

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. W. A. Ragan, of Big Sandy, is among the business visitors in town.

A postoffice bulletin announces the appointment of Ira R. Keith to succeed M. Keith as postmaster at Alma, in the Sweet Grass hills.

The little daughter of George Sherry died today from complications following an attack of scarlet fever. The little one was between two and three years of age.

Dr. E. M. Porter has purchased the lots at the corner of Bond and Main streets, and will use the property as the site for a new residence to be built as soon as weather conditions are favorable.

Mineral patents from the United States to Thos. S. Carter and John T. Throop were received at the county clerk's office today. The patents convey title to the shale and Antone quartz claims, in the Little Rockies.

Two Italian section hands, V. Manzo and V. Nicolose, were seriously injured today by another cave-in at the Benton tunnel, the men being caught by the falling timbers and debris. They were taken to St. Clare hospital for treatment.

A telephone message received today by J. J. McGraw brought news of the suicide of Joseph Vanden Heuvel, of Knerville, who shot himself last night at Windham, a new town on the Milwaukee railroad. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause of the tragedy.

Great Falls Leader: At the Great Falls land office has just been received a ruling of considerable importance to public officials who shall be appointed, not elected to office, after April 1, and which makes it necessary for such, in the event of their becoming entrapped upon public lands under the homestead law, to establish and maintain a bona fide residence upon their claim.

C. B. Kendall, of Mannington, West Virginia, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Kendall is searching for his brother, Earl Kendall, who was here with an outfit of horses last August, and from whom nothing has been heard since that time.

John Lohe, of Judith, arrived today on a business visit. Among the arrivals today were Carl Stangne and E. Hatje, of Warrick. Alex Barkley & Co. are now running a bus to Teton station, to transfer passengers for this city and places west of here.

O. G. Skylstead and E. M. Kennedy, county commissioners, arrived yesterday to attend the regular March meeting of the board.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today Lemuel D. Montague and Mary Hessian, both of Chinook.

The ice in the Missouri river at this point went out yesterday, after a freeze-up that commenced January 1. The date of the annual ice breakup for the past seven years has ranged from Feb. 15 to March 29.

The county commissioners are in session today, for the regular March term. Among the program of business is the appointment of road supervisors for the several districts, positions for which there are quite a number of applicants.

C. M. Baerveldt and wife were among the departures for the east yesterday. Mr. Baerveldt has been deputy clerk of the district court the past three years, and recently resigned that position to take advantage of a business opportunity in Chicago.

Jno. Lehfeldt, the Big Sandy hotel man, is among the business visitors in town. Mr. Lehfeldt identified the horse that was in the possession of Henry Collins, when the latter was arrested, as the animal that was stolen a few weeks ago and is very pleased over the recovery of his property.

A new passenger schedule between Great Falls and this city went into effect today, the eastbound leaving Great Falls at 12:15 p. m. and arriving here 3:15 p. m. Returning westbound the train leaves here 5:15 p. m. and is due at Great Falls 8:15 p. m. The westbound from Havre leaves that city 7:00 a. m. and arrives at Teton 11:30, returning to Havre from that place at 1:30 p. m.

A suit against the Great Northern has been commenced in the district court by Rosie Schmid, of Havre, widow of the late Max Schmid, the plaintiff asking judgment for \$25,000 for the death of her husband. Max Schmid was a conductor on the Great Northern who was killed in an accident near Glasgow last November, and the complaint alleges that the accident was caused by negligence.

While the present train service on this part of the Great Northern is only temporary, it is so inexcusably slow and unsatisfactory as to cause general complaint. The eastbound from Great Falls yesterday arrived here about 4 p. m., requiring nearly

six hours to make a trip of 40 miles, most of the time being devoted to filling water barrels at section houses along the line. This is a funny business for trains that carry the United States mail.

A dispatch from Glasgow states that the second trial of John Sherry, on a charge of murder, resulted in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, the jury fixing the penalty at one year in the penitentiary. Sherry was accused of killing Harry Black in a saloon quarrel at Hinsdale in October, 1907. He was tried about a year ago in the Valley county district court, when the jury was unable to agree. The defendant claimed that Black had made threats against him, and that he shot his opponent in self defense.

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Joe Milligan, of Gold Butte, a former resident of this city, is renewing acquaintance with his old time friends. T. C. Power & Bro. have received a nice assortment of muslin underwear. They are showing a pretty corset cover at 65 cents.

Among the departures today were Conrad Kulage and wife and Stephen Kulage, of the Shonkin, who left for Alhambra Hot Springs.

R. P. Nickelsen, of Missouri, arrived today with two fine Kentucky bred driving horses for David G. Browne and John Harris.

All kinds of mending neatly and promptly done by the teachers of St. Paul's Sunday school. Leave orders with Mrs. Flagler, at Grand Union hotel.

A recent cattle deal is the sale of an outfit of all ages from yearlings up, by Neil Bannatyne, of Portage to C. W. Buck, of this city. The purchase price was \$22 per head.

A deed received at the county clerk's office records the sale of about 300 acres of ranch property by Nicolas Theis to F. M. Brechbill, of Lloyd, the consideration being about \$2,500.

H. A. Nottingham, of the Shonkin, who is in town today, reports further livestock losses from depredations of wolves in that locality. The pests have been unusually numerous and destructive the past winter.

A tract of land located near Coburg, which is needed by the reclamation service for water storage purposes, has been sold to the United States government by Dudley Jones. It comprises about 88 acres, and was sold for about \$1,540.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by the Fort Belknap Trading company by C. F. Morris, of Havre, N. E. Whetstone, of Harlem, and F. W. Hall, of Malta. The company, which has a capital stock of \$30,000, will engage in the general merchandise business at Fort Belknap.

James Griffin, of Chinook, interviewed the county commissioners today regarding the merits of the Chouteau county fair, which presents from year to year a creditable display of the agricultural and livestock products of Chouteau county. Mr. Griffin urged that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made to assist the fair this season, and the board finally voted to appropriate \$750 for that purpose. It was also decided to appropriate \$500 for a Chouteau county exhibit at the state fair, to be prepared by Mr. Griffin.

Will Roundup Taxpayers.

The work of assessing taxable property in Chouteau county will soon begin, preparations for the annual roundup having been nearly completed by Henry Griesbach, county assessor. Mr. Griesbach will be assisted in the work by Jere Sullivan, Jr., as office deputy; Gerge Wackerlin will perform field work in the northwestern part of the county; Alexander Ross in the Bear Paws and central part of the county; and Hubert Pendorf in the country south of the Missouri river. The deputy assessor for the eastern end of the county has not yet been appointed.

In a circular letter to Chouteau county taxpayers, Mr. Griesbach announces this schedule of valuations for the current year:

Mixed stock cattle are assessed at \$18 per head. Straight bunches of steers, \$27 per head. Milch cows, \$30 per head. Stock sheep are assessed at \$3 per head.

Lambs, straight bunches only, at \$2.50 per head. Rams, \$5 and up. Range horses according to grade, but not less than \$25 per head. Work, saddle and driving horses according to their value, but not less than \$50 per head.

Stallions, jacks and mules according to their value. Hogs, not less than \$5. In view of the diversified character of the lands throughout the county, taking into consideration the quality of the soil, its susceptibility to irrigation and proximity to market, the valuation thereof must conform to its approximate market value. Improvements are assessed separately.

MONTANA BEET SUGAR.

Billings Factory Gives Employment To Large Number of Men.

Among the addresses made at a recent meeting of the Missoula chamber of commerce was an interesting talk about sugar beet culture on the Yellowstone by F. H. Cooney, of Billings, who spoke in part as follows: Actual construction of the Billings factory was begun in March, 1906. The factory was completed at a cost of \$1,500,000, and was turning out a steady stream of pure white sugar on the second day of November of the same year. Seven thousand acres, or 105,000 tons of beets were grown in 1906, and 10,000 acres or 150,000 tons, worth \$750,000 to the farmers, were grown in 1908. The general average tonnage is 15 tons to the acre. The average cost per acre, if all work is done by hired help, is \$40. The price paid by the factory for beets is \$5 per ton, f. o. b. cars, showing a net income to the farmers of \$35 per acre. The planting of seed begins April 1 and lasts until May 15. Harvesting begins October 1 and is usually completed by November 1.

The number of men employed by the Billings factory during the sugar making season of about four months is 500, and about 200 during the balance of the year. The amount paid for beet help in the fields last year was \$200,000, simply for hand labor, and about \$200,000 more for harvesting and hauling, making a distribution to farm hands in and around Billings of \$400,000, leaving the farmers a net profit on their product in the year of 1908 of \$350,000. Beet tops are a source of big revenue to the farmers. In the Billings district last year the price on beet tops was \$3 per acre, and when a farmer feeds his own stock, this crop is worth double this amount. There are also fed at the factory about 1,000 head of cattle and 10,000 head of sheep. These are fed on beet pulp and alfalfa, and in the year 1908 the highest price paid for steers in the Chicago market was for steers fattened at the Billings sugar factory.

Each year the company brings from eastern states from 400 to 600 families, mostly Germans, to work in the beet fields, each family having from four to ten children. Last year 70 per cent of these families remained in Montana and either bought or took up government land, and they are proving the best and thriftiest class of farmers we have. What is consumed by the factory during its operating period is no small item, as it consumes 100 carloads of coal, 25 carloads of lime-rock and five cars of coke each week. About one-half of the product of the Billings factory is used in Montana, and if the merchants of our state would only be a little more patriotic, not one pound of this home manufactured sugar would leave this state, and instead of having only one factory, we would have at least ten, the same as Colorado.

Road Supervisors Appointed.

Among the business transacted at their Monday session by the Chouteau county commissioners was the appointment of road supervisors for the several districts. The following appointments were made, the list giving the number the road district and the name and address of the supervisor:

- 1. John J. Tingley, Big Sandy. 2. Geo. E. Strelt, Highwood. 3. James Stillwell, Steele. 4. A. E. Cunningham, Harlem. 5. Adolph Stocklin, Havre. 6. Robt. Clarkson, Chinook. 7. Sam Riswold, Whitlash. 8. E. T. Lewis, Cleveland. 9. J. M. Hartman, Zortman. 10. John McConnell, Coburg. 11. J. P. Phelan, Clear Creek. 12. J. P. Lee, Fort Benton. 13. Henry Norden, Warrick. 14. Carl Shaw, Gildford. 15. A. S. Forger, Shonkin. 16. Joseph Milligan, Gold Butte. 17. Robt. Corcoran, Box Elder. 18. Dan Nicholson, Dodson. 19. Chas. Soderstrom, Harlem. 20. W. S. Weatherell, Harlem. 21. James Griffin, Chinook. 22. C. M. Sedgwick, Ada. 23. August Johnson, Fort Benton. 24. W. Achison, Havre. 25. John Lohe, Judith. 26. Maurice Spangler, Chester. 27. Adam Mallon, Riedel. 28. Percy Wilson, Oldham. 29. James Morgan, Harlem.

Montana Matters in Congress.

A Washington dispatch says the river and harbor bill passed by the senate contains an amendment added in the senate appropriating \$45,000 for riprapping the banks of the Missouri river to protect the banks and maintain the channel at Frazier, Mandan and Judith, Montana. It also directs the secretary of war to survey the Yellowstone river from its mouth to Miles City with a view to maintaining four feet at the low stage of water and building a lock at the government dam.

The fate of 900 Montana homestead and desert land entries is involved in a bill which was sent to conference after amendment by the senate. The bill provides that in entries upon coal

lands, surface land will be exempted from mineral location upon establishment of claim by entryman. A large number of these claims are in the Judith basin coal fields. The matters in conference do not affect the bill so far as it relates to Montana. These entries have been held up for a long time.

Would Punish Swindlers.

One of the bills introduced in the Eleventh assembly and favorably reported from the committee on banks and banking is designed to punish the giving of checks or drafts on any bank or other depository wherein the person so giving such check or draft shall not have sufficient funds or a credit for the payment of the same. The bill is as follows:

"Section 1. Any person who shall, with intent to defraud, make or draw or utter or deliver to another person any check, draft or order for the payment of money upon any bank or other depository, knowing at the time of such making, drawing, uttering or delivery that he has not sufficient funds in or credit with such bank or other depository for the payment of such check, draft or order in full upon its presentation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment not more than five years, or both. The word 'credit' as used herein shall be construed to mean an arrangement or understanding with the bank or depository for the payment of such check, draft or order."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Conrad Observer: The 45-ton steam shovel which was at work enlarging the canal at the head of the lake west of town and which was laid up on account of cold weather, started to work again last Friday. A 65-ton steam shovel is now on the road to the home ranch, about twenty-eight miles west of town, where it will be put to work, also enlarging the canal.

Havre Plaindealer: Grant Emery a brakeman on the Great Northern, met with an accident at Gildford last Wednesday morning which resulted in the loss of his left hand. Mr. Emery was braking on the local west of here, and while switching in the Gildford yards he in some manner fell between the engine and tender, the wheels of the tender passing over his left hand. His head was also badly lacerated.

Harlem News: Claire McGee, a youth of 22, and at one time a resident of Harlem in the employ of his brother-in-law, Chas. Tolbert, killed himself Friday even in a barn at his mother's residence, at Missoula because his sweetheart had jilted him. Until recently McGee had been working as a ranch hand in eastern Montana, but returned home several weeks ago and since then has been employed as a teamster.

Conrad Observer: The Conrad Investment Co. now have a crew of about forty men in their engineer corps at work on the contemplated irrigation project and it is given out that more will be secured. A plat of the new town of Valler, to be located at the lake about sixteen miles west of town, is being prepared and is soon to be surveyed. The town is named after Mr. Valler, who was here from Wisconsin recently and was in charge of construction work.

Zortman Miner: Through some of the stockholders of the Little Rockies Exploration company, it is given out that a reorganization of the company so far as it relates to the Alder Gulch property, is now being effected, and that early in the spring the Alabama mine and mill will again be sending forth its usual output of bullion. This great mine has turned out hundreds of thousands of dollars in bullion heretofore and should continue to do so indefinitely with any reasonable management.

Aimed At Undesirable Citizens.

HELENA, Feb. 27.—The Rev. L. J. Christler, representative from Chouteau county, was very much in earnest when he introduced his house bill No. 376 this week. This bill, while not a substitute for the whipping post bill, which was introduced in the house by Gray, is intended, in a measure, to accomplish what was the principal purpose of that measure—the elimination of the men who live off the earnings of unfortunate women in this state. It is known that the whipping post bill has enemies in the senate and it was feared by the friends of the measure from the beginning that it might not pass that body.

The Christler bill eliminates the feature that is considered most objectionable to the Gray bill, the wife beater section, and makes the statute apply only to the men of the class mentioned, or those who induce or permit their wives to enter upon the life of the restricted district in the state. The Christler bill makes such offenses felonies, the punishment for which may be as high as five years in the penitentiary and a fine as high as \$5,000. Christler says his bill is endorsed by officers who have had much experience in dealing with the kind of men the bill is directed against.

Lincoln Profile On Pennies.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The United States mint in this city will in a few days destroy the dies from which the present one-cent pieces are made and will sink the new dies of Abraham Lincoln, as ordered by the treasury department a few days ago. The familiar Indian head on the present penny was made many years ago from a profile of Maria Cunningham, a little Philadelphia girl, whose father was an employe of the mint.

See! Potatoes for Sale.

A few thousand pounds of Hamilton's Early and Carman No. 3 seed potatoes for sale, at two cents per pound. Address: JOSE GONTIER, Big Sandy.

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