

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily.
W. M. Davis and wife have returned from a visit to Hunter's Hot Springs. Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.

Dr. Stephens will sell a Premier 6-cylinder, Reo, or Ford automobile. See him or write.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Matthew B. Ferguson, a native of Canada.

The new forms of quartz location blank required under the new law can be obtained at the River Press office. The new form must now be used in making quartz locations.

John Phoenix, who was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of assault, was found guilty at a trial before a jury in Justice Kinder's court yesterday afternoon. The defendant was fined \$20 by the court.

A big band of sheep was among the business handled by the new ferry boat this morning. The outfit, which is owned by C. H. Ragland, was brought from the south side of the Missouri river and driven to the Chase shearing plant on the Teton.

Constable J. H. Miewald arrived from Chinook today with A. W. Coleman and Robert Hurley, each of whom is under sentence of thirty days in jail for vagrancy. The prisoners had been soliciting alms on the pretense of being deaf and dumb, and it developed that they were frauds.

A suit was commenced in the district court today by John Cromley against Dudley Winter to recover an outfit of about 2,700 sheep which the plaintiff alleges are his property, and which are valued at about \$10,800. The complaint also asks that plaintiff be awarded \$500 and the costs of the suit.

Julius Ekraht, the prisoner who recently made a desperate effort to escape from jail, had a hearing yesterday before a commission in the district court, and was found to be insane. One of his delusions is that he is a personal friend of the king of Sweden, and that the latter owes him \$13,000.

Among the arrivals today were T. C. Power and Merlin Power of Helena, and Captain I. P. Baker, of Bismarck, N. Dak. Captain Baker and Mr. Power who were interested in the Block "P" line of steamboats that operated on the upper Missouri river several years ago, are awaiting the arrival of the government steamboat Mandan.

H. Jappe, of Big Sandy, who is among the business visitors in town, brings word that Mosney, the fugitive outlaw, has been camping in the Bear Paw country for some time past. He has been definitely identified as Mosney by persons who knew him before he became a fugitive from justice, and the residents of that locality fear he may cause them trouble if not apprehended or driven out of the country.

From Thursday's Daily.
Mrs. W. C. Lynch and Miss K. Stone, of Williston, were among the arrivals today.

A beef shipment from eastern Montana was on the Chicago market the early part of the week. The steers sold at \$4.80 to \$5.25, and cows at \$3.70.

L. V. Bogy, the well known Chinook merchant, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Bogy reports drought conditions in that part of northern Montana and short crops of nearly all kinds of farm products.

The annual report of C. M. Webster, collector of customs for the Montana and Idaho district, shows a big volume of business during the past twelve months. The cash receipts for the year amounted to \$359,218.

Julius Ekraht, who was recently committed to the insane asylum, was taken to warm Springs today by Under Sheriff M. Flanagan and Constable J. H. Miewald. As the prisoner is regarded as a dangerous lunatic, he was heavily ironed before his departure.

A Washington dispatch says Col. James Rockwell, ordnance officer of the department of Dakota at St. Paul, Minn., has been ordered to visit Fort Assiniboine, Missoula and William Henry Harrison on public business connected with the ordnance material at those posts.

From Friday's Daily
D. A. Smith, of Hinsdale, and L. W. Kennedy, of Saco, were among the arrivals today from Valley county.

Advices received from Lewistown today report an improvement in wool market conditions in that locality. The Fergus clip was sold Wednesday at 17 cents, and another clip at 17 cents.

About twenty members of the Junior Guild and St. Paul's choir were very pleasantly entertained at the rectory last evening by the Misses Chesnut, dancing being the principal amusement.

Joseph Brennan was brought in from Harlem today by L. Minge, deputy sheriff, to serve sixty days for disturbing the peace. The prisoner was sentenced by Justice Geo. W. Vennum.

Criss Coffee, an old offender who has caused the authorities considerable trouble, was arraigned in Justice Kinder's court today on a charge of drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$50, which is equivalent to 25 days in jail.

F. A. Carnal, county attorney, returned today from Chinook, where he attended a hearing in Justice Duff's court in the case of A. Dalley, charged with assault in the second degree. The defendant was bound over to the district court.

The Chouteau county tax roll for the current year is being completed in the assessor's office, the work having been delayed by the June floods, which caused the removal of the assessment records from the basement of the court house and prevented active work in the field.

Amended articles of the Upper Milk River Water Users' association were filed in the county clerk's office today, a few changes being made in the wording of the original filing. The incorporators are T. M. Everett, A. H. Reser, J. N. Cook, E. M. Kennedy, Thomas Down, Thomas O'Hanlon and J. C. Cronk.

London Wool Market Improves.

An improvement in prices at the London wool sales is reported in a telegram received by Hon. T. C. Power from the Howard-Boyer Wool company, of Philadelphia, which says:

"Our cable reports London opened today at an advance of five per cent on closing rates of last series. It is expected there will be a further advance on wools suitable for the American trade."

The press dispatches state that a large number of buyers attended the opening day of the London wool sales Tuesday. There was spirited competition for the 13,000 bales brought forward and cross-breds scored a five per cent advance over the May prices. Cape of Good Hope scored were unchanged to five per cent cheaper and greasies were unchanged to five per cent dearer. Americans bought suitable parcels of crossbreds, occasionally paying 7 per cent advance over the last sales.

Good Medicine for a Bad Man.

A remedy for the "bad man" nuisance has been discovered by residents of the upper Teton, the Choteau Acantha describing the prescription and method of application as follows:

A bad, bad, man blowed in Tuesday evening from the ditch camp. He was the real article from Bitter creek, the further up you go the worse they are, and he came from right whar she started. Although one of his ears was all but chewed off a week ago in a fight, he did not have enough. He could lick any man in camp, that was all. The "bunch" stood for his hot air as long as they could. It finally got on their nerves. They took the bad man in hand, stripped off his shirt, and painted his body with alternating stripes of red and black ink, a la zebra. Then they tied his overalls tight around his shanks and filled them with cracked ice, the object being to cool the bad man off. All due instructions about the road having been given, he was told to hike and forget the way back. He hiked—in the high places. It was not a bad bit of police work.

Silver Bow Wealth Reduced.

BUTTE, July 16.—The assessment rolls for Silver Bow county, completed this morning by Assessor Patrick Boland and his force, show a decrease of \$17,991,820 in the assessed valuation of the property in the county from the figures of last year.

The principal cause of this enormous decrease is the decrease in the net proceeds of the mines of Butte, which this year in their returns to the assessor show net proceeds of only \$4,649,190. Last year the net proceeds of the mines totaled \$20,263,480.

Another cause of the decrease in the county's property valuation is the fact that Assessor Boland, realizing that times are hard for many of Butte's citizens and that business is not up to the mark set last year and the year before, has reduced all town lot valuations 10 per cent., making the figures on this class of real estate the same as they were two years ago.

Will Raise Crops for Church.

BILLINGS, July 16.—Articles of incorporation of the New Holland Christian church were placed on file in the county clerk's office here this morning. The church will be located 16 miles northeast of Billings, on the Billings beach, and the site has been given the organization by the Billings Land and Irrigation company, which has also tendered the use of 160 acres of land, the proceeds of the crops on which will go to swell the church fund. The members of the church are Hollanders who settled in Yellowstone county about one year ago.

MISSOULA, July 16.—Winton Brothers, the contractors for the Milwaukee road, have received word of a \$10,000 loss sustained by them through forest fires destroying camps and material near the west end of the Taft tunnel. Four camps were burned. No loss of life was reported.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

MILES CITY, July 14.—The wool-growers of eastern Montana met here last night and agreed not to offer their clips at the auction sales arranged to be held here today. The majority of the growers are opposed to the sealed bid system inaugurated by the buyers, and desire that their course be given as much publicity among the growers in other parts of the state as possible.

HELENA, July 14.—The Helena Commercial club has received a telegram from Gov. S. T. Hauser in New York, announcing that contracts were today awarded to Stone and Webster of Boston, for the rebuilding of the Hauser lake dam and the construction of the Wolf creek dam. More than 3,000 men will be employed and work will begin at once. The Wolf creek dam will be the second largest power dam in the world.

BILLINGS, July 14.—Timothy Reardon, a bartender, was shot and killed Sunday by a woman calling herself Florence Reardon and alleging the dead man was her husband by virtue of a marriage contract entered into last fall. The eight-year-old daughter of the woman was the only eye witness to the tragedy. The woman sat down on a bench a few feet from the body and waited for some time for officers to arrive.

BILLINGS, July 14.—By sucking the poison from a snake bite in the foot of her four-year-old grandson, the grandmother of Buchanan Coleman yesterday saved the little fellow's life. The boy lives with his grand parents on a ranch twelve miles from this city. After the wound had been treated and whiskey administered to the lad he was taken to this city where physicians attended him. They declare the act of the aged woman saved the boy's life.

KALISPELL, July 15.—A sudden squall on Flathead lake last night overturned a little steamer called the Undine, drowning a three-year-old daughter of Willard Hill. The boat is the property of the Helena Gun club. When it turned over the boiler toppled out and saved the hull from sinking. The accident occurred near South Flathead river.

LEWISTOWN, July 15.—Samuel Lepper, pioneer of Fergus county, who was drowned in a well on the Goodell ranch, was buried yesterday at Moore, following an inquest. There was ten feet of water in the well, and although Lepper was missed and a search instituted at once he was dead before it was ascertained what had happened to him.

STEVENSVILLE, July 15.—George Coleman, a grader employed by the Bitter Root Irrigation company, was killed by lightning Tuesday near Hamilton during a severe electrical storm. Coleman had drawn his time and was on his way to town to get his money. He was found yesterday morning lying on the road by Miss Jennie Hosier, who was returning to town after a drive in the country.

BILLINGS, July 15.—Officers in service of the government are making an effort to clear the towns in the vicinity of the Crow reservation of all persons who have been selling liquor to Indians. Six men, charged with this serious offense, have been arrested at Hardin, one at Parkman and one at Toluca. It is said that officers have others under suspicion and further arrests are expected.

BOZEMAN, July 15.—The reports from various parts of the county indicate that there is going to be another bountiful crop. This is especially true of the winter wheat crops which are all looking well. Most of the spring crops are very late owing to the exceeding wet spring, but with a favorable season there is every indication of good yields all the way around. The hay crop is splendid.

Hearing on Ore Rates.

HELENA, July 15.—What is regarded as the most important hearing in the history of the state board of railroad commissioners began today when the railroads of Montana were virtually called upon to show why ore rates should not be reduced on an average of 25 and 40 per cent. The hearing has assumed formidable proportions, all of the carriers, the state itself and the Mine Owners' association being represented by counsel.

The board has prepared a new schedule of rates which are much lower than those now in effect, and copies thereof were submitted both to the carriers and representatives of the mining industry prior to the convening of the meeting. That material reductions will result seems a foregone conclusion.

It seemed for a time this forenoon as if the matter might be amicably settled, but counsel for the Montana Mining association imposed conditions which the representatives of the Northern Pacific declined to accept as a basis, and the taking of testimony was continued this afternoon.



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Notice of Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of stockholders of the Northeastern Livestock company will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the Stockmen's National bank, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may be necessary.

LOUIS D. SHARP, Sec. and Treas.
JNO. V. CARROLL, President.

Bids for Coal.

Bids will be received up to Saturday, July 25, 1908, by the Benton Electric Light company, for furnishing slack coal during the next twelve months, estimated at 1,000 tons delivered at pumping station. Bids should be marked on the outside to designate what they are, and addressed to:

C. H. EVERS, Secretary,
Fort Benton, Mont.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the Benton Sheep company will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the office of the secretary and treasurer:

F. E. STRANAHAN, Sec. and Treas.
A. E. McLAISH, President.

Public Sale of Real Estate.

The chairman of the board of county commissioners of Chouteau county, Montana, will offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house in Fort Benton, Montana, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m. of Saturday, August 15, 1908, the following described real estate, title to which has been acquired by the county by tax deed, to-wit: Lots 5 and 6, block 129, military reservation, Fort Benton, according to the official plat of said townships on file in the office of the county clerk and recorder of Chouteau county, Montana.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.
W. R. LERT,
Fort Benton, July 8, 1908. Clerk of the Board.

Reward for Estray.

One grey horse, with black legs, branded on left shoulder and on left thigh. Reward of five dollars for recovery.

L. STOCKING, Fort Benton.

Residence for Sale.

An eight-roomed frame house, centrally located, with lawn and trees. Address: "X," River Press office.

Reward for Estrays.

Estrayed, 2 black horses, one branded on left thigh, the other with a blotched brand on right shoulder and big white saddle marks on withers. Will pay five dollars reward for each horse, or for information leading to their recovery.

J. W. SOMMERVILLE, Saco, Mont.

For Sale.

A new Auto-Pedal hay press. Reason for selling is on account of hay crops being destroyed by the flood.

M. S. HOLLERBAUM, Fort Benton.

Bucks for Sale.

On or about August 1st will have for sale 500 yearling bucks, good shewers and good size for fancy bred. Have some two-year-old. Oregon, also some aged Ohio bucks. Any of the above will be sold extremely low considering quality.

Apply to:
A. K. PRESCOTT, Helena, Mont.
A. C. GOUGH, Chester, Mont.
W. H. SCOTT, Conrad, Mont.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

Estrayed, two bay geldings just alike, with spot on face and hind feet white. One is branded on right thigh and the other on right shoulder. Also two black mares, one branded on right thigh and the other on right shoulder. They are supposed to be on Marias range, near 24-Mile springs. Will pay above reward for delivery at my corral.

A. H. ROWE, Arrington, Mont.

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