

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. T. E. Crawford arrived from Helena today on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Stranahan.

Jos. Sullivan left today for Dubuque, Iowa, on a visit with his daughters, who are attending school in that city.

Miss Eva Russell, who has been attending the Wesleyan university at Helena, arrived today to spend the holidays with the home folks.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today in favor of E. L. Kirby, of Zortman, and Grace Whitcomb, of Dodson.

Geo. Reynolds, of Culbertson, who is among the visitors in town, reports a heavy snow in the vicinity of Minot and other parts of North Dakota.

Among the arrivals today were Margreth Walker and Arthur Walker, of Highwood, who have been attending the state agricultural college at Bozeman.

Miss Mary Green entertained a large party of young people last evening, at the new home of her parents on Upper Main street, the program including dancing and other amusements.

The Culbertson newspapers report some excitement in that vicinity over an alleged strike of natural gas near Medicine lake, about 25 miles north of Culbertson. The strike is said to have been made at a depth of 80 feet in a well that was being bored for water.

Word was received from Lewistown today, announcing the marriage of Walter Green, formerly of this city, and Mrs. A. N. Gillis, of Butte, which took place a few days ago. The bride has visited in this city and has many friends among local residents. The newly married couple will make their home in Lewistown, where Mr. Green is engaged in business.

F. E. Stranahan and W. K. Harber returned today from Chinook, where a meeting of wool growers from that vicinity was held last evening, to discuss the Chicago proposition. There was a large attendance at the meeting, several visitors from Harlem and Malta being present, and there was considerable interest manifested in the proceedings. The meeting was followed by a banquet at the Montana hotel, at which the proposition was further discussed and liberal support pledged.

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. C. J. B. Stephens and Harold Stephens arrived yesterday from Choteau, on a short visit.

Miss Helen Lee, who has been teaching school on the Marias, is visiting with her parents.

W. S. Chemidlo, of Great Falls, a former employe of the River Press, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Miss Rowena Chesnut returned yesterday from Moorhead, Minn., where she has been attending the state normal college.

L. D. Sharp and Henry Evers returned yesterday from Chinook, where they attended the wool growers' meeting and banquet.

John Crowley, a county patient at St. Clare hospital, died in that institution last evening, from paralysis. The deceased, who was about sixty years old, had no relatives in this part of the county.

A very pleasant and successful entertainment was given Saturday evening by the High School Literary society and pupils of the public school. The attendance of visitors was larger than could be accommodated in the assembly room.

Cards have been received announcing the approaching wedding of Rev. Chas. F. Reed, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, to Miss Louise Felline, the only daughter of a prominent real estate man at Gridley, Cal.

It appears that Paddy Rodgers, who is on trial in the district court at Butte on a charge of attempted robbery, is a former resident of Zortman. It developed during the trial that he was employed at the Ruby Gulch mine last spring, and returned to Butte a few months ago.

Word was received today that Florian A. Canani, county attorney, is under treatment at Columbus hospital in Great Falls, for a fractured arm. The injury was caused by the overturning of a hack in which Mr. Canani was being driven to the Helena depot last evening.

Several teachers from this part of Montana will attend the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association, which will be held December 28, 29 and 30, at Helena. There will be three departments of the teachers association, the primary, the superintendents and the higher education. Special rates will be made on all railroads, and it is expected that the meeting will be one of the most largely attended in years.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Demurrers were filed in the district court today by the Great Northern Railway company, in the damage suits brought against that corpora-

tion by Thomas Lacey and A. Lincoln. The latter case, it is understood, will be transferred to the federal court.

Leave your orders for holiday ice cream at Minar's.

Commencing tomorrow hot chocolate and ice cream will be served at Minar's.

Mrs. C. I. Hoover left today for Oberlin, Ohio, to spend the holidays with her family.

Daniel Shea, who was recently given a life sentence for murder, was taken to Deer Lodge today by Sheriff McDonald.

Ira Barnes was received at the county jail today to serve thirty days for peddling without a license. He was sentenced by Justice John C. Duff, of Chinook.

The CHASE STORE has everything that the market will afford in fresh fruits and vegetables for the Christmas table. Place your orders early that we may fill them to your satisfaction.

Ed. Armstrong, a fugitive from Yellowstone county, where he is wanted on a charge of horse stealing, was arrested near Malta a few days ago and has been taken to Billings.

Advices from Butte report that the trial of Paddy Rodgers, a former resident of Zortman, on a charge of robbery, resulted in the conviction of the defendant. The maximum penalty is twenty years.

At the recent meeting of the county commissioners, an order was made that applications for retail liquor licenses be granted to H. Norden, of Warrick; W. F. Wimberley, of Zortman; and J. M. Rantschler, of Dodson.

It is stated that the alfalfa seed crop in the vicinity of Chinook the past season was about 7,000 bushels, having a cash value of some \$45,000. The ranchers have discovered that alfalfa seed is an uncertain crop, and, taking one year with another, it is more profitable to cut the forage for hay and feed it to livestock.

Concert and Dance New Year's Eve.

Residents of this vicinity will be offered a double treat New Year's eve, a concert by the Schubert Symphony Club and a grand ball at the close of the concert having been arranged by the Ladies' Improvement society. There will undoubtedly be a large attendance at each of the entertainments.

The Schubert Symphony Club has appeared in this city on former occasions, and will be remembered as an exceptionally good musical organization. In speaking of its concert in that city, the San Francisco Call says:

The entertainment by the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette at the Y. M. C. A. last night was a most enjoyable affair and the audience testified their appreciation of the good things in the program by frequent demands for a repetition.

Special attention is given to their encores by the Schuberts, and although their program is an extensive one, it rarely represents one-half of the work performed by this favorite company each evening.

Funds For the Schools.

An apportionment of money in the general school fund has been made by Miss Blackstone, county school superintendent, the total amount distributed being \$49,540.50. The amount apportioned to each district in Chouteau county is determined by the number of children enumerated in the school census, the list being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Amount. Includes Fort Benton, Upper Highwood, South Wagner, Connolly, Lower Teton, Lytle, Lower Marias, Shonkia, Lower Highwood, Chinook, Big Sandy, Harlem, Box Elder, Cleveland, Eagle Creek, Havre, Paradise Valley, Ada, Zortman, Coburg, Gold Butte, Landusky, Lloyd, Cypres, Warrick, Whitlash, Baskland, East Chinook, Wagner, LaBarre, Cookrill, Chester, Madoux, Wayne, North Yantic, Madras, Riedel, Judith, Bratrice, South Yantic, Alma, Gorman, Clear Creek, Dodson, Holmes, Davey, Upper Box Elder, Joint with Fergus, Joint with Cascade.

Total..... 2,762 \$49,540 50 The apportionment is made at the rate of \$17.93 for each child.

THEY DISCOVERED GOLD.

Veteran Prospector Relates Story of First Mining in Montana.

The recent death of Rosin Anderson, of Fort Maginnis, one of the earliest pioneers of Montana and one who took part in some of the mining stampedes of the early sixties, recalls the story of the first important gold discovery in Montana. The story is told by Henry Edgar, of Plains, who washed out the first pan of dirt and found the first gold that came out of the famous placer mines of Alder Gulch. William Fairweather was at the head of the party and he and Mr. Edgar were together when Edgar washed out the first pan.

"We were going to Bannack" said Mr. Edgar. "We had been down near Billings, but the Indians were so bad we turned back. That day Fairweather and I were camp keepers. The others boys had gone out to prospect and we stayed at camp to take care of the animals and our traps. Fairweather said: 'There's a bare rock sticking out across the creek; let's go and prospect it.' The first pan I washed there was \$2.33 in it. Fairweather picked up a nugget in the gulch that was worth \$4.80. We got \$1 and something in four pans. The next day we got \$150 in a day's work."

That was the beginning of the great gold camp that was soon teeming with thousands of people and from whose diggings \$150,000,000 in gold was taken. The spot where Edgar opened the treasure box was about half a mile above Virginia City, where the toll gate was afterwards located. He and his companions took up claims in various spots in the gulch and worked them and kept them in possession for varying periods. Mr. Edgar sold out in about a year.

"We thought we had the cream," said he. "But we didn't have the skim milk. Well, the principal reason I quit was I couldn't stand the whisky. One week I took some gold and went around the saloons of the gulch to pay the boys' whisky bill. What do you suppose it took to pay the whisky bill for one week? One hundred ounces of gold, and gold worth \$18 an ounce."

Eighteen hundred dollars to pay one week's whisky bill! The pioneer miners of the west were widely extravagant with money. In early days at Virginia City gold was almost as plentiful as water with many of the lucky miners. Also mining was not the only industry that flourished. Selling whisky apparently commanded larger profits and other mercantile pursuits enriched their followers as certainly and as rapidly as gold mining.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Malta Enterprise: The board of county commissioners while in session bought a farm five miles west of Glasgow, to be used for a poor farm for Valley county. Consideration \$2,000.

Conrad Observer: The wheat market in Conrad took a drop from 89 to 84 cents a bushel last Saturday. It will go up again. It is a scheme of the wheat buyers just to scare us into selling.

Glasgow Review: E. G. Waterhouse, more familiarly known as "Tomato Can Bill," committed suicide in this city last Sunday by taking an over dose of morphine. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accordance with this view. The deceased was about 50 years of age, and had worked the most of his life in the west as a cowboy and herder.

Conrad Observer: A number of filings on the high bench lands east of town have recently been made. A talk this week with a man who filed about five miles east said it was the richest soil he ever saw and that it could be used as a fertilizer. This man said he only wondered how such good land had not been taken up long ago.

Lewistown Argus: The total output in gold from the mines at Kendall and Gilt Edge this year will be in excess of \$600,000, and this will, in all probability be more than doubled next year. Kendall has enjoyed a very prosperous year, more men having been employed at the big camp than before, and the population has shown considerable growth, the number of inhabitants now being conservatively placed at around 1,200.

Troy, Mont., Dec. 18.—Mistaking his brother for a deer, Leland B. Taylor yesterday shot R. A. Taylor, a well-known rancher residing near here. Leland Taylor did not discover the fact that he had wounded his brother until four hours later, when the latter was found dying on the ground, and expired before the nearest ranch house could be reached.

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

THE CONTENTED.

When crops are good and prices high The man with wheat to sell Cannot believe that times are hard And all things are not well. For him the outlook is so fair, So rosy is the hue, He cannot see why all the world Can't take his point of view.

The man who has a pleasant job That pays him ready cash Cannot believe the world is just About to go to smash Or that the times are out of joint Since he is in the swim. There may be rumblings underground But things look good to him.

The chap with money in the bank And rents that come to hand An outcry of calamity Can hardly understand. Since he can meet the grocer man With an unflinching eye, He cannot see how any one On dollars can be shy.

And so it is, if fortune has Been of a friendly turn, He cannot see why every one Has not some change to burn. The world looks good to him indeed, As melons ripe on ice, And everything is quite O. K. If he has got the price.

Diplomatic.

In one of the progressive western states where the women go to the polls along with their brothers and deposit their ballot for the candidate they like best an orator was addressing an audience in which the fair sex predominated.

"I see before me," he said, "so many who will cast their ballot for the first time"— He got their votes.

Joking.

"Oh, say, can't you take a joke?" asked the smart young man as the fellow whose ear he was tickling scowled. "Oh, yes, I can take a joke all right and shove it right along," returned the scowling young man as he reached for smarty's chin with his right.

Unresponsive.



"My dear, I think we must have been married in a former incarnation." "Does it seem that long?" replied the brute.

Averaging Up. The man who doesn't know his mind And can't tell what to do Should go at once and get a wife. She'll have a mind for two.

Made Him Desirable.

"Had a good time, Johnny?" "You bet. Been playing with the Burr boy."

"Do you like him?" "Naw, but I ain't allowed to play with him."

Matter of Fact Youth.

"But can you support a wife?" "Sir?"

"I said can you support a wife."

"I have never been married. How can you expect me to answer that question?"

Vulnerable Spot.

"Knocked him out in one blow, I hear." "Yes, and no wonder." "Why?" "Hit him in the solar plexus."

So Unkind.

"That man is my worst enemy." "He seems friendly." "Yes, but he had a chance to marry my wife once and didn't."

Fine Rainmakers.

Since we have dropped the Teddy bears The surplus we should crate And send them to the heathen For idols up to date.

Best He Could Do.

"What are you doing for a living these days?" "Working." "Is that possible? I heard you were in hard lines, but I did not suppose it was as bad as that."

FERT PARAGRAPHS.

It is really rubbing it in to be stout and have dyspepsia too.

No matter how good a man may be, we somehow find it hard to forgive him for it.

If you are going in for self culture, the only proper way to do it is to begin with your grandparents in their infancy.

It is very clear that the man who hadn't a word to say wasn't a woman.

It is just as hard to encourage some men as it is to discourage others.

The reason why some people can't win is because others don't lose.

Snowball Showers.

More than one explorer in cold climates has noted the curious phenomenon of a "snowball shower." The balls, it is true, are not very big, the average being about the size of a hen's egg, but they are true snowballs for all that—compressed globes of snow, not little lumps of ice or hail. A fall of the kind occurred in north London in March, 1859, and at the time it was observed that the balls seemed five times as dense and compressed as ordinary snow and in no way to be told from the usual handmade missiles. They had fallen during the night and were strewn many layers thick over a very large area. No cause—except a doubtful electrical one—can be ascribed for the strange phenomenon, and mountaineers are apt to discredit the stories of snowball showers told them by the old guides till suddenly in the midst of an ordinary storm they find themselves assailed as though by myriads of mischievous schoolboys.—London Standard.

A Patient Judge.

A western judge, sitting in chambers, seeing from the piles of papers in the lawyers' hands that the first case was likely to be hotly contested, asked, "What is the amount in question?" "Two dollars," said the plaintiff's counsel. "I'll pay it," said the judge, handing over the money. "Call the next case."

He had not the patience of Sir William Grant, who, after listening for two days to the arguments of counsel as to the construction of a certain act, quietly observed when they had done, "That act has been repealed."—Argonaut.

Up Against a Hard One.

The great deliver into the secrets of nature who had accumulated a fortune and retired from active business in order to be able to give his whole time to study and experiments was observed to be cogitating profoundly. "What are you giving your mind to now?" inquired one of his laboratory assistants.

"I am merely wondering," he answered, "what becomes of all the corks."—Chicago Tribune.

In Doubt.

"That's a curious looking mule you're driving," remarked the man who was whittling a pine stick.

"Yassir," answered Erastus Pinkley. "He is kind of cur'us."

"What'll you take for him?"

"What'll I take for him? Say, boss is you referin' to dat mule as a piece of property or an affliction?"—Washington Star.

True to Her Training.

"Where was the new star discovered?" asked one dramatic critic of another.

"In a laundry," was the reply. "Ah, well, she can't forget her old calling. She's mangling the part."

The Other Way.

"So you refuse me admittance," complained the newly arrived spirit to St. Peter. "You turn me off into the cold."

"No," replied the old saint, "into the hot."—Boston Transcript.

A Suspicion.

She—How is it your sister did not sing tonight? He—Oh, the doctor has forbidden her. He says she must not sing for six months. She—Does he live near her?

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.—Gascogne.



PERFECTION OF FIT FOR SALE BY THE CHASE STORE 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 B. McClelland, Thomas McClelland, and the Imperial Elevator Company, a corporation, defendants.

To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 21 day of January, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., upon the said premises, in the city of Chinook, Chouteau county, Montana, the following described property, viz: All the right, title and interest of the above named defendants in and to lot 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 village 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 lands of or belonging to or in anywise appertaining.

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By GEO. WACKERLIN, Deputy Sheriff.

W. S. Towner, attorney for plaintiff.

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