

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Miss Agnes Atkinson arrived today from Harlem, on a short visit.

A. W. Mahon, of Glasgow, formerly state senator from Valley county, was among the arrivals today.

Several local residents returned today from the Shonkin, where they attended an enjoyable dance last evening at the Gus Heydt ranch.

Glen King arrived today from eastern Valley county, where he has been employed with a government survey party on the Fort Peck reservation.

Several of the prisoners at the county jail have been employed the past few days in building a cement sidewalk around the court house block. It is quite an improvement to that piece of public property.

Advices from Lewistown report that Kid Daniels, the 17-year-old boy who was recently arrested at Zortman and taken to Fergus county on a charge of horse stealing, has confessed his guilt. He will be sent to the reform school.

All democratic residents of this vicinity are requested to meet at the club room of the Grand Union hotel Tuesday evening, September 15, for the purpose of organizing a Bryan and Kern campaign club. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock.

A deed filed for record in the county clerk's office today conveys title from Gus Decelles to the trustees of the Havre school district, to a plot of ground 300 feet square, which will be used as a site for a new school building. The purchase price was \$3,000.

The management of the Chouteau County Fair has designated Wednesday, September 16, as Fort Benton day, and extends a cordial invitation to our citizens to attend. The Great Northern will make an excursion rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip to Chinook.

An application for a marriage license was refused today by the clerk of the district court, under instructions from the federal authorities, the prospective bride being a federal prisoner at the present time. The courts may be asked for a writ of mandate to compel issuance of the license.

According to the Chouteau Acantha, the plant of the Conrad Investment company near Conrad has been purchased by a Wisconsin syndicate. Mr. Conrad retains possession of the townsite, the Conrad canal, and overflow waters from Birch creek to fill the reservoir from which the canal is fed. It is understood that the new owners will dispose of their cattle this fall, and proceed to colonize their holdings. It is also reported that a railroad will be built through the lands.

From Monday's Daily. Dr. F. A. Atkinson returned today from an eastern visit of several weeks.

O. C. Rice, of Rugby, N. Dak., arrived yesterday on a visit with relatives.

Miss Flora Sauter left yesterday for Helena and will make her home in that city.

Fred Browne, who has been visiting with friends in Seattle, was among the arrivals today.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today to Louis Lanallie and Mary A. Gleader, both of Zortman.

A large number of residents of this vicinity are arranging to attend the Chouteau County Fair on Wednesday, which has been designated as Fort Benton day.

Among the departures for the east today were Mrs. John V. Carroll and daughter, Miss Grace, and Charles and Martin Carroll, who will make an extended visit in Boston.

A recent Cascade county wedding is that of Walter A. Fish, of Highwood, and Miss Mary Morris, of Willow Center, which took place at Belt last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. W. Haynes, of the Methodist church.

John Schultz, of Hinsdale, who arrived here a few days ago, was arrested yesterday and placed in the county jail at the request of the federal authorities. The instructions came by wire, and did not specify the charge against the prisoner.

From Tuesday's Daily. C. Hokanson, of Big Sandy, is a visitor in the city today.

Jack Haigler, deputy U. S. Marshal arrived this morning from Harlem on official business.

J. H. Daly state boiler inspector, is in the city today on business connected with his office.

Mrs. Thomas Sheehy, of Big Sandy is among the patients at Columbus hospital in Great Falls, and has recently undergone a surgical operation.

Miss Arlene Webster, who has been visiting with Mrs. John Harris and family for several weeks past, left this morning for her home at Waucoma, Iowa.

According to advices from Billings, an outfit of about 3,000 two-year-old ewes was recently sold in that vicinity at \$4.00 per head, the purchasers being Miles City parties.

A marriage license was issued today by the clerk of the district court to Thomas J. McDonald, of Minot, N. D., and Pearl Christine Madler, of Harlem. The parties were later married by the Rev. W. A. Morgan, pastor of the Methodist church of this city.

A band of cattle belonging to Wilson Bros., Milner Livestock Co., and J. O. Patterson were forded across the river from the south side this morning. There are twenty-five cars of cattle in the band, and they will be shipped from the Benton stock yards tomorrow.

P. J. O'Hara, the well known Geyser business man and stock raiser, returned yesterday with an encouraging story about the prices obtained for Montana cattle, says the Great Falls Tribune. Mr. O'Hara left here about two weeks ago with 35 carloads of cattle belonging to various stockmen in the vicinity of Geyser. All the stock brought exceptional prices, ranging from \$5.50 to \$6. One steer brought the top notch price of \$11.15.

Horse thieves have been quite busy in the northern country the past few months as well as on this side of the boundary line. The Edmonton Bulletin says: A great deal of horse stealing has been reported throughout the Edmonton district during the past few months and there are now no less than twelve prisoners at Fort Saskatchewan barracks awaiting trial on this charge. A reassuring feature to the public in connection with these thefts is the prompt arrests of the suspected parties, some of whom have already had strong cases established against them. In almost every case where horses have been stolen they have been recovered and the alleged thieves secured by the officers.

County Receives Interest.

Among the September receipts of the Chouteau county treasury is the sum of \$1,360.92, which represents the semi-annual interest paid by the several banking institutions in which the public funds have been on deposit during the past six months. This makes the third contribution of that kind since the new system went into effect, Treasurer L. O. Hudson reporting the following receipts from that source:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Amount. September, 1907: \$1,308.05; March, 1908: 1,385.12; September, 1908: 1,360.92.

Total: \$4,054.09. This satisfactory result of the new system in Chouteau county should suggest the desirability of adopting it in other counties throughout Montana.

State Railroad Commission Reports.

The state board of railroad commissioners has filed with Governor Edwin L. Norris its report covering the period between March 1, 1907, and Aug. 31, 1908. It is a very voluminous affair and deals at greater or less length with all matters considered by the board during the term of its existence.

Briefly summarized it touches upon the organization of the commission, the conference with the Oregon and Washington commissions, representation at a meeting in Washington of the National Association of Railway Commissioners: its part in helping avert the fuel famine during 1906-7; the relief of the congestion of freight traffic, and a review of the treatment of the various complaints 90 per cent of which, it is estimated, have been amicably adjusted.

In the period covered 130 persons were killed and 1010 injured. Of the killed fifty-seven were employes and two were passengers. Of the injured 784 were employes and 154 passengers. It also contains annual reports of railroads operating in Montana, together with traffic and mileage statistics, as well as all laws treating upon railroad matters.

Montana Grown Seed.

The growing of seeds to supply the seed houses and the wants of farmers of the older states is an industry which suggests itself as being very promising. I. D. O'Donnell, commenting on the marvelous sale of 132-bushels per acre oats of Hesper farm last spring, suggested the idea of Montana devoting itself to seed producing. The success of the Catlin Land & Live Stock company last winter in marketing a large quantity of oats to a Minneapolis house for seed purposes is another instance that suggests the advisability of Montana farmers doing good work in keeping their farms clean and selling the crop largely for seed purposes. There is nothing produced on the continent that makes such a splendid appearance as does the Montana grown seed. Not only is the grain superior, but other seeds also are very fine. The alfalfa seed grown here is the finest in the world and the demand for alfalfa seed is increasing every year. The older states are now beginning to grow alfalfa and the seed for this demand must be grown in the arid region.

Conrad Observer: A sheep deal last week was the purchase of between 400 and 500 lambs by J. W. Gladden from Robert Dixon at \$2 per head, October delivery.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Havre Plaindealer: James Wright, who lives over the line in Canada, was a visitor in the city Thursday. Mr. Wright has lived in Canada about five years and is now disposing of his interests there and will move back into the United States.

Conrad Observer: P. J. Nason finished cutting his wheat crop of 280 acres west of town last Saturday and on Monday moved his outfit east of town, where he has several acres more to cut. He had two binders at work and cut the 280 acres in 6 1/2 days. He said the crop looked good and he expected in would go 22 bushels to the acre.

Havre Herald: Leon Cecil, the 15-year-old son of Mrs. M. Cecil, was struck by the Oriental Limited, on Monday and probably fatally injured. The accident occurred near the freight depot. Young Cecil had just stepped out of the way of the switch engine, and got directly in the way of the incoming No. 1, which struck and threw him to one side of the track.

Culbertson Searchlight: The fact that Culbertson has in process of erection three new grain elevators and one which was erected last year does not indicate that the grain crop in eastern Valley county is a failure to any great extent. And for a fact, while the crop this year is not a bumper there will probably be a quarter of a million bushels marketed in Culbertson this fall.

Chouteau Acantha: The material is now at Collins for the grain elevator which is to be erected there at once by the Royal Milling company of Great Falls. The elevator will be located just east of the railroad. Another company is ready to buy grain at Collins, and, while they will not build an elevator this fall, they are going to put in facilities for unloading the grain brought to them.

Harlem News: The recent destructive prairie fire, which set afoot about all the bands of sheep north of this place, started in at the Silver Bow springs Friday evening about five o'clock, with a fierce gale blowing from the west. This burned very rapidly. A large force of the Woody Island people fighting along the north edge of the fire succeeded in keeping it away from the Woody Island creek on the north, leaving a strip of unburned country about six miles wide this side of an earlier fire. Altogether the fire is the greatest and most disastrous to the range for a good many years.

Lewistown News: The last of the big herds in this vicinity are now being shipped out of the basin. Yesterday the first trainload of the stock was shipped from Moore to Miles City, where the cattle will be wintered. Several more trainloads will be loaded from day to day and soon all of the famous bar 77 cattle will be out of the basin, where they have grazed for a quarter of a century. The King outfit is one of the pioneer outfits in central Montana and the transfer of their stock interests is another step in transformation of this country from a grazing to a farming country.

Chicago Livestock Market.

In its review of the Chicago livestock market for the past week, the Drovers Journal says:

Advances of 15@25c scored for good rangers in the first half of the week were held to the finish, but plain and medium grades met weak demand after Wednesday and early week gains of 10@15c in prices for these had to be ceded back. Receipts for the week were 16,000, against 19,500 the previous week, 22,000 a year ago and 29,300 two years ago.

The supply this week was, barring the week Aug. 15, about the smallest since the range marketing season has been well under way. Quality has fallen off sharply from last week and the week previous. Fat heavy steers were a rarity in early days and in the last part of the week nothing at all really good showed up among offerings. Bulk of the late supplies consisted of medium and plain Dakota and Montana steers, which went within a range of \$4.60@4.85, while there were few lots of quality good enough to sell above \$5.00.

It has been a buyers' market for western range sheep and lambs this week. Total marketing of around 131,000 last week, the great bulk of which were rangers, was the largest run since the week ending Oct. 12, 1906, and stood 38,000 larger than one year ago, and was too big a load for the trade to carry. Prices for sheep and yearlings were lowered 10@15c under late the previous week, while lambs sold mostly 25c under them, or on the lowest basis of the season. Feeders lost 25c and breeding ewes 15@25c.

BUTTE, Sept. 11.—Charles F. Gage, for four years police judge of Helena, and one of the best known residents of that city, died today in Washington state. News of his death came this afternoon in a telegram, death being due to heart disease. He leaves a wife and several children, all residing in Helena.

Chouteau County Fair At CHINOOK, Mont. SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18. Prof. Fred Rugg, the famous aeronaut, will make a Balloon Ascension and Parachute Jump daily, and on Thursday will make two ascensions, if weather permits. MUSIC AND BAND CONCERTS On tap at all times by the Indian boys band from St. Paul's mission. \$1,000.00 IN PURSES FOR THE THREE DAYS' RACING. The best COWBOY RELAY RACE ever pulled off in Northern Montana. We have a man rounding up all the outlaw horses that have a reputation for being BAD, and the BUCKING CONTEST promises to be one of the most exciting ever seen in this or any other cow country. There won't be any fake about this, but a contest for blood from the word go. Our Horse Show and Live Stock exhibit will be an eye-opener. Bring your exhibits. A great educational treat for the farmer. If you cannot bring an exhibit yourself come and see the one your neighbor brought and get a pointer. Generous premiums given in all departments. Premium lists and entry blanks sent free upon application to O. A. BERGESON, Secretary.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received by the county clerk of Chouteau county, Montana, up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of October 12th, 1908, for removing the wreckage of the Fort Benton bridge from the river (excepting the pier). Bids should be addressed to the county clerk and marked on the outside to indicate their nature. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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Desert Land-Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Sept. 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that LEMMA THORSTAD, of Great Falls, Montana, who, on January 21st, 1905, made desert land entry No. 178 (serial No. 10009), for lots 1 and 2, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, section 5, township 37 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Great Falls, Mont., on the 19th day of October, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas O'Loughlin, Cornelius E. Price, Isaac Evans and Christopher Cummings, all of West Butte, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Sept. 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that MARGUS EVANS, of West Butte, Montana, who, on January 12th, 1905, made desert land entry No. 219 (serial No. 10009), for the W 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 5, township 37 north, range 1 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Great Falls, Montana, on the 19th day of October, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas O'Loughlin, Cornelius E. Price, Isaac Evans and Christopher Cummings, all of West Butte, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Sept. 12, 1908. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the general land office, under the provisions of the act of congress approved June 27, 1906, (34 Stat., 317) we will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 30th day of October, next, at this office the following tract of land: SW 1/4 section 27, township 23 north, range 3 east, Montana meridian (serial No. 0792). Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims or objections on or before the time designated for sale. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register. C. A. WILSON, Receiver.

Bucks for Sale.

About 100 head of yearling bucks from registered Oregon merino stock and native merino ewes. Will be sold in lots to suit purchasers, at \$5 per head. Address: WALTER BROWN, Box Elder, Mont.

BENTON LODGE NO. 25, A. F. AND A. M.—Regular communications of the above named lodge are held at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. T. E. DANIELSEN, W. M. GEO. SHERRY, Sec'y.

MODERN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA Meets every second and fourth Saturday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend. CHAS. THOMPSON, Pres. C. E. Sheldon, Sec'y.

BENTON LODGE, No. 59, I. O. O. F. Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend. JAY FRY, N. G. GEO. ULRICH, Rec. Sec.

E. FRANK SAYRE, Abstractor of Titles.

FORT BENTON, MONTANA. (Office opposite Court House)

Rates: Minimum price for any abstract or continuation, \$3.00. Each additional entry, 75c. Minimum price for any abstract or continuation of mining property, or property described by metes and bounds, \$5.00. Each additional entry, \$1.00. Water right filings shown only on request. Orders for abstracts given prompt attention.

DR. E. M. PORTER, Physician and Surgeon

Office: Cor. Bond and Main St. Office hours, 2 to 5 p. m.

JERE SULLIVAN, U. S. Commissioner and Notary Public.

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