

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.  
W. T. Cowan, the Box Elder merchant, is among the business visitors in town.

B. J. Boorman, of Kalispell, the well known lumber dealer, was among the arrivals today.

Rev. W. A. Morgan, of the Methodist church, returned yesterday from a visit at Hunter's Hot Springs.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today in favor of Shebel Rahal, of Chester, and Sophie Souaya, of Tacoma, Wash.

A very pleasant impromptu dance was given by the young men last evening at the opera house, the music being furnished by C. P. Hilla, of Havre.

All visiting sheepmen are requested to attend the banquet at the Grand Union hotel this evening, as the guests of their Fort Benton friends. As matters of importance to the wool growing industry will be discussed, a large attendance is desired.

Among the life diplomas granted to teachers by the state board of education, is one in favor of Miss Ida Auerbach, of Havre. State diplomas were awarded to the following Chouteau county applicants: B. Callin, of Zortman; Mayme E. Daniels, Vivian C. Roberts and Lilly K. Sutherland, of Fort Benton; Clara Jeffrey, of Havre; Julia Connelly, Wanda L. Nohl, Mary E. Roddy, of Chinook.

A suit for damages has been commenced in the district court by C. H. Ragland against the Great Northern Railway company, in which judgment for \$1,832.55 is asked. The complaint states that a shipment of about 3,500 head of sheep was made by plaintiff over the railroad owned by defendant, and that by reason of delay in transit caused by the carelessness and negligence of the defendant, damage and loss resulted to the amount claimed.

The trial of Pavel Ghizneff, on a charge of murder, was in progress in the district court today, but the taking of evidence is a slow process because of the inability of the defendant to understand English. He is a Russian Pole, and it has been found necessary to employ George I. Sleevi as interpreter. It developed during the testimony that the defendant's true name is Paul Lazoo, and that the name of the man who was killed was Trevon Stamatoff, and the court granted leave to amend the information by correcting the names.

From Monday's Daily.  
J. F. Wimberly, of Landusky, arrived today on district court business.

Judgment by default was entered in the district court today in the civil suit of Julius Lehfeldt against H. D. Riegel. The judgment is for \$748 and costs of suit.

Advices from Geyser bring news of the death of Wm. Mansfield, well known stockman of that locality, who was thrown from his horse and suffered serious injuries a few days ago.

George W. Topp, who filed upon a bench land farm near the stockyards some time ago, reports that he seeded several acres to winter wheat that give promise of an excellent crop next season.

The trial of Daniel Shea, on a charge of murder, will be commenced in the district court tomorrow, the information against defendant alleging that he stabbed Richard Withers during a quarrel at a camp near Landusky, the wounds causing death later. Some of the witnesses in the case arrived today.

It is reported from Butte that Judge Bourquin, in the district court, has rendered a decision against the action of the Silver Bow county commissioners in expending public money in excess of \$10,000 for any one purpose. The court holds that such an expenditure was illegal, and must be recovered for the county.

The county attorney has received a communication from the eastern part of the county, asking whether a public officer has authority to enter a building in which gambling is believed to be in progress. Mr. Carnal replies that a public officer is required to enforce the anti-gambling law at all times and under all circumstances.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
A special communication of the Benton lodge, A. F. and A. M. will be held this evening, to which visiting Masons are invited. Work in the third.

Among the visitors attending district court are Dr. J. H. Russell and Dr. J. D. Smoot, of Zortman; Dr. P. H. O'Malley, of Chinook; and Dr. G. Ferguson, of Great Falls.

John Mair is reported to have sold part of his alfalfa seed crop to a Minneapolis seed firm, the purchase amounting to about 30,000 pounds. The price is said to be 14 cents or better.

It is understood that a meeting of wool growers located in the Milk River and Bear Paw country will be held at Chinook on Friday, December 18, to discuss the Chicago warehouse proposition. A large attendance is desired.

H. W. Davis, who completed a jail

sentence some time ago, was returned to that institution today to serve fifty days for carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$100 by Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, and was unable to pay the fine.

Don't forget the Ladies Aid sale of aprons and fancy articles of all kinds, suitable for Christmas gifts, to be held Thursday, December 17, next door to the Chase store. Will also sell home made candies and serve lunch during the sale.

Dr. J. H. Russell, who arrived from Zortman today, brings word that Frank King, the six-year-old son of Ole King, was shot through the chest a few days ago, and is in a serious condition. The shooting was done by a half-breed boy named Perry, aged about 14 years, at the King ranch about 18 miles from Zortman, but whether it was accidental or otherwise is not known, as Perry has disappeared.

The trial of Daniel Shea, on a charge of murder, was commenced in the district court today, a jury being secured at the morning session. The jury consists of G. R. Malone, Thos. Kinread, C. G. Wallace, W. Blashfield, Peter Larsen, H. W. Hoffman, A. H. Fey, Charles Thompson, John Ward, S. Brockway, John Clark, and H. D. Price. There are several witnesses in the case, the list including three physicians.

Arrangements have been completed by Charles Crepeau for building a steamboat that will operate on the upper Missouri the coming season, and provide river transportation on all kinds of freight between this point and the mouth of Milk river. The boat will be a stern wheel craft, about 70 feet long and 18 foot beam, with machinery of 80-horsepower. The framework of the boat will be built in sections at Dubuque, Iowa, and shipped to this city, where the remainder of the construction will be done. It is expected to have the boat ready for service as soon as the navigation season opens.

Catholic Church is Dedicated.

The new Catholic church in this city, which was recently completed, was formally dedicated Sunday, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being performed by the Right Rev. M. C. Lehnhan, bishop of the Great Falls diocese. The services were attended by a large congregation, which included many visitors from the surrounding country and town people who are not directly identified with the church.

The new building is known as the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and replaces a frame structure that had been in use nearly thirty years. It is a stone building of very attractive appearance, and the interior furnishings and decorations make it one of the prettiest churches in the northwest. There are several windows of stained glass donated by members of the church, and the altar and many other expensive furnishings were also contributed by those who desired to show their interest in the good work of the church. The cost of the new building and its furnishings was about \$15,000, most of which has been subscribed by members of the church and others.

The Catholic church in this city was organized in 1878, the first regular services being held by Father Imoda, and the old church building that has been displaced by a modern and beautiful structure was erected in 1879. The new edifice is one in which members of the church take just pride—a feeling that is shared by our citizens generally, regardless of sect or creed.

For Milk River Irrigation.

It is announced by Geo. W. Vonnum, secretary of the Milk River United Irrigation association, that a meeting of members of the organization will be held at Malta, on December 30, when the following matters will be considered:

To urge upon congress by resolution, the appropriation of the \$350,000 asked for in the contract agreement between the reclamation service and the upper and lower Water Users' association.

To secure the signatures of all land owners in the valley to the Water Users' association, that have not already signed for water, thus to secure unanimous adjudication of all water rights in the Milk river drainage basin as required by the reclamation service.

To discuss amending the reclamation laws, so as to allow the larger private land owners to purchase water for their land for a period of five years, after which the farm unit is to be made 160 acres.

To petition the state legislature for such action on the water laws as may be satisfactory to the reclamation service.

To appoint such committees and delegations as may be necessary to secure favorable action upon the above and foregoing propositions, and for the transaction of any other business that may be of interest to the people of the valley, and properly come before the association.

WOOL GROWERS BANQUET.

Chicago Wool Warehouse Project Receives Liberal Support.

The banquet tendered to visiting wool growers by Fort Benton sheepmen, which took place at the Grand Union hotel Saturday night, was a very pleasant and successful affair. There was an attendance of between forty and fifty guests, the invitations being restricted to citizens who are engaged in the wool growing business. An excellent menu had been prepared by the hotel management, the bill of fare including fresh oysters, turkey and cold meats, salads, ice cream and cake, fruits and nuts, coffee, champagne and other refreshments.

At the close of the banquet the proposition of endorsing the Chicago wool warehouse proposition, and subscribing for stock in the company, was presented in an address by F. E. Stranahan, who explained the plans of the enterprise and what it is proposed to accomplish. The proposition was outlined practically as follows:

That a company be incorporated with a capital stock of \$400,000, of which the Chicago Association of Commerce has pledged itself to raise \$150,000. A fire proof warehouse is to be constructed in the city of Chicago, having a capacity of twenty-five million pounds at an approximate cost of \$400,000; of this amount the wool growers of the west are expected to put up \$250,000 and the citizens of Chicago \$150,000. This stock is divided into 8,000 shares of \$50 each. The sheep men are being requested to subscribe for this stock at the rate of one cent per pound for what wool they produce. This subscription will be immediately payable and coupled with the agreement that the subscriber will send such an amount of wool to said warehouse, to be handled and sold for the next three years.

The warehouse charge is to be one cent per pound for storage, insurance, and selling. The wool will be tested as to its strength and shrinkage and a report will be made to the owner. After this report is made to the owner it is entirely in his hands as to when and at what price it will be sold.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stranahan's address, there was an extended informal discussion regarding the merits of the proposition, during which it developed that about all those present appreciated the advantages of such facilities for marketing western wool. It was decided to commence the work of securing subscriptions to the capital stock of the company at once, Louis D. Sharp being designated as local agent to receive applications from those favorable to the proposition.

Subscription papers were secured, and applications for stock in various amounts were made by the following: C. H. Ragland, A. E. McLeish, Holmer-Flagler Sheep company, Benton Sheep company, Northwestern Livestock company, Allan Gray, Lost Lake Livestock company, D. G. Lockwood, Cowan & Son, Thomas Kinread, Paul Grennon, Rahe Bros., J. P. Williams, Antelope Basin Sheep company, W. K. Harber, and others. The list will be increased by applications from several sheep men of this vicinity who were unable to attend the banquet.

At the suggestion of guests from the Milk river country, several local sheep men volunteered to attend a meeting of wool growers at Chinook, to be held in a few days, at which the warehouse proposition will be submitted and discussed by sheep men located in that part of northern Montana.

Declare War Against Cattle Thieves.

The stockmen and ranchers who have suffered loss from the depredations of cattle thieves have decided to commence aggressive operations against that class of undesirable citizens. There appears to have been an alarming increase in this class of crime in various parts of northern Montana, owing to the difficulty of producing evidence that will secure the arrest and punishment of the offenders, and citizens whose property is exposed to this menace have decided that "the rustlers must go."

In early days the business of stock rustling was more hazardous than at the present time. In the seventies and early eighties the stockmen organized vigilante committees, and on one occasion a party of these self-constituted officers made a roundup of horse and cattle thieves along the Missouri river, hanging several whose guilt was well established and warning other suspects to leave the country.

Such methods were very effective in accomplishing the object desired, but they would not be tolerated at the present time. It is proposed to organize a corps of private detectives, whose duty it will be to report to the authorities any instance of stock rustling that may come under their notice, and furnishing information that will assist in the conviction of any person guilty of that class of crime. The sleuths will never appear in court, and their identity will never be made to anyone except the stock-

men who employ them, their sole function being to put officers on the right trail.

Subscription papers for the purpose of providing funds for the war chest are being circulated among stockmen and ranchers in the Highwood and Belt country. In this vicinity and in other parts of northern Montana, and are receiving signatures for liberal amounts. The stockmen propose to carry on a vigorous campaign, and hope to put an end to stock rustling in this part of the state.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

Verdict of Jury in Trial of Assassin of Railroad Laborer.

The trial of Pavel Ghizneff on a charge of murder was commenced in the district court Friday morning, a jury having been secured at Thursday afternoon session of court. The jury consists of Thomas Kinread, S. H. Flick, John McLaren, C. G. Wallace, H. W. Hoffman, Harvey D. Price, A. H. Fey, John Clark, John J. Hallenberger, Henry Hicks, Abe Crosson and Frank Bunton.

The crime of which the defendant is accused was the killing of Stephan Trifun, in the railroad icehouse at Havre on or about October 30. The two men, who were railroad laborers, are said to have been apparently on good terms prior to the alleged murder, and were sleeping on the sawdust in the icehouse. The dead body of Trifun was found there on the morning of October 30, and it was at first thought that death was due to natural causes, but upon moving the body it was found that the deceased had been shot through the heart. Ghizneff was at once arrested on suspicion and bound over to the district court.

Testimony was given at the Friday morning session of court by Walter Freyberg and Nick Moslek, the evidence being of a circumstantial nature.

The trial of Paul Lazoo, otherwise known as Pavel Ghizneff, ended in the conviction of the defendant, the jury returning a verdict Saturday evening in which the accused was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The penalty for the crime will be fixed by the court.

The evidence against the accused was mainly circumstantial, there being no eye witnesses to the killing of Trifun, or Stamatoff, in the railroad ice house at Havre. At the conclusion of testimony for the prosecution, the defendant took the witness stand on his own behalf and claimed that he had killed Trifun in self defense.

The defendant said he was born in Russia about twenty years ago, that he came to the United States in 1906, and had been in Montana only a few months as a laborer in the employ of the Great Northern in the vicinity of Havre. He claimed that Trifun demanded of him some money knowing that he had about \$45 on his person, saying that he wanted to buy a ticket to Spokane. Defendant knowing that Trifun had money of his own refused it. Whereupon Trifun attacked defendant with a knife, and made several passes at him. This happened in the ice house at night, there being no light there except that from the street lights. Defendant says he then drew his pistol and shot Trifun. Being frightened and not knowing what was best to do, he went outside and threw his gun away and then went off to his sleeping room.

The jury was disposed to question the story told by defendant, because there was no sign of a struggle between the two men when the body of the dead man was discovered. It is understood that several ballots were taken before a unanimous verdict was reached by the jury, the first ballot showing that five were in favor of conviction of murder in the first degree, but a compromise was finally effected.

In connection with this trial it may be stated that a few weeks ago a letter signed by the Black Hand was received by the prosecuting attorney in which he was threatened with assassination if he proceeded with the case against Ghizneff. The letter, which was apparently written by a foreigner of very little education, was mailed at Brockton, in Valley county, where a number of section hands were employed, but diligent investigation has so far failed to develop evidence that will warrant the arrest of any suspect.

Sheriff's Sale.

In the district court of the twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

Jesse E. Ross, plaintiff, vs. W. L. McClelland, Carrie E. McClelland, Thomas McClelland, and the Imperial Elevator Company, a corporation, defendants.

To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 20 day of January, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., upon the said premises, in the city of Chouteau, Chouteau county, Montana, the following described property, viz: All the right, title and interest of the above named defendants in and to lots numbered nine (9), eleven (11), thirteen (13), fifteen (15) and twelve (12), in block numbered four (4) of the townsite of Chinook; also the east eighty-five (85) feet off of lots fourteen (14) and sixteen (16), in block four (4), townsite of Chinook; also lots nine (9) and eleven (11), of block numbered thirteen (13), of said townsite of Chinook, Chouteau county, Montana, all in accordance with the official plat and survey of said townsite on file and of record in the office of the clerk and recorder of Chouteau county, Montana, and of the records of said county. Also one acre of land situated in the Blaine of Lloyd, in said county of Chouteau, called and known as the Green property, the same having been purchased by defendants from one William L. Green; together with the appurtenances on said land, situate or being or in anywise appertaining. Dated this 10th day of December, A. D. 1907. By Geo. Wacker, Deputy Sheriff. FRANK M. DONALD, Sheriff. W. S. Towner, attorney for plaintiff.

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