

CITY AND STATE.

Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.

H. S. Brough, of Box Elder, a well known sheepman of that locality, is among the visitors in town.

D. J. Shea, of St. Paul, a son of Daniel Shea who is on trial in the district court, was among the arrivals today.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today to Soren H. Smith and Anna O'Brien, both of Havre.

Roy F. Clary, of Great Falls, a former resident of this city, is renewing acquaintance with old time friends in this vicinity.

Ole G. Oanes, of Knoxville, who is in town today, has sold an outfit of aged ewes to Ted Kelly, of the Shonkin. The price was about \$2.00 per head.

Tickets for the Schubert concert, to be given at the opera house New Year's eve, are on sale at Lockwood's drug store, where reserved seats may be secured.

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.

The work of securing subscriptions to stock in the Chicago wool warehouse proposition is making progress in this vicinity, the list of subscribers already representing about 600,000 pounds.

Postmaster Geo. W. Crane is in receipt of advices from Washington announcing that a new postoffice has been established at Shonkin, with John W. Woodcock as postmaster. Mr. Woodcock has received his commission, and the new office will soon be ready for business.

Attorney D. L. Blackstone, of Chinook, arrived today on district court business.

Born, on Wednesday, December 16, 1908, to the wife of Capt. Geo. H. Stevens, a daughter.

A postoffice bulletin announces that Rosine Lauener has been appointed to succeed J. E. Hamilton as postmaster at Hill.

In the district court today, the trial of L. E. Parks, on a charge of assault in the second degree, was continued for the term. The cases of Henry Collins and W. G. Hart were also continued, and the trial jurors and witnesses excused for the term.

The trial of Daniel Shea, on a charge of murder, was in progress in the district court yesterday and today, the testimony of witnesses being concluded at noon today. The instructions of the court and arguments by counsel were delivered this afternoon and the case given to the jury.

According to a KallsPELL newspaper, the Great Northern is preparing to operate its trains on the KallsPELL branch by electric power, the necessary plant having been constructed for that purpose. The branch line extends from Columbia Falls to Somers, a distance of about 26 miles.

It is reported from Glasgow that Benj. Knapp, son of Daniel Knapp, the well known merchant of Oswego, was drowned in the Missouri river while skating. He was with a number of other boys and fell into an airhole and was carried away by the current before help could be given by his companions.

Try a sack of "Gilt Edge" flour, sold by Davis & Sons.

All the children are welcome at the Chase store and will be interested in our fine line of toys.

Mrs. O. A. Bergeson, of Chinook, arrived this morning for a couple of weeks visit with Mrs. W. R. Leet.

The CHASE STORE will take orders for all kinds of cut flowers, plants and decorative greens for Christmas.

Gordon Van Hook, of Alaska, and Mrs. Morris, of Helena, are here on a visit with their sister, Mrs. D. G. Browne.

Gloves for women and misses, all the new styles and colors—the famous Centemeri brand have just arrived at the Chase store.

Holiday candles and nuts should be the best. Home brand is the best and the Chase store has just received their stock of these.

A line of hand painted china from the Donah factory has just been received and placed on sale at the CHASE STORE. It is the best that can be had.

The children are taking a great interest in "Hattie," the big doll at the CHASE STORE, and the guessing is getting interesting. Who will hit it the closest?

It is reported from Chinook that C. H. Barton, the old time Harlem merchant, suffered a stroke of paralysis, last Saturday, and has been in a serious condition since that time.

Dennison tags, stamps and labels for Christmas packages, postal cards

and holiday envelopes, garlands and wreathing for holiday trimming is all the new designs can be had at the Chase store.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Harry B. Drumm and wife arrived from the west this morning. They will return to Helena tomorrow with Joe and Agnes Swain, who are wanted as witnesses before the United States grand jury.

Joe Thorp, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and John Rapp of Cherubusco, Ind., are new arrivals from the east this morning. They are here with the intention of taking up some of the bench land in this vicinity and engaging in dry land farming.

It is reported from Great Falls that Rev. J. A. Martin, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, who was operated on some days ago at the Deaconess hospital for appendicitis, is rapidly recovering and expects to return to his home in a few days.

Carl Cook and Miss Lena King both of Highwood, were married last night at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. E. E. Knapp, says the Great Falls Tribune. The groom is a well known rancher, and after a short wedding trip, the couple will go to Highwood to make their home.

The Great Northern Railway company is planning the enlargement of the freight yards in Great Falls. For this purpose it is contemplated removing the yards from their present location on the east side to the west side of the river, where there is ample ground upon which to make the proposed improvements.

County Contracts Awarded.

Among the business transacted at the recent meeting of the Chouteau county commissioners was the award of contracts for supplies and services for which bids had been asked. The awards were made at the Tuesday afternoon session.

The contract for adjusting and painting several public bridges, located in various parts of the county, was awarded to Maze and Harris for \$1,400, the work to be completed on or before September 1, 1909.

The contract for county printing for the year 1909 was awarded to the River Press Publishing company, who was the lowest bidder.

For the care of the county poor and infirm at the county poor farm at Havre, the only bid was that of \$5.25 per capita per week by Ambrose Phelan, who was awarded the contract.

A contract for medicines for inmates of the county poor farm was awarded to the Beckstead Drug company, at \$295 for the year.

For medical attendance upon inmates of the poor farm, the bid of \$600 by Dr. W. F. Hamilton, was accepted.

A contract for the care of the county poor and sick was awarded to St. Clare hospital at \$8 per capita per week.

For medical attendance upon the county sick, a contract was made with Dr. E. M. Porter at \$833 for ten months from March 5, 1909.

A contract for medicines for the county poor and sick was awarded to D. G. Lockwood at \$380 for the coming year.

Boy Bandits Want Liberty.

GREAT FALLS, Dec. 16.—William Randall, aged 15 years, one of the four youths charged with holding up the Shelby train last May and with the murder of William Dempsey, an Augusta ranchman, who was fatally shot during the holdup, yesterday filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, alleging that he is being illegally held in the county jail. The writ was issued and made returnable Thursday.

Immediately afterwards the counsel for Henry Rheams and Albert Hatch, two of the other boys, filed petitions for habeas corpus, but the court adjourned before hearing them. George Creswell, the fourth youth, was released on \$5,000 bail several months ago. It is alleged that Creswell was not actively engaged in the holdup, but that he helped plan it.

Settlers On Huntley Project.

BILLINGS, Dec. 16.—Work was commenced today on the eleventh school house to be constructed on the Huntley project and the ninth to be erected this fall. It is to be built at Pompey's Pillar and will cost \$1,200. Eleven months ago there was not a school house, not a settler and not a child on the Huntley project, which was the first irrigation project completed by the government in Montana. Now a census shows a school population of nearly 500 and a voting population of nearly 200.

Probably no section of the country has been settled as fast as the Huntley tract, where the settlers have just finished their first year. There was not a failure on the project and none of the claims have been relinquished.

BILLINGS, Dec. 16.—Dr. Lillian G. Miller was today appointed county physician. She is believed to be the first woman ever appointed to such position in Montana. She is one of the leading physicians of Billings.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS.

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

BUTTE, Dec. 15.—Arthur Bryan, the Cincinnati lad charged with the murder of George Morhard in this city last September, was today found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in District Judge Donlan's department. Morhard was a well known restaurant owner in Butte. The two had quarreled over some wild ducks, and Bryan drove a long meat knife to the hilt in Morhard's abdomen. Bryan claimed self defense.

DEER LODGE, Dec. 15.—J. G. Steele, an old time resident of this city and a pioneer of Colorado and Montana, died this afternoon of pneumonia. Mr. Steele, with his three brothers, was in California gulch before there was a house where Leadville, Col., now stands and was in Last Chance Gulch at Helena when there were but two mud shacks. He and his brothers paid \$16,000 for the ground in Grizzly gulch and for more than a year took out \$1,500 worth of gold each day.

BUTTE, Dec. 15.—With over 1,100 entries at noon, and more coming in from the outlying districts afternoon, the first annual poultry show of the Montana State Poultry association opened today with a great crowing of cocks and a cackle of hens. The poultry show now in progress is the biggest and best ever held in northwest. The entries are far more numerous than the officials of the state association had anticipated, and the variety of chickens shown runs from tiny games, to ponderous Plymouth Rocks and White Brahmas.

LEWISTOWN, Dec. 15.—Word was received here this afternoon of the death at his ranch, near Fort Maginnis, of Rezin Anderson, one of the big figures in the history of the state and, except Granville Stuart, perhaps the earliest settler. Mr. Anderson came to Montana with Granville and Jas. Stuart in 1858, and with the former made what is said to have been the first discovery of placer gold in Montana. This was at Gold creek, Deer Lodge county, in 1859. Mr. Anderson came to what is now Fergus county with Granville Stuart, and located below old Fort Maginnis where he engaged in the stock growing business until his death.

HELENA, Dec. 16.—A number of witnesses from eastern Montana were before the federal grand jury today, presumably to testify in land cases in Custer county. All of the land cases will be brought to the attention of the jury before any other criminal cases are taken up.

HELENA, Dec. 16.—Road Supervisor Geo. Arnold, a well known resident of this county, was arrested yesterday on the charge of padding the payroll of the men employed on the county roads near Wolf Creek. Arnold who is prominent in the affairs of the county, was released on his own recognizance.

BILLINGS, Dec. 16.—The third suit as the result of the wreck on the Northern Pacific at Youngs Point was filed in the district court today by Melinda Hudson, for the death of Lon Stewart, superintendent of her stock farm before the fatal accident. He was a passenger from Columbus to Billings on train No. 6 when the wreck occurred.

Helena News Notes.

HELENA, Dec. 15.—The public school fund of the state was enriched by \$25,309 today, that amount being received by Governor Norris from the treasury department at Washington. It represents 5 per cent, of the public land sales in Montana for the year ending June 30 last.

Some important desert land cases, contested by the government, were decided by the officials of Helena land office today in favor of the entrymen. There were 30 cases in all, and it was charged by special agents that the entries, all on land near the Flowerree ranch on Sun river, were made in the interests of the Flowerree Sheep and Horse company. The decision says that the government failed to make any specific charges, the most serious one being only by inference, and that it failed to sustain them by substantial proof.

Boy Convicted of Murder

KALISPELL, Dec. 15.—The jury in the case of the state of Montana vs. Hobbins came in with a verdict of murder in the first degree, having been out just three hours after the close of the case, and fixed the penalty at life in the penitentiary. Joe Hobbins is the 19-year-old accomplice of Frederick Lebau, who was convicted of first degree murder on Friday of last week and his sentence was left to the judge.

Lebau is the man who killed the Youkums last June, and while he did not see fit to fix the penalty and it was left to the judge. But in both the Lebau and Hobbins trial the evidence showed that it was Hobbins that had planned all of the bloody affair, and his jury did not tarry long in coming to their decision.

Want Millions For Waterways.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Ransdall of the rivers and harbors congress today appointed Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, J. N. Teal of Oregon, Albert Bettinger of Ohio and Representative Shielrey of Kentucky, a committee to prepare the bills providing for a bond issue for waterway improvements and the creation of a statutory committee to report upon waterways in this and foreign lands. These bills will be introduced before congress as soon as they are drawn. The committee desires an appropriation of \$50,000,000 a year for seven years.

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Notice of Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's Union Bank of Fort Benton, Montana, will be held at the banking rooms of said bank between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

LOUIS D. SHARP, Cashier. Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 8, 1908.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Benton Electric Light company will be held on Wednesday evening, January 6, 1909, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the company, for the purpose of electing a board of directors.

C. H. EVERS, Sec. and Treas. Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 12, 1908.

Terms of District Court, 1909.

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

It is hereby ordered, that the terms of court for said district, in said county, be, and they are by this order, fixed and set as follows:

CHOUTEAU COUNTY. Tuesday, January 12th. Tuesday, April 20th. Tuesday, August 24th. Tuesday, November 23d.

VALLEY COUNTY. Tuesday, February 23d. Tuesday, June 21st. Tuesday, September 21st. Tuesday, November 16th.

Witness my hand this 8th day of December, A. D. 1908. JNO. W. TATMAN, Judge Twelfth Judicial District, State of Montana.

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, Fort Benton, Montana, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m., of Friday, January 15, 1909, the following described real estate, title to which has been acquired by the county by tax deed, to-wit: Lots 3 to 18, inclusive, block 85, old townsite of Fort Benton, according to the official plat of said townsite on file in the office of the clerk and recorder of Chouteau county, Montana.

By order of the board of county commissioners. W. R. LEET, County Clerk. Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 16, 1908.

Stallion for Sale.

A well bred Clydesdale stallion for sale. Four years old, weight about 1,700 pounds, and in good condition. Price \$500. Address: HANS ANDERSON, Big Sandy.

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 Rent or Sale.

A desirable ranch property, consisting of about 1,600 acres of cleared land with improvements, is offered for rent for a term of years, or will be sold at fair valuation. Plenty of hay, range and everything necessary for a good sheep or cattle ranch. Address: J. R. MORRISON, Landusky, Mont.

Notice of Hearing.

In the district court of the Twelfth Judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. In the matter of the estate of W. D. Fox, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the will of W. D. Fox, deceased, has been produced and filed herewith; that the petition of Alice A. Selway, of Dillon, Montana, for the probate of said will has been filed herein; that Wednesday, the 23d day of December, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., be, and the same is hereby, set by the Clerk of said court as the time for hearing said petition by the said court or judge, at the court room of said court, in the courthouse at Fort Benton, Montana. That said notice of said hearing is given by said clerk by publication of the same in the River Press, a daily newspaper printed and published at Fort Benton, in said county and state, for at least fifteen different days of publication consecutively.

Dated December 14th, A. D. 1908. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk of the District Court. F. E. Stranahan, attorney for petitioner. First publication Dec. 5, 1908.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Edwin Kenison, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Edwin Kenison, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the law office of F. E. Stranahan, at Fort Benton, in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana.

LOUISA C. KENISON, Administratrix of the estate of Edwin Kenison, deceased. Dated November 14, 1908. F. E. Stranahan, attorney for administratrix. First publication, Nov. 15, 1908.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Prior Smith, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Prior Smith, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at his office at Broadside postoffice, in the county of Chouteau.

WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN, Administrator of the estate of Prior Smith, deceased. Dated November 15, 1908. W. S. Torrey, attorney for administrator. First publication Nov. 15, 1908.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of William Brown, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, John McDowell, administrator of the estate of William Brown, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, John McDowell, at his office at Gold Butte, Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in the county of Chouteau, Montana.

JOHN M. DOWELL, Administrator of the estate of William Brown, deceased. Dated December 3, 1908. John W. Stanton, Great Falls, Mont., attorney for administrator. First publication Dec. 3, 1908.

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