CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

D. H. Ruhe, of Big Sandy, who is in town today, reports a heavy fall of snow in Bear Paw country the last day or two.

The dance given by the young men at the opera house last evening was attended by a large number of our young people, who report having spent a very pleasant evening.

Jere Sullivan is installing a brand new bank counter in the office of the Chouteau house. It is semi-circular in shape and when completed will add greatly to the convenience and attractiveness of the place.

Arbor day this year is to be marked in Montana by a vote of the school children for the selection of a state tree. This information is given in a circular letter from State Superintendent Harmon to the various county superintendents. A vote was taken last year for a state flower, and the tree vote was so light and scattering that the results were not satisfactory.

According to a press dispatch from Washington, the order of the secretary of the interior designating lands that will be subject to entry under the 320-acre homestead law, includes about 19,500,000 acres in Montana. Diagrams showing the lands subject to entry will be furnished the local land offices as soon as possible and applications to enter will then be received.

W. B. Pyper vs. The Great Northern Railway Co. is the title of a complaint filed in the district court today. This action is brought by Mr. Pyper and others against the railway company to recover damages for the refusal of the company's agent at this place to sell them tickets to Havre at the scheduled rates, owing to the cave-in of the Teton tunnel. The aggregate amount of damages asked is $3,200 and cost of suit. T. E. Brady, of Great Falls, is attorney for the plaintiffs.

The stockholders of the Mackton Coal company, whose mines are located about four miles from Big Sandy, are to hold a meeting at Big Sandy May 12, for the purpose of considering the question of increasing the capital stock of the company from $70,000 to $200,000, and of changing the assessable stock to non-assessable. It is understood that the officers of the company are contemplating the construction of a spur line from the Great Northern line to the company's mines, which have been developed to a considerable extent. A large area of coal of a fine quality has been blocked out, and the stockholders are anxious to complete plans for marketing their product on a big scale.

From Monday's Daily.

Jas. Murray, of Big Sandy arrived today on a short business visit.

Paris Hughes, of Great Falls, a well known printer of that city, spent yesterday in the city visiting friends and relatives.

W. P. Sullivan, who is in town from Square Butte, reports a cold and backward spring in that locality. It has been a hard season for cattle, and some of the herds are in poor condition.

Arrivals from the east report that the recent snowstorms extended over a vast area of country. The country traversed by the Great Northern in Minnesota and North Dakota had a heavy snowfall.

John Johnson was received at the county jail yesterday to await trial on a charge of attempting to commit robbery. The defendant had a hearing before Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, and was bound over to the district court.

Jos. A. Baker and a representative of the Lowery Engineering company left today by private conveyance for the Baker ranch at Judith, where a big irrigation pumping plant is being installed. It will be operated by steam power.

The Great Falls newspapers report a fatal family qurrel at Spionkop, a settlement about 45 miles south of that city, in which W. Kivinen was shot and killed by his son. The latter, who is about 21 years of age, is under arrest, and will be tried on a charge of murder.

According to reports from the country east of the Bear Paws, the past winter and recent storm shave caused quite a loss of cattle among the smaller stockmen of that locality. They were well provided with hay, but the unusually long spell of winter following the severe October storm, caused a larger demand for feed than was expected.

William Bruner, of Havre, arrived today to look up the public records in the matter of coal lands near that city. Mr. Bruner represents a number of working men who propose to organize a co-operative coal mining association, and develop coal lands near Havre that are said to contain a good grade of fuel. The plans of the movement contemplate coal production at a minimum cost, the producers to share with consumers the benefits resulting from the project.

Robert Foster, who was committed to the county jail about six weeks ago by Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, to serve a sentence of six months for petit larceny, was released today on a writ of habeas corpus issued by the district court. The application for the writ alleged irregularities in the justice court proceedings that made the judgment void and of no effect, an allegation that was sustained by the official records of the court. The defendant was charged with robbing a man in a Havre saloon, which under the law would be a felony.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss Blackstone, county school superintendent, announces that eighth grade examinations will be held at Chester and Chinook on May 20 and 21. Similar examinations will be held on June 10 and 11, at Fort Benton, Havre and Harlem.

School teachers whose employment is curtailed by reason of the closing of the schools on account of an epidemic must be paid for the time lost by the school district, is the gist of an opinion given by Attorney General Galen to the county attorney of Valley county.

The health authorities at Glasgow are enforcing the quarantine regulations on account of the scarlet fever epidemic in that city. Rev. J. B. Moskopp, who is in charge of the Catholic church in Glasgow, persisted in holding services contrary to the order of the authorities prohibiting public meetings of any kind, and was arrested on complaint sworn out by Dr. Hoyt, county health officer.

A large amount of work is being done on the Great Northern track between Teton station and Virgelle, with a view to protecting it from damage by floods. The bluffs are being graded down and the earth used to form a new bank along the Missouri river, which is being riprapped as fast as completed. Trainloads of rock are being shipped to that locality, the riprap work extending several miles along the track.

It is reported from Conrad that actual construction work has been commenced on the Montana Western railway, which was recently incorporated. While the original line extends only from Conrad to Valier, it is the intention to push the line westward into Flathead county, thus opening up a rich agricultural, mineral and timber section. Valier is the dam site of an immense reservoir which will reclaim approximately 100,000 acres in Teton county under the provisions of the Carey act.

Shonkin Stockmen Meet.

The adjourned meeting of the Shonkin Stock association was held at the office of Secretary T. A. Cummings Saturday evening, when matters pertaining to the roundup were discussed. A board of directors, consisting of the following members, was elected: George L. Overfield, Malcolm Morrow Sr., John V. Carroll, Charles H. Green, J. O. Patterson, G. W. Frields, Martin Connolly, W. T. Morrow and A. O. De Lorimier.

The board of directors was organized with George L. Overfield, as president; Malcolm Morrow, vice president; T. A. Cummings secretary and treasurer. The board appointed David M. Frields captain of the roundup, the date of which has not yet been arranged.

The mavericks were sold at $15 per head to T. A. Cummings, who was the highest bidder; and the orphan calves or "wind bellies" at $2 per head to Martin Connolly.

Great Falls Plans Celebration.

Great Falls will, on June 2, celebrate the completion of the Billings & Northern branch of the Great Northern and installation of through Burlington train service between Kansas City and Seattle. The matter has been taken up by the Great Falls board of commerce and a decision to give one day over to a big celebration has been decided upon, and plans will be perfected at a meeting to be held next week.

H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, has given the assurance that special rates will be authorized over the Great Northern and Burlington lines in the state for that day. The new train service will start May 23 but it was thought best to wait for several days after before conducting the celebration.

Will Appraise State Lands.

The state board of land commilsoners has adopted new rules and regulations respecting sales of commonwealth realty, this step being taken to conform with the provisions of both the enabling act and what is known as the conservation measure passed at the last session. Hereafter no state lands will be sold until appraisal has been made and then only at public auction at the seat of the county where situated. All sales will be advertised thirty days.

Applications for purchase will be filed in the department and included in the first auction in the respective counties. Field agents are now at work reappraising the immense areas in the various counties, and it is the expectation of the board to hold auction sales in a majority if not all the counties this year.

MURDERER WAS INSANE.

John Kirshweng Was Fugitive From Asylum Since Last December.

Information from Butte regarding the career of John Kirschweng, who killed himself and family Wednesday at the ranch of Alex. Ross, on Clearcreek, established the fact that the unfortunate man was insane. A partial explanation of his mental trouble is given in the Wednesday issue of the Butte Inter Mountain, which reports these proceedings in the federal court.

Attorner H. Lownder Maury appearing for John Kirschweng in his suit against the Colusa-Parrot company in the United States court, this morning asked Judge Hunt to allow a period of six months in which to take the testimoney in the case, as his client, Kirschweng, was insane, but with intervals, and the time is desired so that the testimony of Kirschweng may be taken when he is normal mentally.

Kirshweng is suing to recover for alleged infringment of a patent which belongs to him. The case probably will be referred to the master-in-chancery for the taking of testimony. Kirschweng has been committed to the insane asylum several times, but each time has made his escape, and he is now at liberty.

Further advice from Butte state that Kirshweng invented an elevator break. He conceived an idea that the Clark interests had robbed him of his latter patent, but when the case got into court he displayed symptoms of insanity on the witness stand, and his attorney, H. L. Maury, withdrew from the case. From time to time he displayed his insanity in Butte and other towns.

He was committed to Warm Springs twice, once about five years ago, and once again after he had become apparently well. His relatives and friends thought he had been wronged, and a month after his first commitment had him taken from Warm Springs. He had been in Butte jail, but few jails would hold him, and he is remembered at the city jail for tearing all the plumbing out in the basement. He was taken to Warm Springs in an automobile last fall by Sheriff Henderson, heavily shackled, and the sheriff feared at that time that he would do harm. He broke out of the Warm Springs asylum, where he had been confined in a specially made appartment. He overpowered the guard and got away December 8, and has not been heard of since.

His last escape from the asylum was made in a dramatic way. While confined in the hospital, he tore a heavy blanket in strips, which, he braided into a rope. Then wrenching the heavy oak transom from its fastening, he crawled out into a corridor and escaped into the stockade surrounding the back of the building. Tying his improvised rope to the transom, he threw the latter over the high fence. When it caught on the other side, he pulled himself up and escaped.

Should Plant Trees.

In accordance with legislative enactment designating the second Tuesday in May as Arbor Day in Montana, a proclamation by Governor Norris urges the observance of that custom or public duty on May 11. The pleasure and satisfaction to be derived from the planting and cultivation of trees is appreciated by residents of this city, who improved their home surroundings in this manner several years ago, making this municipality one of the prettiest and most homelike towns in the northwest.

Some suggestions upon tree planting, and the varieties best suited to Montana climatic conditions are given by Prof. F. S. Cooley, of the agricultural college at Bozeman, who says:

The poplars, box elder, mountain ash, birch, soft maples and some of the evergreens do well in Montana. The earlier and hardier varieties of apples are good, such as the Duchess, Yellow transparent, Transcendant Crab, Wealthy, Wagner and McIntosh. Sour cherries and plums succeed. Bush fruits, currants and gooseberries thrive, and raspberries do well if laid down and covered in winter.

How to plant: Dig a hole large enough and deep enough for all the roots so that the tree may be set two inches deeper than when taken up.

Prune off bruised and broken roots and excess of top, whith a sharp knife. Fill in around the roots with the best top soil and tramp it hard and firm. Leave the surface two inches loose and mellow and keep it mellow. Do not pour in water and then leave the surface to crack, but stir the soil and make a mulch to hold the water. Do not pile straw or manure about the tree stem. Keep them a few inches away if used.

Set young trees. One or two year old apple trees are best. Other sorts are easier to make live when young. Keep the surface soil loose about trees and keep animals away from them for a few years.

New Towns On Montana Map.

According to eastern Montana newspapers, towns which have sprung up along the line of the new railroads have made great advancement and on the line of the Billings & Northern there are several which are claiming the attention of the commercial interests which make Butte, Billings and Great Falls their distributing centers.

The Billings Gazette says that Broadview is fast taking on the airs and appearance of a small sized city, and that within a very few years Billings will have several thousand people tributary to it in the cities along the Billings & Northern.

Hedges is the newest of the new towns. It is located in the southern part of Fergus county, about 70 miles from Billings, and in addition to being in the center of a fine agricultural country which is rapidly being settled, it is also the nearest shipping point and the center of supply for the mines which are springing up in the southern portion of the Snowy mountains.

Hedges has been on the map but for a few months, but it has attained a remarkable growth, and is rapidly pushing to the front of the important towns on the Billings & Northern. The place has several stores, a new hotel and doing a thriving business. In addition to the agricultural possibilities, the entire townsite and the land for several miles around is underlaid with strata of coal.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Havre Plaindealer: Robert Felton was in the city the first of the week from the mountains. He reports that while livestock is generally in poor shape, the outlook for a banner crop of all kinds of cereals and vegetables was never brighter than it is now.

Chester Signal: Seventy-eight grain sacks full of barley as a result of sowing two sacks is the result of one dry farm in this vicinity. This was on new breaking and in one of the dryest years we have ever had. All the land requires is the proper tillage and abundant harvests will result.

Conrad Observer: County Assessor Binford was here last Saturday in his official capacity, which fact brings to mind that the lying season is at hand. The season when property greatly depreciates in value and when the owners can lie with as much ease and grace as a lord. Somebody will have to answer a heap of sins for this assessing business.

Hinsdale Homestead: The farmers of this section are all busy as bees getting their spring wheat in the ground. There is twice the acreage planted this spring over that of any season heretofore in this section, and if the season proves to be a good crop year, which everybody is confidently expecting, the country surrounding Hinsdale will make a splendid showing this year.

Harlem News: Sylvester Murphy met with a rather painful accident Sunday as a result of which he is now minus the big toe which was formerly a part of his left foot. Out in the country, where the accident occurred, he leaned a shotgun up against a building and in some manner the gun fell to the ground and was discharged with the result mentioned above. This is another case of where it might have been worse.

Chinook Opinion: The Great Northern has put into effect a special colonists' rate from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Chinook for the present summer of $25 for the round trip. The rate is in effect the first and third Thursdays of every month during the summer. The tickets are good for 25 days from the date of sale, to give the homeseeker ample opportunity to investigate the country and learn its advantages.

Convict Seeks Liberty.

BUTTE, May 3.—After serving almost twelve years of a 30-year sentence imposed on him by Judge William Clancy, effort is now being made to secure the release of Thomas Staggs from the state penitentiary, on the grounds that the sentence was passed on Arbor day in 1897, which is a legal holiday, and which would cause the judgment of the court to be declared null and void.

Staggs, with Charles W. Haskins, was charged with having assaulted and robbed Emanuel Teron, in a small cabin about four miles west of Butte, and to have taken $97 from their victim. Both men entered pleas of guilty before Judge Clancy. Staggs was also charged with a prior conviction, and plead guilty to this, although he bad been pardoned by the governor of the state. Haskins was given a sentence of 18 years and has been discharged from the penitentiary as he served his full term.

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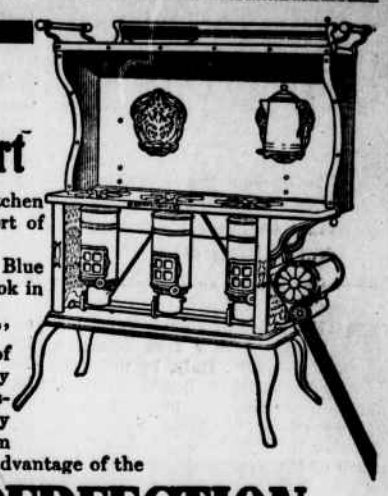

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