

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily. A. L. Lewis, of Kismet, arrived today on a short business visit.

The county commissioners will be in session Monday as a county board of equalization.

Judge Tattan returned today from Glasgow, where district court has been in session the past two weeks.

Mrs. C. D. Miller, who has been visiting in Wisconsin and Illinois the past few weeks, was among the arrivals today.

Dr. H. E. Wright returned last evening from Helena, where he took an examination before the state board of dental examiners.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today to Ernest B. Gesche, of Shelby, and Orrella Kindschy, of Havre.

A location notice for the Park quartz claim, in the Little Rockies, was filed in the county clerk's office today by Charles E. West, of Zortman.

Applications for naturalization were filed in the district court today by Nels T. Carlberg and Andrew Larson, of Big Sandy, both of whom are natives of Sweden.

D. H. Ruhe, of Warrick, who is in town today, has just delivered to A. E. McLeish an outfit of mutton wethers which Mr. McLeish purchased from him several weeks ago.

A dispatch from Washington says Congressman Pray has secured from the war department an allotment of \$5,500 for repairs to the revetment work on the Missouri river at Fort Benton and at Judith. Work is to commence immediately.

Settlers who are making final proof on homesteads find themselves confronted by a long list of questions that relate to matters affecting their entries.

A new order of the department provides for testimony on the part of claimant that occupies four pages, while three pages of questions must be answered by each witness.

An exhibit of flax grown on the Oscar Johnston ranch on Arrow creek is on display at the Davis Bros. & Morger store, the sample being about thirty inches high and just coming into blossom.

Mr. Johnston has about 200 acres seeded to flax, a crop which is seldom raised in this part of Montana, and ranchers generally will be interested in the result of the experiment.

Great Falls Tribune: The first carload of Cascade county butter that has ever been shipped out of Great Falls will be consigned to Seattle this morning by the Henningsen Produce company.

This is the first time butter has ever been shipped from northern Montana in a carload lot, and it is not probable that such shipments are common in any part of Montana, as far more is shipped into the state than out of it.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Great Falls by the Bannatyne Land & Live Stock company, with a capital of \$60,000.

The company has been organized for the purpose of dealing in land and live stock. The capital stock has been subscribed by Charles Bannatyne, Alexander Bannatyne and Donald Kerr, who constitute a board of directors, their respective shares in the corporation being \$30,000, \$15,000 and \$15,000.

From Monday's Daily. Dan McKinty, a well known railroad conductor, arrived from Havre today, and is the guest of L. O. Hudson.

John P. Carberry, a former resident of Box Elder, has been appointed postmaster at Blackfoot, in Teton county.

The county commissioners were in session today as a county board of equalization, all the members of the board being present.

A change in the ownership of the Leithaus & Bjerring barber shop took place today, Mr. Bjerring having purchased the interest of his partner.

Louis Lafromboise was received at the county jail yesterday to serve thirty days for disturbing the peace, the penalty having been imposed by Justice Geo. W. Hall, of Dodson.

The civil suit of Arch Falor against Albert Davis, in which judgment for plaintiff was recently rendered by Justice H. B. Brooks, of Chinook, has been appealed to the district court.

Malcom Marshall, postmaster at Oldham and a well known resident of that locality, was brought in yesterday by Constable E. B. Thomas to await an examination as to his sanity.

Andrew J. Moore had a preliminary hearing before Justice Kinder this afternoon, on a charge of assault in the first degree, and was bound over to the district court. His bonds were fixed at \$5,000, an amount he was unable to furnish.

The board of school trustees has awarded a contract to Hagen & Fry, who were the lowest bidders, for building a cement sidewalk in front of the school house block. It will contain about 2,350 square feet, the contract price being 18 cents per square foot.

The list of successful applicants who were recently examined by the state dental board includes the name of Dr.

H. E. Wright, of this city. Among those to whom certificates were issued were two women applicants, who will be the first women to practice dentistry in Montana.

Captain Stevens' steam plow is breaking a big acreage of land near the stockyards, about four miles west of town, which it is proposed to seed principally to winter wheat. The plow is doing very satisfactory work, eight furrows being turned each trip and its record ranging from 24 to 30 acres per day.

A resolution recently adopted by the board of directors of the Great Northern railway has been filed with the secretary of state, authorizing the construction of a branch line in Valley county which is to leave the main line at a point near Hinsdale. The distance from that point north to the international boundary is about sixty miles.

From Tuesday's Daily. Ray Cooper and P. Phillips were received at the county jail today from Harlem, where they were given a sentence of thirty days by Justice Vennum, for vagrancy.

Mrs. J. H. Russell arrived from Zortman today on a visit with her parents. Mrs. Russell was accompanied by her sister, Miss Jeanette Morrow, who has been attending college at Winona, Minn.

Martin Furlong has commenced suit in the district court against the Great Northern railway company to recover the sum of \$105, alleged to be the value of a cow and a steer killed on the railroad track. The complaint also asks judgment for \$100 attorney's fee.

Three recent arrivals from Seattle are building a gasoline launch on the upper levee, in which they propose making a trip down the Missouri river to St. Louis. The launch will be about 28 feet long, and will be propelled by a 5-horsepower gasoline motor.

Bargains in dry goods at the Chase Store: Kimona goods at 20c reduced to 10c. Curtain Swiss, formerly 25c and 35c, reduced to 10c. Satens that sold at 25c offered at 10c. Silk waists at \$2.90 that formerly sold at \$4 to \$9. Flannelettes and fleece lined goods, at 5c per yard.

John Neubert, the well known old-timer, returned today from a visit to his old home in Germany, his first trip across the ocean in more than fifty years. Mr. Neubert says the Fatherland does not look as good to him as it did in his boyhood days, and he is glad to get back to Montana.

A damage suit against the city of Havre has been filed in the district court by Rosie Houser, a minor, by her guardian ad litem, Reuben Houser, the complaint asking judgment for \$10,000. It is alleged that the hand of the plaintiff was badly crushed by a road grader owned by the municipality, and which was carelessly left where children could be injured while playing around it.

The officials of the U. S. engineers' office at Kansas City, Mo., are asking bids for 525 cubic yards of rock for riprap work on the lower levee at this place, the bids to be opened August 16 at Kansas City. A notice to that effect has been received by Postmaster Geo. W. Crane, the specifications stating that the rock must be in pieces ranging from ten to 200 pounds in weight.

At the request of several residents of this vicinity, County Attorney W. S. Towner has notified Superintendent Nicholson, of this division of the Great Northern, that local railroad officials are not complying with the state law which requires them to give public notice regarding delayed trains.

Mr. Towner advises the railroad people that arrests and prosecutions will follow any further violations of the law in question.

John Krohn, a ranch foreman who had been employed by the Benton Sheep company for about two years, died suddenly in this city last evening. Mr. Krohn had been on the sick list about a week, but his illness was not considered of a serious nature and he was talking with his friends on the public street yesterday morning. During the afternoon, however, he was seized with severe stomach pains and passed away before a physician could reach him. The deceased was about 33 years old, and leaves a wife and three children.

Special Course in Agriculture. The special one-year course in practical agriculture which is to be given at the State Agricultural college at Bozeman next year will permit an enrollment of only 100 students, and fully one-half this number has already enrolled. Young men seeking to enter the class must make immediate application, according to a statement issued by Principal W. J. Elliott. The course costs about \$150, including all expenses.

The work will cover practical stock judging and feeding, the handling of grain crops, the making of butter and cheese and the handling of orchards. The work is made just as practical as possible and the course was instituted and developed for the benefit of young men who aspire to take charge of large farming propositions as well of others who are planning to manage their own farms.

PROGRESS ON THE FARM.

Modern Machinery Assists in Harvesting Montana Crops.

The appearance of steam plows on Montana farms is being followed by the employment of other labor saving machinery of the latest design. It is reported that a combined harvester and thresher will be used in the Milk river valley this season, an outfit of that kind having been purchased by W. M. Woodriddle, of Hinsdale, and a similar advance in farm methods is being made in the Yellowstone country. The Billings Gazette of recent date makes this mention of the new departure:

W. B. George of this city, who owns a large farm northwest of this city and also has several hundred acres in dryland wheat to the west of this city, yesterday received a combination reaper and thresher such as is in use extensively in the wheat fields of California. With the George machine was also shipped a similar machine for a Forsyth party and these two are the first machines of the type which will be given a try in this state.

The combination reaper and thresher performs the work of cutting the grain and threshing it at the same operation. It is pulled by a traction engine, and is said to furnish a very economical method of harvesting grain as well as doing away with the trouble of shocking and stacking and eliminating the danger of a crop being spoiled by rains while in the shock.

In California, where the machines are manufactured, they have proven very satisfactory and are rapidly replacing the old fashioned reapers and threshing outfits. If the machine can be found to work successfully in Montana fields it will be a boon to the wheat growers, and especially the dry land farmers, and will go a long way toward relieving the troubles of harvest time. Field hands at harvest time are always hard to obtain, but this machine can, with a small force, do the same work which formerly required a good sized gang of helpers.

The Day After the Fourth. Carbon County News.

It's great sport to get up a Fourth of July celebration. All you have to do is to look wise, make a noise like a national bank, work night and day for several weeks, take a cursing from every one and be prepared to smile in return, pay all bills, sell tickets, run a dance, fight with the fiddlers, chew the rag with race horse men, offer prayers to the weather god and spend a week later trying to find out where you are at. Say, Bill, isn't it great to be public spirited?

Will Boost For Northern Montana. Two new journalistic ventures made their appearance in northern Montana the past week, the initial number of the Havre Promoter being issued by L. W. Pierson, and that of the Cutbank Pioneer Press by Dan Whetston.

Each of the new publications is well edited and of neat appearance, and promises to be a creditable newspaper representative of the locality in which it will be published.

Northern Montana is Garden Spot. H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern railway, has returned to Helena, after having completed what amounted to a practical tour of the state with Messrs. Broughton and Kenney, the chief traffic officials of the Bill system. In an interview with a representative of the Record, Mr. Jackson said that he had never seen Montana appear to better advantage.

"From Culbertson and Lanark to Kalispell and Troy, the state looks fine, and there are going to be crop yields unprecedented in the history of Montana," said Mr. Jackson. "We also visited Conrad and were taken over the so-called Withee Cargill project Sunday. That is a tremendous undertaking, and is now practically complete. It means the reclamation of more than a hundred thousand acres of the most fertile soil to be found in the state. It will furnish productive farms for a large number of persons and the rapidity with which people are flocking into not only Teton, but Chouteau, Valley, Flathead, Fergus, Cascade and other counties is surprising. Verily, the whole state is a veritable garden spot and the people of the east are fast awakening to our possibilities. To state that the officials of the Great Northern were pleased with the conditions as they found them is putting it mildly."

Shortest Railroad in the World. What is probably the shortest independent railway line in the world is being built on the south side of the river, says the Missoulian. It is the Missoula Belt Line railway and it is owned by a regularly incorporated company, organized for the construction and operation of this road, whose length is about 200 feet.

The members of the Missoula Belt Line Railway company are the owners of the Missoula Gas company and the abbreviated road is being built to connect, virtually, the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee railway lines. On the south end the belt line will have a

switch connection with the Bitter Root branch of the Northern Pacific. Its north terminal is to be at a Milwaukee switch.

The railroad has been graded and is ready for the ties. Its connection with the trunk lines depends, presumably, upon the traffic arrangements that are made. But the Belt Line railway is there and it will be doing business right soon.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chester Signal: Land that will grow grasses like we see around Chester will of a certainty grow grain crops if properly tilled.

Harlem News: Information has just been received from the office of the U. S. Reclamation Service to the effect that all lands north of Milk river valley, not coming under the St. Mary-Milk river project have been recommended to the secretary of the interior for designation under the 320-acre act.

Culbertson Searchlight: R. P. Bowman, the raiser of blooded horses at his ranch on the Big Muddy, is spending the week in Culbertson. He sold his whole bunch of horses the first of the week to C. S. Price of Dawson, N. D., at probably the largest price ever realized in this country, viz: \$100 per head right through.

Chinook Opinion: F. D. Parker returned Sunday night from a trip to the Little Rockies and reports that the August Mining company have made another big strike on one of the claims that was bonded to them by Messrs. Putman, Parker and Liebert. The ore that was uncovered went \$1,350 to the ton with a good body of it in sight.

Conrad Observer: Some of our fields of spring wheat would make an eastern or middle west farmer leave his happy home. It is hard to believe that the arid northwest is now raising wheat, but nevertheless and notwithstanding we have the real article to show and it is an even bet that it will compare favorably with any grain crops grown east, west, north or south.

Culbertson Searchlight: Walter Matthews received a communication this morning from the U. S. land office at Glasgow to the effect that the secretary of the interior had withdrawn from settlement by white settlers, nearly all of the vacant land in eastern Valley county, until steps can be taken to allot the said lands to members of the Rocky Boy's band of Chippewa Indians.

Havre Plaindealer: A breed sheep shearer, who gave his name as Robt. Lillard, was arrested this week for over driving and abusing a horse belonging to the Lewis & Herron livery stable. Lillard had driven the horse about fifty miles with three large men in a single buggy and whipped the animal cruelly. He was arraigned before Judge Allen and fined \$20.00.

Conrad Observer: The steam shovels have this week completed work on the main canal from Dupuyer creek to the big lake, which contains the storage reservoir for the Conrad Land & Water Co. Irrigating system, which, by the way is the largest individual enterprise of its kind in existence. Some idea of the magnitude of the contemplated water supply for the system can be gained by the fact that the canal work just completed will have a capacity of 2,000 cubic feet of water per second or 80,000 miners' inches.

Montana's Big Wheat Crop. Figures received by the chamber of commerce, based on estimates of agriculturalists in different parts of the state, show that the wheat crop will be approximately 8,000,000 bushels, or the banner one in the history of grain raising in Montana, says the Billings Journal.

While some of this wheat is raised in the western part of the state, by far the greater portion is grown in the eastern section, or what was formerly known as the cow country. The day of the extensive range is past, and the territory formerly the scene of the roundup, with its contingent of picturesque cowboys, is rapidly passing into history. The range, by means of the reclamation department and private enterprise, is being converted into irrigated farms, and the bench lands are yielding large returns, especially in grains, as the result of scientific methods of dry land farming.

Should this estimated amount of wheat be shipped to market by means of railroad trains it would require 12,000 cars each carrying 40,000 pounds to transport the 8,000,000 bushels, with an aggregate weight of 480,000,000 pounds. This would mean that 300 trains of 40 cars each would be necessary to haul Montana's wheat output to the big granaries.

Bids for Coal. Sealed bids for about 125 tons of nut and slack coal will be received by the board of trustees of School District No. 1, up to the hour of noon August 7, 1909, the bids to include delivery at the school house in Fort Benton. The rights reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the board of trustees. GEORGE W. CRANE, Clerk.

Montana Bred Delaine Merinos.

John D. Holliday, manager of the breeding plant of the Escallier Sheep company near Cascade, invites northern Montana sheepmen to visit his plant and inspect his flocks. Mr. Holliday will meet visitors at Cascade with a team, if notified in advance. An interesting sketch of the Escallier flock is given by the Great Falls Tribune, which says:

The Escallier Sheep company's wool clip, which was sold early in the season at 21 cents, is now being shorn at the "N. S." the company's home ranch near Cascade. The purchasers are pleased with its showing of staple character and fine breeding. The wethers from the herd were sold last fall, leaving some 8,000 breeding and yearling ewes that are shearing above eleven pounds per head, making a return of more than \$2.40 each—a strong argument in favor of Merino sheep for this section of the state. We presume, however, this accomplishment has not been obtained by hap-hazard methods in breeding, but rather the result of years of patient adherence to wool lines in breeding.

We understand the founder, Joe Escallier, came out from France at fifteen years of age, obtaining employment with Garner of Los Angeles, widely known in his time as southern California's greatest Merino breeder. After five years of service he took in payment a small number of selected young ewes, drifting north to the state of Washington.

His first purchase of rams consisted of carefully selected individuals from the Gilda flock at Sacramento, California—a name associated in the wool-growing world with great success and accomplishment. From Washington these sheep were brought to Montana, passing into the hands of the present owners some years ago.

In the succeeding years neither effort nor money has been lacking in extending and improving the original lines of breeding, intelligently adjusting to climate and the requirements of range surroundings. It would seem that such results will undoubtedly be of advantage by example and otherwise to the wool production of this section.

Wide interest is attaching to efforts in improving the character of fine wool in the range sections of the state, as evidenced in the marked increase in extent and character of exhibits at the state fair in recent years.

Galen Repeats Warning. HELENA, July 15.—In response to a query from the board of county commissioners of Silver Bow county, the attorney general's office today rendered an opinion respecting race meetings in counties of the first class.

The opinion holds that a second race meeting in addition to the 30-day meet authorized by law, would be an attempted evasion of the statutes, and the treasurer is directed to issue no license therefor. The commissioners are instructed that any attempt to start a second race meeting should be prevented, the inference being that the sheriff should act in case such an attempt was made.

In an interview Mr. Galen said that a second meeting such as is proposed at Butte would clearly be an evasion of the spirit and intent of the law and if it were attempted, the entire machinery of the state would be used if necessary to prevent it. He said the law has specifically provided for a 30-day meet and that no greater duration would be tolerated.

Fifty Thousand Homeseekers. MISSOULA, July 17.—Showing a slight increase over yesterday the total number of registrations, as reported for the day at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, was 2,274. This brings the total registration for Flathead lands in Missoula, for the first three days, up to 8,417 and sets a pace which, if continued at the average rate, will reach the 50,000 mark for the whole period, a figure which has been mentioned as a conservative estimate by those familiar with public land openings of this nature. Eliminating Sundays from the designated registration period, July 15 to August 5, inclusive, there remains 16 days to register in Missoula.

All notaries' offices closed at midnight tonight and will remain closed until midnight Sunday, no registration being legal if made on the Sabbath. From 4:30 o'clock this afternoon until 12 o'clock it is believed that more than enough were registered to make the total reach the 9,000 mark, which will, perhaps, give a more true average of the three days' business as 3,000 per day. Many people arrived here tonight on the late trains from Butte and other Montana points, expecting to stay over Sunday, and these all made haste to get their applications acknowledged.

Notice to Creditors. Estate of Edith L. DeYoung, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Edith L. DeYoung, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at his ranch near Whitlash, in the county of Chouteau, Montana. SAM DA YOUNG, Administrator of the estate of Edith L. DeYoung, deceased. Dated July 7, 1909. First publication, July 8, 1909.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Table listing various officials including Federal, State, and County representatives, judges, and commissioners.

BENTON LODGE, No. 42, I. O. O. F. Meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. GEO. ULLRICH, N. G. J. C. MYRAN, Rec. Sec.

BENTON LODGE No. 36, A. F. AND A. M.—Regular communications of the above lodge are held at 7:30 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brethren are cordially invited to attend. GEO. SHERRY, W. M. GEO. D. PATTERSON, Sec'y.

DR. E. M. PORTER, Physician and Surgeon. Office: Cor. Bond and Main St. Office hours, 2 to 5 p. m.

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