CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

O. C. Rice, of Rugby, N. Dak., arrived today on a visit with Capt. Geo. H. Stevens and family.

C. F. Morris, cashier of the Security State bank at Havre, is among the business visitors in town.

A. L. Lewis, of Leedy, returned today from a trip to the Pacific coast which included several days at the Seattle exposition.

Ed Goyette, who recently purchased the Board of Trade saloon property on Front street, commenced business at that stand today.

H. W. Hoffman, of the upper Marias, who is among the visitors in town, reports a high stage of water in that stream as a result of recent rains.

According to a recent arrival from Chinook, there is quite a rush for 320-acre homesteads in that vicinity. Sixty-five filings in one day is said to be the record.

It is reported from the upper Teton that several ranchers suffered loss from floods last week. At the Bannatyne ranch, a field of barley that had just been cut was overflowed and most of the crop carried away by the high water.

According to a circular issued by Rosenbaum Bros. & Co., there were several shipments of Montana cattle on the Chicago market the early part of the week. The top sale was at $6 for a load of 1323-pound steers, with several other sales at $5.10 to $5.85.

Advices from Chester report the arrival of additional parties of settlers along the line of the Great Northern, most of whom are making homesteads. One of the United States commissioners at Chester is said to have received about 140 land filings the past month.

At a hearing in Justice Kinder's court today, Charles Battler was bound over for trial in the district court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, his bonds being fixed at $500. The defendant is alleged to have threatened W. C. McMahon with a rifle, during a quarrel at the Pat Connolly ranch.

One of the handsomest folders ever issued by a Montana institution is that of the Milk River Information bureau, which is now being distributed where it will do the most good. The folder is entitled "The Great Milk River Valley," and is filled with beautifully printed illustrations and interesting data regarding the resources of that part of northern Montana. The expense of publishing this artistic folder was borne by residents of the several towns in the Milk river valley, who deserve and will undoubtedly receive big returns from the enterprise.

From Monday's Daily.

Chris Ruhe, of Warrick, is among the business visitors in town.

Miss MacKenzie returned today from a visit to the Seattle exposition.

Mrs. Frank Palmer returned yesterday from a visit with friends at Fargo, N. Dak.

Jno. C. Griffin, a well known resident of the Bear Paws, is among the visitors in town.

Sol Hepner, of Helena, county attorney of Lewis and Clark county, was was among the arrivals today.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Anton Pojar, a native of Austria.

Mrs. Charles McCoy was badly bruised and shaken up in a runaway accident yesterday, and is receiving necessary attention at St. Clare hospital.

D. G. Lockwood and wife left today on a trip to Seattle and other points on the Pacific coast. J. V. Carroll, Jr., also took his departure today for a visit to the Seattle exposition.

Judgment by default was rendered in the district court today, in the suit of the Episcopate Fund of Montana vs. John T. Mansfield and Robert W. Lowrey. The judgment amounts to $2,150.

O. G. Skylstead and E. M. Kennedy, county commissioners, are attending the regular August meeting of the board, at which the principal business to be considered is the county tax levy for the current year.

According to a news item from Lewistown, a sheep deal at an exceptionally high price was recently made in that vicinity. Charles Peck is said to have purchased about 5,000 head of picked ewes from George Wright, of Flatwillow, at the top figure of $5.50 a head,

One of the greatest crops ever known will be harvested in about two weeks in the Judith Basin. There are fields that formerly went forty bushels to the acre that this year will yield even better than that and it is claimed that the crops in the Basin will total about 4,000,000 bushels.

J. W. Lenning, who has returned from a visit to the Neil Bannatyne ranch near Portage, brings word that a well has recently been drilled on the bench land with most satisfactory results. The drill struck a flow of water at a depth of 75 feet, and the water fills the well to within nineteen feet of the surface.

District court was in session today, with several visiting attorneys and others in attendance. The legal fraternity is represented by Attorneys W. B. Sands and John C. Duff, of Chinook; B. L. Powers, J. K. Bramble, F. N. Utter and R. E. Hammond, of Havre; Geo. E. Hurd. of Glasgow, and J. A. McDonough, of Great Falls.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss Chemidlin left today on a visit with friends in Missoula.

The Eklund photographic studio on Bond street will be open on August 14, 15 and 16. *

Mrs. Walter M. Green, of Lewistown, is the guest of Mrs. Jno. H. Green and daughter.

John Matheson and J. E. Ross, well known residents of Chinook, are among the visitors in town.

It is reported that Ed Reichelt has bought the Chase shearing plant on the Teton, the purchase price being about $1,500.

Clerks of the several school districts in which a special tax levy is necessary this year, are requested to notify the county clerk of such levy at once.

Charles Battler had a brief interview with Justice Kinder this afternoon, during which he was assessed a fine of $70, and a term of 45 days in jail, for assault in the third degree.

A deed filed in the county clerk's office records the sale of about 160 acres of ranch property by Oscar B. Reed, of Dodson, to B. D. Phillips, for $1,500. The property is located south of Wagner.

Chas H. Green and Geo. L. Overfield returned Sunday evening from a trip to the Shonkin roundup camp in the Musselshell country. They report the finest range conditions ever known, the cattle being in excellent shape for the time of year.

A. W. Merrifield, county surveyor, is on the list of wounded and partially disabled, as the result of a runaway accident. Mr. Merrifield hit the ground pretty hard, and was rendered unconscious by the blow, but escaped with a dislocated hip and several bruises.

Congressman Pray and wife were among the arrivals today, having come direct from Washington. Mr. Pray has been busy with tariff legislation and other duties since first of December, and expresses himself as delighted to get back among his home folks and other Montana friends.

George Tope has left with the River Press some fine sample bunches of oats and beardless barley, grown on his dry land farm about three miles west of town, which will be sent to the Great Northern exhibition building in St. Paul. M. S. Holderbaum also contributed a sheaf of rye that is remarkably well headed, and which would be hard to beat anywhere.

One of the most complete and comfortable house boats ever built here is that constructed by George L. Smith, of Glenwood Springs, Col., which is anchored near the lower levee. The center part of the boat is enclosed as a large sleeping compartment, while the rear portion of the craft is fitted up as a kitchen, with a cooking range, pantry and all necessary accessories. The boat will furnish accommodations for a hunting party from the east, who will start down the Missouri river next week.

Will Boost For Dry Farming.

The recognition of the dry farming movement by the federal government as an important factor in promoting the agricultural development of the west, is a work that the Dry Farming Congress has undertaken. Mr. Walter G. Brandenburg, of Denver, a representative of the Dry Farming congress arrived in this city Thursday evening, on a tour of northern Montana to interest residents of this part of the state in the work of that organization, and has been in conference with members of the Commercial Club and visitors from the surrounding country.

Mr. Brandenburg has been identified with similar work in Colorado, where dry farming methods have been in operation the past five years, and have transformed the dry mesas into areas of profitable grain crops. Mr. Brandenburg is a practical dry farmer himself, and gives an interesting story of his personal experiences in raising crops without irrigation.

One of the principal objects of the Dry Farming congress at this time is to secure aid from the federal government for the establishment and maintenance of dry land demonstration farms in various parts of the country. These stations would furnish object lessons of what can be done by scientific soil culture, and would virtually be a school of agriculture at which settlers could be instructed in their work. It is an excellent idea, and should be encouraged in every way by citizens interested in the public welfare..

Malta Enterprise: Bids for the construction of the laterals for the Malta-Dodson-Glasgow canal were opened at the U. S. Reclamation office in this city last Saturday. Competition was very close. Awards for the contracts will be made public in a few days.

A BIG MINING DEAL.

Report of Purchase In Little Rockies By Wealthy Syndicate.

If reports are true which are now being circulated in the Little Rockies country, one of the biggest mining deals ever made in Montana outside of the Butte district, will be consummated September first when a syndicate of eastern people, said to include J. Pierpont Morgan and Mrs. John B. Stetson will pay over a cool three millions for the August group consisting of forty claims, says the Helena Record. F. E. Mettler returned Friday from a two weeks' visit in the Little Rockies country where he looked after his mining interests there.

"The future of the district never seemed more assured than it does at the present time and if current reports are to be relied upon, September first the bond on the August group will be taken up," said Mr. Mettler. "This bond is said to be for three million dollars and if the deal goes through the Little Rockies will come into prominence as one of the greatest gold bearing regions in the country. John Edgerton of this city is representing the eastern syndicate in the deal and he has been spending several months at Landusky looking over the properties.

"Four minor groups are covered by the bond, which include about forty claims in all and are designated as the August group. The best known is the August and Little Ben group. The others are the Liebert and Sieh group, the Gold Bug group and the Papoose. The owners are Phillips and Whitcomb, the Coburn brothers and L. S. Goslin. The Ruby Gulch property, on the Zortman side of the mountains, owned by Phillips and Whitcomb, is not included in this big deal, I understand.

"About forty men are being employed at the August and one hundred tons of ore per day are being mined. This ore averages thirty dollars per ton. The treatment capacity of the August plant was recently doubled and now one hundred tons are being treated per day. The August vein is eight feet wide and is filled with streaks of very rich ore. Assays running as high as seventeen hundred dollars per ton have been secured. Some idea of the richness of this property is shown by the returns on a shipment of one hundred tons of ore made several months ago. Treatment charges and freight amounted to sixty-five dollars per ton, but notwithstanding this, the net profit was sixty thousand dollars."

District Court Proceedings.

At the Monday session of district court a number of civil cases were considered and dismissed at the request of parties to the litigation. A jury venire of 45 taxpayers was drawn, the members to appear for jury service on August 25, and defendants in criminal cases were arraigned in court. The proceedings in these cases were as follows:

State vs. Andrew J. Moore, assault in first degree. Set for trial August 25.

State vs. Fred Wright, grand larceny. Defendant entered a plea of guilty.

State vs. William Sampson, grand larceny. Defendant entered a plea of guilty.

State vs. G. W. Gilbert, an application for habeas corpus. After considering testimony in this case, it was ordered that defendant be released from custody.

State vs. H. Loranger, John H. Harmon and Merrill Weldy, an appeal case. On motion of county attorney, the cause was dismissed.

State vs. John Baily. Case dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. Eugene Laird, assault in second degree. Trial set for August 26.

State vs. Charles Kline, burglary. Trial set for August 27.

State vs. W. H. Davis. Dismissed on motion of county attorney.

State vs. Alta Jackson, assault in second degree. Trial set for Aug. 28.

State vs. Jerry McMahon, grand larceny. Defendant failing to appear, his bond of $500 was declared forfeited, and bench warrant issued for arrest of defendant. Trial set for August 30.

State vs. Theodore Hillstrom, appeal from justice court. Trial set for August 30.

State vs. Nelson Grandchamps, charged with assault. Defendant entered plea of guilty.

State vs. Jesse Davis, burglary. Defendant entered plea of guilty.

The defendants who entered pleas of guilty will be sentenced in due course.

An Exhibit of Farm Products.

Ranchers who have exceptionally good crops of grain or other farm products, are requested to select samples from their crops for exhibition purposes, and leave them at the River Press office. At the request of Geo. E. Ryan, industrial agent of the Great Northern railway, the Fort Benton commercial club has undertaken to supply an agricultural exhibit from this locality, consisting of as great a variety of farm products as possible.

Each sample of grain, etc., will be tagged with the name and address of the party who raised it, and the best selections will be sent to the Omaha Corn exposition to be entered for prizes to be awarded in their particular class. Grain in the sheaf should be in bunches about four inches in diameter, and threshed grain about a peck for each exhibit. It is desired to get together a prize winning display from this vicinity.

Taxes Will Be Lower.

The Chouteau county board of equalization, which was in session Monday, concluded that the increase in assessable wealth this year warrants a reduction in the rate of taxation. The tax levy for county purposes for the current year was fixed as follows:

General fund	3 mills.
Contingent fund	2 "
Poor fund	½ "
Road fund	2½ "
Bridge fund	1 "
Bond fund	1 "
Total	10 "

This is a reduction of one mill from the tax levy of last year, and will compare favorably with the rate of taxation in other counties.

A general school fund levy of four mills is required by the Montana laws, and a general state levy of 2½ mills will be made by the state board of equalization. This will make a total general tax of 16½ millsupon all assessable property in Chouteau county.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Havre Plaindealer: Libby & Nelson, the contractors to whom was awarded the contract for building the depot at this place arrived in the city this week with their men for the work of putting in the new depot. Several cars of material have also come into the railway yards this week and the actual work of building will be started next week.

Conrad Observer: A new postoffice is to be established 21 miles east of Conrad and is to be called Solild, with Anton Dyrud postmaster. This is on request of a petition recently presented to the postoffice department at Washington. It is claimed there is a settlement of between forty and fifty people who will be accommodated by the new mail service.

Glasgow News: It is reported that the contractors on the Bainville-Plentywood branch of the Great Northern, will be moving dirt in about a week. The A. B. Guthrie & Co.'s commissary building in Culbertson, will be finished in a few days and the paymaster is there now. We understand that the men employed on the construction work of the new road will be paid in Culbertson.

Culbertson Republican: J. S. Day was in town Saturday and reported that he was just about ready to harvest his large crop of grain. He has between 600 and 700 acres of grain to harvest and said that it was very fine. He has bought a traction engine which he will use for threshing and plowing. Mr. Day is one of the largest, if not the largest farmer in eastern and northeastern Dawson county.

Chinook Opinion: The lands surrounding Chinook were thrown open to the 320 acre act this past week and a rush of filings has commenced for the bench lands in this vicinity. The lands in the western half of the Glasgow district were classified under the act under reports of the geological survey and the reclamation service. The 320 acre lands include everthing in this section practically excepting the coal lands and valley lands subject to irrigation.

Havre Promoter: Two men cut and one man laid up with a broken leg constitute the outcome of another drunken brawl at the west end of town last Saturday hight. An altercation arose between three white men and the colored porter of the Hotel Havre barber shop, which resulted in a general mixup and knockdown. The colored man used a knife, badly cutting one man in the thigh and another on the hand, while he in turn was knocked down and had a leg broken.

Large Imports of Raw Material.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—All records for importations of manufacturers' materials imported into the United States were broken during the fiscal year 1909, according to the bureau of statistics in a statement made public today.

Raw wool, raw cotton, raw silk, fibers, hides and skins, India rubber, tobacco, tin, copper, lumber and certain articles included under the general group, "chemicals, drugs and dyes," are the principal articles imported for manufacturing and in nearly all of these the quantity imported in 1909 exceeded that of any earlier year. Raw wool, however, is an exception. It shows a slightly higher quantity in the fiscal year 1897, pending the enactment of the Dingley law, which transferred wool from the free list to the dutiable list.

Electric Power From Missouri River.

GREAT FALLS, Aug. 4.—Work was started from this end today on the big transmission line which will convey electricity from the dams now being built to Butte and Anaconda for the operation of mines and smelters.

The first of the dams will not be ready until June, but it is desired to have everything in readiness to deliver electricity as soon as it can be generated. The line will be of the most substantial material, very heavy copper wire being carried on high steel towers. It will run in a bee-line, the the distance to Butte being 129 miles. The power to be generated from the Rainbow falls will be about 38,000 horse-power, but in all there will be generated here over 100,000 horse-power.

Flathead Rrgistration Closed.

MISSOULA, Aug. 5.—Promptly at midnight tonight registration for Flathead lands closed in Montana. The estimated total registration in this city is 65,000. It was impossible, on account of some of the notaries public having neglected to be accurate in their count, to secure a report which would be authentic, but, judging from the amount of stationery (blanks and envelopes) which has been used, a check upon which was kept closely at the land office where the supply was distributed, the above estimate will not be far off when the official count for Missoula is announced by Judge Witten at Coeur d'Alene City.

Today failed to bring the expected rush of people, and the number was only on an average with other days since registration opened on July 15. At the closing hour only a few notaries remained at their posts and these were registering only a few stragglers, a condition vastly different from the rush and jam of the opening hour the first night.

Considering the estimate of 65,000 registrations a fair one, it has cost the people who came to Missoula to be sworn about $16,000. This sum has been divided among less than 60 notaries, and a number of them have succeeded in making a year's salary in 19 days. However, the visitors had no kick to make, as the fee for each was only a quarter of a dollar. Many would have as willingly paid $1, especially those who were unable to register while their train was waiting at the station and continue their journey west or east without further inconvenience or expense.

Big Price For State Land.

KALISPELL, Aug. 5.—The Great Northern Railway company, through its attorney W. Noffsinger, bid $75.50 per acre for a tract of 80 acres of rock and burnt stumps adjoining Belton station, which was offered at public auction by the state through Joseph Oker, assistant register of the land office, here today. Forest Supervisor James Bunker, who was present, warned the bidders that the government claimed the land, which is within the forest reserve, and would contest the sale.

The Great Northern wants the land for contemplated extensions to the depot accommodations at Belton, which, being at the gateway of the future Glacier park, enhances the value of the land. The question of title will be settled in court. The price bid is believed to be the highest ever paid for state land in this county.

Expensive Railroad Improvements.

GREAT FALLS, Aug. 7.—Announcement was today made by the Great Northern officials that a decision has been reached to at once go ahead with the construction of the proposed new line between this city and Belt, which has been under consideration since the Billings & Northern branch was started and for which the surveys were completed nearly two years ago. Bids will be opened in St. Paul Aug. 20, and it is expected that work will be started early this fall.

The new line will be built between Gerber and Belt for the purpose of eliminating the heavy grades now existing. Eighteen miles of the new track will be built, a portion of which will be tunnel work to allow the line to leave Belt creek valley without having to pass over the bluffs. It is estimated that the work will cost $1,000,000. About 2,000,000 cubic feet of dirt will have to be moved. From eight to ten months will be required to complete the line.

Successful Dry Land Farmers.

BOZEMAN, Aug. 7.—That Louie Accola is a believer in dry land farming is not surprising, in view of the assertion that his wheat crop last year, all grown on dry land, yielded him $35,000. Mr. Acola began farming in the Gallatin valley as a poor man and, by dint of hard economizing, accumulated land and livestock. Today he has 3,836 acres and a comfortable fortune drawing interest.

S. J. Wall is another Gallatin valley man who has gradually increased his dry land holdings until now he has 1,320 acres, representing the investment of part of his profits from dry land wheat and oats. In addition, it is said, he has close to $100,000 in cash and other possessions.

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