

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. Lars Embretson, of Hill, was among the arrivals today.

A notice of location for the M. H. quartz claim, in the Little Rockies district, was filed in the county clerk's office today by M. Hendrickson.

Several visiting sheepmen are in town today to attend a meeting of local stockholders in the Chicago Wool Warehouse company, to be held at the Grand Union hotel this evening, at 8 o'clock.

A suit was filed in the district court today by Frank Jones against A. J. Broadwater, of Havre, to recover an indebtedness of about \$300 alleged to be due on a real estate purchase from plaintiff about a year ago.

The statement recently printed in the newspapers, to the effect that all cattle on the Blackfoot reservation are under quarantine for scab, is declared by Superintendent Churchill to be untrue. It is claimed that the quarantine applies only to a shipment that was inspected at the Browning stockyards, and that had been purchased by parties from Spokane.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Baker Opera House company was held last evening, at which John Harris, Charles H. Green, W. K. Harber, A. E. McLeish and C. W. Morrison were chosen as directors for the ensuing year. The directors organized today with Charles H. Green as president; A. E. McLeish, vice president; W. K. Harber, secretary and treasurer.

Damages to the amount of \$5,000 are claimed by James A. Freeman in a suit filed in the district court, in which Carl Stangnoth, of Warrick, is defendant. The complaint states that plaintiff was recently arrested on a charge of stealing a gray mare, the defendant being the complaining witness, and that at a hearing in Justice Kinder's court it developed that there was no legitimate cause for his arrest. The damage suit is the result of those proceedings.

From Monday's Daily. Miss Chemidlin left last evening for Great Falls, where she will visit some time with her brother.

A postoffice bulletin announces the appointment of J. W. Farquharson postmaster at Cleveland, William B. Wood at Whitcomb, and N. P. Olson at Teton.

C. W. Morrison and W. F. Wilford, who returned today from the B. H. Mandeville ranch, report a heavy snow storm yesterday on the upper Shonkin.

Among the arrivals today were Attorneys B. L. Powers, J. K. Bramble and R. E. Hammond, of Havre, and D. L. Blackstone of Chinook, who are attending district court.

Passengers who arrived on the westbound train today report that they were stalled near Big Sandy for about two hours, by the firebox of the locomotive going astray. It was finally recovered, put back in place and the journey resumed.

The city convention of the citizens party was held in the council room Saturday evening, and transacted its business in short order, Frank A. Flanagan being renominated for city treasurer by acclamation. A city committee was appointed, consisting of E. R. Russell, Dr. E. M. Porter and W. K. Harber, one member from each ward.

Informations against six defendants were filed in the district court today by W. S. Towner, county attorney. The accused, who are already under arrest, are Henry Collins, charged with horse stealing; William Payne and Frank Meagher, burglary at Zortman; W. H. Davis, burglary at Havre; Joseph Ventura, forgery; Oscar Ewing, assault in second degree.

At a meeting held at the Grand Union hotel Saturday evening, the local subscribers to the Chicago co-operative wool warehouse project unanimously decided to endorse John McLaren, of Chinook, as the Montana member of the board of directors of the warehouse company. There were 71 shares of stock represented at the meeting, out of 112 shares subscribed in this vicinity, and it is understood the action taken at the meeting will be satisfactory to those who could not attend.

From Tuesday's Daily. Alfalfa hay for sale. Apply to Charles H. Green.

Robert Davis, a recent arrival from Wisconsin, has accepted a position in the Great Northern express office.

Miss Gracia Chesnut, who is one of the corps of teachers in the Bozeman high school, arrived last evening on a brief vacation.

Otto W. Laue, a native of Germany, has filed in the district court a declaration of his intention to become an American citizen.

Louis D. Sharp left last evening for Oregon, to look after the shipment of sheep recently purchased by C. H. Ragland, and in which he is interested.

Miss Viola Bjerring left yesterday for Great Falls to take part in a musical program to be rendered by the

Methodist church choir, of which she is a member.

The ladies of the Old Fort Improvement society will meet Monday evening, April 5, at 7:30 o'clock, with Mrs. W. K. Harber. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Houser will assist in entertaining.

The annual election of school trustees will be held in each district Saturday, April 3. The retiring members of the board in this district are F. E. Stranahan and E. R. Russell.

According to advices from Lewistown, there has been a few sales of Fergus county sheep the past week. The prices quoted for bred ewes range from \$5.50 to \$6.00; ewes and wethers mixed, two-year-olds, \$4.25 to \$5.00 per head; lambs or coming yearlings, \$4.00; old ewes, \$3.00 per head.

The Commercial club has received plans and instructions for its demonstration dry farm near the stockyards, which were recently prepared by F. B. Linfield, director of the Montana experiment station at Bozeman. The plans contemplate for this season the cultivation of twelve tracts, each of which is two acres in size, and which will be worked under the direction of Professor Linfield and his assistants.

Now is the time to replace your old furniture with new goods from the Chase store, at cost and less than cost. Everything must be sold as soon as possible, and everybody can save money by purchasing goods from us. No matter what you want, we have it in stock. Come in and see, and you will surely find something you need. Miss Pratt is in charge of the dry goods department and will give you tempting prices on everything in that line.

Citizens' Party Primaries.

There was a comparatively small attendance at the ward primaries Thursday evening, the snow storm causing most of the voters to remain at their homes. The result in each ward follows:

FIRST WARD.

Geo. L. Overfield was nominated to succeed himself as alderman.

Delegates to the city convention—Jno. C. Sullivan, H. LaBarre, E. R. Russell. Alternates—J. V. Carroll, Jr., F. A. Flanagan, Jos. R. Brown. Ward committee—D. G. Browne, W. R. Early, John Ward.

SECOND WARD.

For aldermen, Captain Geo. H. Stevens was nominated for the two-year term, and Joseph Sullivan for the one-year term.

Delegates to the city convention—Dr. E. M. Porter, J. D. Savage, W. J. Minar. Alternates—Geo. H. Stevens, Joseph Sullivan, Chas. H. Green. Ward committee—John Harris, L. D. Sharp, J. P. Williams.

THIRD WARD.

Frank Morger was nominated to succeed himself as alderman, for a two-year term.

Delegates to the city convention—J. W. Lenning, W. M. Davis, C. H. Evers. Alternates—J. E. Epperson, J. J. McGraw, Lee Sedgwick. Ward committee—William Kinder, John F. Murphy, Jay Fry.

District Court Proceedings.

Several defendants in criminal cases were arraigned at the Tuesday session of district court, the proceedings being as follows:

Joseph Ventura, charged with forgery, pleaded guilty to the charge. Sentence will not be passed for some days pending inquiry by the court as to the nature of the offense.

W. H. Davis, arraigned on a charge of burglary, pleaded not guilty. The court appointed R. E. Hammond to defend him.

W. H. Payne pleaded not guilty to a charge of burglary. J. K. Bramble was appointed to defend him. Frank Meagher entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of burglary. C. A. Rose was appointed as his attorney.

Phillips vs. Kester, dismissed without prejudice.

Devlin vs. Fay, continued for the term.

Oscar Gable vs. Fort Benton Storage & Transfer Co., dismissed as settled.

C. F. Hopkins vs. Merritt Flanagan, dismissed without prejudice.

First National bank, of Havre, vs. G. E. Herron and H. F. Tolliver, dismissed without prejudice.

James Lackie vs. Ruby Gulch Mining Co., demurrer to complaint sustained and plaintiff given twenty days in which to file an amendment.

Kallspeil Maltng & Brewing Co. vs. N. H. Solomon, an appeal from justice court. Appeal dismissed.

A jury of forty was called to report for service April 20.

Chinook Opinion: Parties prospecting for dry land farms can be seen driving out almost any morning now. Some of the prospectors have found claims that suit them and have made preparations to squat on the land until filings are accepted for 320 acres. Quite a number expect to have the land plowed at once and put into winter wheat in August. There are a large number of traction plow outfits in the country this season and all indications point to the breaking up of large areas this season.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chester Signal: The melting snow in the surrounding country has put about six feet of water in the railroad reservoir and the extra tanks that the trains have been hauling all winter can now be dispensed with.

Choteau Acantha: Hugh O'Neal was at the Truchot ranch on the Muddy yesterday and the day before to have a look at the work of the gasoline traction plows in operation there. It is said that O'Neal & Beaupre contemplate purchasing an outfit of the same kind for their ranch at Sweetgrass.

Chester Signal: In speaking about alfalfa seed and bees, the other day, Postmaster Crichton informed us that last spring L. D. Pugeley, the Marias woolgrower, had received a colony of bees to fertilize his alfalfa fields and the results obtained were highly satisfactory—more than 10,000 pounds of pure alfalfa seed, that will average up with any grown in the state.

Lewistown Argus: M. H. Deaton, one of the best known and most popular young men of Lewistown, has accepted a position as foreman for the T. C. Power cattle outfit, with headquarters at Judith Landing, and will leave for his new field in a few days. Although but a young man, Mr. Deaton has been engaged in the mercantile business here for several years.

Havre Plaindealer: J. B. Brant, one of the largest farmers in the Northwest Territory, was in Havre Tuesday and was driven out to the experiment farm. Mr. Brant gave it as his opinion that this country was destined to soon become a land of farms and develop into one of the richest sections of the country. Mr. Brant, it is understood, made a purchase of 1,000 acres of land west of this city.

Conrad Observer: Three steam shovels were put to work yesterday on the canal work from Dupuyer creek to the big lake and a crew of 16 men were sent to Birch creek to work on a large concrete headgate to control the waters from that stream into Dupuyer creek. The canal from Dupuyer creek to the big lake, where the steam shovels have been put to work, is to be greatly enlarged. The distance is about four miles. The canal from Birch creek to Dupuyer creek is fourteen miles long. This is also to be greatly enlarged. A large force of men will be put to work at once on the completion of the dam west of town. It is given out that the company have about 1,000 miles of canals and ditches to build this summer.

Will Enforce Stock Shipping Law. HELENA, March 27.—State Veterinarian Knowles announces that hereafter the regulations regarding the shipment of stock to Montana will be rigidly enforced, and that any person who violates them will be prosecuted vigorously. Said, Dr. Knowles:

"On all shipments hereafter, an official certificate on mallein and tuberculosis for cattle, and a health certificate for horses and swine showing that they have come from a non-infected district for at least six months back, will be required. All certificates must be signed by an official state or federal veterinarian.

"While this department deprecates the necessity for drastic action, this is the only manner in which the situation can be cured, and hereafter all persons bringing diseased animals into Montana will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Naturally, we would like to have this information spread for the benefit of incoming emigrants, so they may come properly equipped.

"The common carriers have been notified not to accept shipments of animals suffering from tuberculosis, glanders and other diseases, and we are more hopeful that good will result as a result of the new laws. The chief difficulty has been in the past with respect to stallion shipments, and at the Bozeman meeting the department was assured of the hearty co-operation of those present."

To Regulate Labor Unions.

BUTTE, March 27.—An action which has caused a sensation in labor circles of this city, and which is the first blow at numerous small unions which have held despotic ways in Butte for years, was taken by the Miners, the Mill and Smeltermen's and Engineers' unions, 12,000 strong, when in scorching resolutions they branded the smaller unions as aristocratic trusts, the men entering into conspiracies with employers to boost prices to a degree which the resolutions state has become alarming. It is further claimed that unionism has reached a stage in Butte probably attained in no other city in the United States, the rules practically prohibiting outsiders from working in the city.

According to the rules of the bricklayers' union, it is said, no member can lay bricks with two hands, and plumbers must walk from shop to work when the time is being paid for by the householder. The initiation fee into the chimney sweepers' union is \$75, and high school musicians cannot appear in public unless they join the union. The organization extends down to newsboys, reporters and saloon swappers.

MILES CITY, March 24.—The Calvin Investment company has effected the sale of 17,000 acres of the Charles Krug land lying between Hoyt, on the Northern Pacific, and Mildred, on the Milwaukee, to C. L. White, a livestock raiser of La Crosse. Mr. Krug is a prominent woolgrower of Dawson county.

of the west and Chicago capitalists got together and decided on the plan. The formation of the plan first took shape several weeks ago and almost immediately architects were engaged to prepare plans for the building and later the contract was let. It is planned to push the construction work as rapidly as possible.

Loss Caused By Ignorance.

According to Dr. M. Knowles, state veterinarian, thousands of sheep have been unnecessarily slaughtered in Custer county and other portions of eastern Montana in order to rid flocks of lip and leg ulcerations and the venereal form of that disease. The state veterinarian said that reports as to the nature of the disease had been greatly exaggerated and the stockmen became unnecessarily alarmed.

According to the veterinarian, the affliction is simple and easily curable by the use of a solution containing one part nitric acid to seven parts of water, used as a wash. Instead of ascertaining that fact, many of the sheepowners began killing their afflicted stock in order to head it off.

The disease, it was stated, has been stamped out. Five inspectors have been in the district most concerned for the past 30 days, and according to their reports, flocks are in a healthy condition.

Beef Baron Becomes Citrus King.

From cattle king of Montana to the citrus king of the world is the step which Daniel A. G. Flowerree of Helena has taken without stumbling. Mr. Flowerree owns a farm of 600 acres near Fort Meyer, on the Caloosehatchee river in Florida, and upon it are grown more grapefruit than upon any other single tract of land in the world. At that there are at the present time only 250 acres of the farm bearing. But next year the whole area will produce fruit and Flowerree will have 250,000 boxes of grapefruit for the American market.

"American" market is correct, for the Flowerrees farm grapefruit has been pronounced by experts as a very superior article. A carload received by a Helena wholesale house last week was disposed of in just six hours, and another carload ordered.

Boxcar Robbers Confess.

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Big Deals In Ranch Property.

LEWISTOWN, March 29.—The Cook-Reynolds Realty company has exercised the option it secured on the noted Horseshoe Bar ranch, 5,500 acres, on Warm Spring creek, ten miles from Lewistown, and the deal has been cleaned up. The company paid \$50,000 for the tract, which will be cut up into 160-acre farms.

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Notice of Meeting of Stockholders of the Mackton Coal Co.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Mackton Coal company will be held at the office of the company in Big Sandy, Montana, on the 12th day of May, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of considering the question and proposition of increasing the capital stock of said company from seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), and of amending the articles of incorporation, changing the assessable stock to non-assessable, and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

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

HELENA, March 24.—Michael Sullivan, of Dupuyer, was tried in the federal court today on the charge of selling whisky to James Fisher, a Blackfoot Indian. The alleged crime was committed on October 17, 1908; and it is charged that the Indian stole a horse while intoxicated from the liquor sold by Sullivan. This led to the latter's arrest. The trial of the case was short, and after being out less than an hour, the jury returned a sealed verdict.

BUTTE, March 24.—"Doctor" Hall, a schoolmate of President McKinley in Ohio sixty years ago, died at the poor farm yesterday, and was buried in the potter's field. Hall was at one time a prominent practitioner in Butte and Helena, but through the use of liquor and drugs he lost all standing. He attained much notoriety about six years ago by being tried in the district court for the offense of throwing the body of a newly born child into the range of a restaurant. He died a complete physical wreck.

MISSOULA, March 24.—James A. Mills, charged with having killed deer out of season, was tried by a jury in the district court today, found not guilty and discharged. Mills lives on a timber claim in the mountains near Iron mountain, and admitted that he killed the deer last winter, during the severe weather, as he needed the meat for food. He proved his statements to the satisfaction of the jury and was held not guilty of having violated the spirit of the law.

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BILLINGS, March 29.—The last portion of the "79" ranch formerly owned by the John T. Murphy Cattle company, has been sold to Messrs. Boyles and Mayer, capitalists of North Yakima, Wash., according to information given out here this afternoon.

The tract consists of approximately 75,000 acres, and is located in the vicinity of Lavinia. The purchase price was in round numbers, \$200,000.

This is said to be the last large tract remaining in Yellowstone county to be appropriated by land concerns, and it is the intention of the North Yakima men to retail the land in small tracts to actual settlers.

The "79" ranch is well known throughout Montana, and in the days of the open range was headquarters of one of the largest cattle concerns in the northwest. The land is exceedingly fertile, and lies in such shape that it can be irrigated by the reservoir system, which it is understood will be constructed.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

Taxes for the current fiscal year upon personal property that is not secured by real estate are now due and payable at the county treasurer's office. The Montana law regarding these taxes reads as follows: "The county treasurer must collect the taxes on all personal property and it shall be his duty to notify the person or persons against whom the tax is assessed that the amount of such tax is due and payable at the county treasurer's office. The treasurer must collect the taxes by seizure and sale of any personal property owned by the person or persons against whom the tax is assessed."

Owners of personal property that is affected by this provision of the state law should govern themselves accordingly. L. O. HUDSON, County Treasurer. March 30, 1909.

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M. S. Regular communications of the above named lodges are held at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Members are cordially invited to attend.

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GEO. D. PATTERSON, Sec'y.