lord Radnor thought of unrolling the house, but tried first what prayers of a Sunday evening would do. She was highly pleased (very gracious, Lady Morley said, because she knew they longed to get rid of her) and said she would go down for prayers. Whether she was ill I do not know, but it seems she had to be carried downstairs and wrapped herself up in cloaks, etc. In the midst she called out for more cloaks, which were brought her. When she went up to the drawing room again she said to Lord Radnor the having finished with the Lord's Prayer: "I liked that very much, that last prayer you read. I approve of it. It is a very nice one. Pray, whose is it?" Did any one ever hear such a thing? I cannot imagine why people should bear her impertinence.

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