CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Judge E. M. Allen, of Havre, arrived today on district court business.

C. Wilson, of Lonetree, who is in town today, reports a backward spring in that part of the country.

The Crepeau and Baker flat boats started on their down river trip today, each carrying a heavy cargo of supplies. The Crepeau barge is carrying bills of goods for various points between this city and Leedy.

There was a good attendance at the public card party given by the ladies of the Old Fort Improvement society last evening, in the dining room of the Pacific hotel. The proceeds of the affair will go to the improvement fund.

Roy F. Clary, formerly of this city, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Clary is a member of the well known sheep outfit, J. B. Long & Co., of Great Falls, and is arranging the route of some of its trail bands.

L. Minugh, of Harlem, who is among the visitors in town today, reports extensive preparations for sugar beet culture in the vicinity of Harlem. Three steam and two gasoline plowing outfits are breaking a big acreage of land.

There was quite an addition to the list of convicts in the state prison, as a result of the recent jury term of district court in Cascade county. The convictions were 27 in number, and some of the defendants have already been taken to Deer Lodge.

At a hearing in the Great Falls land office, at which the desert entry of Martha J. Sneath was contested by the government authorities, a decision against the claimant was rendered. The land is located near Harwood lake, about fifteen miles southeast of this city.

In the case of W. H. Davis, which was set for trial in the district court today, the prosecuting attorney moved that the charge of burglary be dismissed as the necessary evidence to convict is not available. The motion was granted, and the county attorney thereupon filed an information against the defendant, charging grand larceny. The defendant is alleged to have stolen a lot of canned goods and other supplies from the W. S. Hedge warehouse in Havre, some of the plunder being found in his possession. He has a criminal record in this county, having served two terms in jail for carrying concealed weapons.

From Monday's Daily.

Attorneys W. B. Sands and R. E. O'Keefe, of Chinook, are attending district court.

Geo. Knapp, of Everson, who is in town today, reports the arrival of a large number of new settlers in the Arrow creek country.

In the district court today, the appeal case of Theo Hillstrom was continued, owing to the sickness of the prosecuting attorney.

W. F. Pluckett, a former employe of the River Press, arrived yesterday from Virginia City, where he holds a position with the Madisonian.

Dr. J. V. Carroll, who has been visiting in Boston and other eastern cities the past few weeks, was among the arrivals Saturday afternoon.

Jake Henderson left port today with a big ferry boat that will transfer traffic across the Missouri river at Judith, the boat being loaded with a heavy cargo of machinery and other supplies for the Judith Mercantile company.

The annual meeting of the Shonkin Stock association was held Saturday evening, the session being devoted principally to business of interest to members of the organization. The election of officers was deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held Saturday, May 1.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Louisa Archer were held yesterday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal church, a large number of friends and neighbors being in attendance. The pall bearers were Chas. H. Green, R. S. Culbertson, Chas. H. Boyle, A. E. Bjerring, Thos. Coatsworth and W. R. Early.

John McDowell, justice of the peace and U. S. commissioner at Gold Butte, arrived yesterday on a business visit. Mr. McDowell brings word of the sudden death of Andrew H. Morton, a well known resident of Gold Butte who was in the employ of A. H. Fey. The deceased wassick only a few hours, death being due to heart trouble.

The case of Oscar Ewing, who was charged with assault in the second degree, came up for hearing in the district court this afternoon, J. K. Bramble, attorney for defendant, stating that the county attorney had agreed to a proposition that his client plead guilty to assault in the the third degree. The plea having been entered by the accused, the court fined him $100, which was paid by Mr. Bramble.

Word was received today from Lostlake, announcing the death of Shirley Hurst Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, who had been seriously sick with whooping cough and other ailments. The little one was only ten years of age, and her death coming so soon after that of a younger sister is a severe affliction to the bereaved parents. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. from the residence of Geo. D. Patterson.

From Tuesday's Daily.

T. L. Christian, of Ada, a well known sheepman of that section, is among the visitors in town.

W. R Hensen, mayor of Chinook, and Attorney D. L. Blackstone arrived today on district court business.

O. Moore, charged with vagrancy, received a sentence of thirty days in jail at a hearing today in the police court.

In the district court today, all trial jurors were dismissed for the term, and causes not otherwise disposed of were continued.

Advices from Zortman report the accidental death of James Jermansen, who fell from a scaffolding and sustained injuries that had a fatal termination.

The funeral of the late Shirley Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, of Lostlake, took place this afternoon, a large number of relatives and friends being in attendance.

The members of the Old Fort Improvement society will meet at the residence of Mr. McLeish on Monday evening, May 3, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Kelly will assist in entertaining.

A judgment and decree of foreclosure was entered in the district court today in the suit of Hensen Bros. vs. Ruhe & Lange. The suit was brought to recover on a promissory note and interest, amounting to about $12,000.

The next teachers' examination will be held Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. Miss Blackstone will conduct the examination at Fort Benton, T. J. Troy at Havre and E. V. Graybeal at Harlem.

J. R. Morrison, of Landusky, who has just returned from White Bluffs, Wash., reports that one of his current motors has been installed in the Columbia river at that place. Mr. Morrison says the motor has developed about 40 horsepower and will be used for irrigation purposes.

A new executive committee, consisting of stockmen from each county, was chosen at the recent meeting of the Montana Stockgrowers association at Miles City. The members from Chouteau county are James Townsend, George B. Bourne and Simon Pepin.

A. Wertheim, of the well known livestock commission firm, Rosenbaum Bros., of Chicago, is among the visitors in town, and is being entertained by local stockmen. Mr. Wertheim expresses the belief that northern Montana beef shipments that are in good condition will bring top prices the coming season.

M. L. Freng, the dry farming expert from the state experiment station, who is superintending work at the demonstration farms in this part of Montana is among the visitors in town. Mr. Freng finds that Fred Rapp, who is in charge of the demonstration farm started here, is a willing worker, and with favorable conditions it should prove quite a success.

Death of An Aged Resident.

After a prolonged sickness, due principally to the infirmities of old age, Mrs. Louisa Archer passed away Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jno. F. Murphy, of this city. The deceased celebrated her 84th birthday last October, and during her recent sickness it was realized that the end was near.

Mrs. Archer was a native of England and came to Montana with her husband in 1868, locating at Virginia City. About eight years later, the family came to Fort Benton and have been residents of this vicinity since that time. Mr. Archer was engaged in ranching near this city for several years and died here in 1896.

The surviving members of the family are Reuben Archer and Mrs. Jno. F. Murphy, son and daughter of the deceased, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Wool Sale at 23 Cents.

The highest wool price so far paid this season was secured today (Thursday) by the Northwestern Livestock company for a portion of its clip, which was contracted to Fred H. Putnam, the Boston buyer at 23 cents. The deal was made by wire, and has been pending several days. About 50,000 pounds are involved in the transaction, this amount being about one-half of the Northwestern clip, the remainder of which will be marketed through the Chicago co-operative warehouse in which the company is interested.

Another sale was made to Mr. Putnam by wire, the 120,000-pound clip of the Benton Sheep company being contracted at a price that is not made public. An offer of 22½ cents for the clip has been under consideration the past few days, and it is believed to have sold at that figure or a fraction better.

SMOKED PIPE OF PEACE.

Eastern Montana Stockmen Hold Love Feast at Miles City.

The annual meeting of the Montana Stockgrowers association, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday at Miles City, appears to have been an occasion upon which the discordant elements in Montana livestock circles buried the hatchet. The so-called "insurgents" and the regulars appear to have settled former differences and will maintain the old organization. That is much more satisfactory than the conditions of recent years, which resulted in efforts to form a rival association of stockmen.

At the Tuesday session of the convention, the reports of Secretary Wells and Secretary Preuitt, recorder of marks and brands, were read. After reading his report Secretary Wells tendered his resignation, as his duties as sheriff of Custer county prevent his attending to the duties of the office.

John Clay, of Clay, Robinson & Co., gave a short talk to the members in which he said: "Montana has passed through various stages of transition. First came the trapper and the buffalo hunter, the cattleman, the sheepman and at last the farmer, and I want to say to you, gentlemen, that Montana owes a debt of gratitude to the pioneer cattlemen. There have been differences of opinion between cattle and sheepmen at times, but each should realize that the grass grows for one as well as for the other and Uncle Sam plays no favorities. The farmer also has to stay, but this will always remain a cattle country. A new era is coming in the cattle industry, however. In the not far distant future cattlemen will grow feed for winter and for fattening purposes and will ship the finished product to the packing centers."

At the Wednesday session the following officers were elected: G. F. Ingersoll, president; David Fratt and G. B. Kirby, first and second vice presidents; W. G. Preuitt, secretary. Mr. Preuitt held the same office for a good many years, being succeeded last year by Mr. Wells.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the railroads for their attention to livestock interests in this state, endorsing the agricultural department and the animal and meat inspection law of the government; asking congress for a law prohibiting the advancement of railroad rates except upon the approval of the interstate commerce commission after notice to the interested parties, who shall have an opportunity to complain: asking for a state law for surrendering unused marks and brands; providing for the selection of the next secretary of the association from the western portion of the state; amendments to the by-laws concerning members of the executive committee and the payment of dues; commending Past Secretary H. R. Wells and thanking Miles City for its entertainment.

One hundred and forty-three new members were added, making a total membership of 616.

One Year For Burglary.

The trial of William H. Payne, on a charge of burglary, was concluded in the district court at the Thursday afternoon session, the jury finding defendant guilty and fixing the sentence at one year in state prison.

It appeared from the evidence that Payne entered the Kapernick hotel at Zortman during the night of March 4, and stole a grip and its contents that belonged to Charles E. Ludwig. The crime was traced so directly to Payne that there was no question as to his guilt.

The case was tried by a jury consisting of Bert Beckler, Jno. C. McConnell, James Stillwell, George Meissner, C. F. Kaiser, G. W. Lovinger, S. Riswold, Wm. Rowe, J. F. Sipple, J. L. Secrist, C. C. Isom and H. D. Reigel.

Frank Meagher, who was arrested with Payne, and charged with being an accomplice in the burglary, was to have been tried at the Friday morning session of court, but when he learned that Payne had been convicted he weakened on his former plea of innocence and admitted that he took part in the crime. His sentence will be fixed by the court.

Passengers Will Sue Railroad.

At the instance of F. A. Carnal and a number of other residents of Havre and other points in northern Montana, suits are to be instituted in the district court against the Great Northern Railway company to recover damages for the refusal of the company to sell tickets from one point to another upon its line, says the Great Falls Leader.

Yesterday about 25 men from the northern part of the state who were in Fort Benton, applied to the Great Northern ticket agent at Fort Benton for ticket to Havre and it is claimed that in each instance the agent refused to sell such tickets but sold other tickets providing for a trip via Great Falls.

Since the burning of the timbering of the Teton tunnel between Fort Benton and Havre parties traveling between the two points have been sold tickets between such points at the regular rates although the passengers were compelled to travel via Great Falls and Shelby in making the journey.

It is claimed that traveling salesmen and others have taken advantage of this by purchasing tickets for transportation between those two points at a small cost and have been enabled thereby to cover a great amount of territory without any additional cost to them and that it was to prevent any further abuse of the system that the company stopped issuing such tickets.

Under the state laws a railroad company found guilty of refusing to sell tickets between any two given points upon its lines may be compelled to pay to the aggrieved person damages in the sum of $200 and it is under this statute that the proposed suits are to be brought. Attorney T. E. Brady has been retained to represent the Havre men.

BOY BANDITS SENTENCED.

Youthful Train Robbers Get Terms In State Prison.

At the Friday session of district court in Cascade county Judge Leslie imposed sentence upon Henry Rheams, Albert Howard, William Smith and George Creswell, the four boys convicted of the holdup and robbery of the Shelby train in the outskirts of Great Falls last May. The quartette had been found guilty at their trials in the district court several weeks ago and the passing of sentence was left until all other criminal matters had been disposed of.

Rheams, who was found guilty under the provision of the train robbery law, which makes it a capital offense in the event of death of any trainmen or passengers, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Howard, Smith and Creswell were each sentenced to six years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. Counsel for Smith asked that he be sentenced to a term in the reform school instead of the penitentiary upon the grounds that he had been led into the trouble by the others, but Judge Leslie stated that as all of the plans of the affair had been concocted at Creswell's home he could not see but that he was as deeply involved as the others. By good behavior upon the part of the last three, their terms will be reduced to four years and three months.

The crime for which the boys were sentenced was committed May 31, 1908, less than a mile west of the western limits of Great Falls on the Shelby branch of the Great Northern. Rheams, Hatch and Randall stopped the Shelby passenger train at what is known as the Junction switch, by throwing the switch as the train approached and sending the engine and first two coaches onto the sidetrack. They then fired several shots through the cab of the engine and into the air, in this manner frightening the train crew and passengers to such an extent that no show of resistance was made. Rheams then took his stand in the shadow of a string of boxcars and kept the passengers from leaving the train, as far as possible, while Hatch and Randall boarded the train and forced the conductor, Jack Hayes, representative to the legislature from Cascade county, to go through the coach and take up a collection from the passengers. Less than $100 was secured.

Northern Montana Wool Gossip.

The sale of the Northwestern company wool clip in this city a few days ago at 23 cents has given strength to the market at other points in northern Montana. The growers are holding out for better prices than they were willing to accept early in the season, and the contracts that are now being made are mostly at 21 to 22 cents.

Several sales are reported at 21 cents, among them being the wool clips of Maurice Price, of the Sweet Grass hills; Fred Wedeking, of Big Sandy; and Brough Bros., of Box Elder. The clip of Moore Bros., of Maddux, has been contracted at 21½ cents, and Allan Gray, of Highwood, is said to have sold at 22 cents. The latter figure has also been paid for the Frank Rider clip, at Saco, and has been offered for several clips in the vicinity of Chinook the past few days.

It is reported in a news item from Helena that A. K. Prescott's clip of last year, which was marketed from his ranch near Chester, has been sold in Philadelphia at 23½ cents, netting the owner 21 cents. Mr. Prescott was offered 16½ bents for the wool last fall, but concluded to hold for a better figure and has profited handsomely from that decision.

Will Slaughter Diseased Livestock.

HELENA, April 24.—M. E. Knowles, state veterinarian, is in receipt of advices concerning the slaughter of diseased animals in this state, and in connection therewith has issued a warning to Canadian settlers.

"This is a matter which should be given the widest publicity," he said today. "The situation is this: The state of Montana permits shipments of horses and cattle through the state, en route to Canada, without requiring federal inspection prior thereto. In recent months, however, such shipments from Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington have been refused admission at the Canadian line by inspectors, and they have been turned back into this state.

"The livestock sanitary board has had them slaughtered and, of course, at the expense of the shippers. Today, I have advices of such treatment for four horses shipped from Idaho Falls To prevent such treatment, shippers should first have their animals inspected by federal authorities or a recognized veterinarian, for the Canadian laws are quite strict, and Montana cannot afford to become a dumping ground for diseased stock—either cattle or horses."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Culbertson Republican: There has been received at the Culbertson station since the first of January 53 cars of emigrant goods, which shows that Culbertson is still getting its share of new settlers.

Conrad Observer: W. E. Chase, the Fort Benton wool buyer, was in Conrad last week contracting wool clips. He has secured about every clip in Teton county, the price ranging from 19 to 20½ cents.

Conrad Observer: Denson Bros. of the Marias river last week purchased 220 head of stock cattle from K. G. Rappold of the Dupuyer country. The sale was made by E. D. Forrest. The price paid was $24.50 per head.

Culbertson Searchlight: Wm. Jackson brought in a load of wheat yesterday which he sold to the Hanson & Barzen Elevator at the rate of $1.20 per bushel, the load netting him $133. This is probably the record price paid for wheat by any elevator in Montana or the northwest.

Choteau Acantha: Since the first of the month work has been pushed by the Teton Co-operative Reservoir Co. on the dam three miles west of Bynum. About 50 teams and more than a hundred men are on the job, and all the help that applies is being hired. It is thought that the work on the dam and a large part of the ditch also will be completed during the coming season.

Conrad Observer: A well founded report last week said that James A. Gladden, who sold his land about twenty miles west of town to Donald Graham about one year ago, had leased the Turner ranch on the Marias river. He has an option to purchase the land at $12 per acre at the expiration of one year.

Conrad Observer: J. W. Quail of Dupuyer, last week sold and delivered to Harvey J. Harris, railroad supply contractor, 100 head of fat beef cattle at $4.60 per hundred, delivered at Dupuyer. Mr. Quail also sold about 250 head of stock cattle to C. W. Buck of Milk river, at $33 per head. The cattle are to be delivered at Dupuyer this week.

Harlem News: The Belknap Sugar Beet company plow is now turning over the sod and covering a crop of grain. Their Hart-Parr traction engine and disc plows have aroused considerable interest among local settlers. With the success of this company's tests, there will no doubt be several more installed the coming season. There is one thing certain, there are two hustlers at the head of the concern, Messrs. Kennedy and Brownson.

Atkinson Will Collect Grains.

Prof. Alfred Atkinson, head of the agronomy department of the Montana College of Agriculture at Bozeman, has been elected vice president for Montana of the National Corn association. This association is behind the National Corn exposition which is held at Omaha each year, and Prof. Atkinson becomes the official representative of the exposition in Montana. Though the association is called a "corn" association and the show a "corn" exposition, the word is used in a continental sense, referring to all small grains and grasses. Thus Montana, as the state which grows the best oats, prize wheat and unsurpassed barley, is interested.

Prof. Atkinson will collect grains and grasses for an exhibit to be made at Omaha in December, but the premium list of the exposition makes special classification for Montana grains and offers special prizes to farmers of the state who send grains to the exposition, where it seems they are sure to win a place.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

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