CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

L. K. Devlin and wife came up from Havre this morning to attend the funeral of the late Frank M. Lepper, Mrs. Devlin's father.

County Treasurer Hudson and wife left last evening for a trip to Spokane and Seattle, where they will take in the sights of the exposition.

Stanley DeFrit, who is employed at the LaBarre livery stable, had his collar bone broken and was badly shaken up in a runaway accident this afternoon on Front street.

Work on the new hotel at Great Falls has been begun, ground having been broken for the excavation yesterday afternoon by W. J. Martin who has the contract for that work.

A deed was this morning filed for record in the county clerk's office conveying some ranch property near Havre from Matilda Ryan to John Ryan. The consideration named in the deed is $1.

The only lucky Fort Bentonite so far recorded who has drawn a prize in the Flathead reservation drawing is Alois Newkom, who is employed as gardener at St. Clare hospital. His number in the list is 81.

It is expected that a party of trade experts from Japan will pass through Havre some time next week on their way to eastern trade centers, to study the commercial conditions. There will be 70 or 80 in the party.

The funeral of the late Frank M. Lepper was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Nolan's undertaking rooms. The funeral service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. Dr. Chesnutt, and the remains were accompanied to the grave by a large number of the friends of the family.

Three prisoners were arraigned in the district court this morning who pleaded guilty to the charge against them and were sentenced by Judge Tattan. They are: Wm. Sampson, grand larceny. sentence to two years and six months at hard labor; Fred Wright, grand larceny, two years and three months; Wm. Stephenson, forgery, two years.

The Shonkin Ranch company, which was organized a little over a year ago, has just declared a dividend of twenty per cent., which means that $12,000 will be distributed among the stockholders. This company is engaged exclusively in the sheep business, and operates for this purpose the ranch of Col. J. H. Rice, on the Shonkin. This is an excellent showing for the first year's work.

James J. Hill has just given the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia an order for 57 locomotives, their cost to be more than $1,000,000. Thirty-five of the locomotives are for the Great Northern road, 25 to be of the ten-wheel passenger type and ten of the large Mallett type of freight engines. The Northern Pacific wants 17 of the Pacific type passenger engines and the Burlington road has ordered five of the Mallet type of freight locomotives.

Great Falls Leader: It is reported from Cut Bank that a deal that has been pending for over a month was consummated last Saturday when R. C. Rasmussen, president of the Bank of Cut Bank, relinquished his interest in that institution to an association of leading ranchers and business men of the community. The bank will be made a national bank and will be known as the First National Bank of Cut Bank. It is stated Mr. Rasmussen is planning to establish a bank at Shelby.

From Monday's Daily.

Frank Sutton, of Gold Butte, is a visitor in the city today.

Born—At Wagoner, Ind., on August 14, 1909, to the wife of J. D. Savage, a daughter.

Wm. Wellwood, of Great Falls, formerly a resident of Zortman, is among the visitors in the city.

A deed was filed for record today in the county clerk's office transferring 160 acres of land in the vicinity of Chinook from Isaac Hedges and wife to L. N. Beaulieu.

Mrs. John Ward and daughter, Jeannette, Mrs. Jere Sullivan and Miss Catherine Kelly, took their departure Saturday morning for Seattle, to take in the sights of the exposition.

Work was commenced today on an excavation for a concrete basement under the warehouse at the rear of the T. C. Power & Bro.'s store. The basement will be 30x75 feet in size.

O. B. Crane came down last evening on a visit to his parents. Ollie has secured a position in the new Hotel Savoy, at Missoula, and will shortly leave for that place to enter upon his duties.

W. E. Chase, who has been busy attending to the shipment of his wool purchases throughout northern Montana, arrived from the west last evening. Mr. Chase states that his wool business is about closed up for the season.

News was received Saturday announcing the death on that day, at White Sulphur Springs, of Austin J. Gormley, the prominent Great Falls attorney. Mr. Gormley had gone to the springs for a vacation, and while there had an accute attack of appendecitis. Physicians were immediately called, but upon their arrival found that he was already beyond help. The remains will be shipped to Great Falls for burial.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Position wanted as housekeeper or cook. Apply at Mrs. A. J. Moore's. *

L. K. Devlin was today appointed by Judge Tattan guardian of the minor children of the late Frank M. Lepper.

Jesse Jarvis, wwo pleaded guilty of burglary was sentenced today by Judge Tattan to 2 years and 3 months at hard labor.

A marriage license was issued today by the clerk of the district court to L. W. Deaver and Bessie F. Hankey, both of Chinook.

Theodore Danielsen is today moving into the house on the corner of Front and Arnoux streets, which he recently purchased of A. E. McLish.

Dennis Donlan and J. P. Mitchell, who were tried before Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, on a charge of assault in the second degree, were bound over to the district court.

Constable Wm. Chestnut, of Havre, arrived this morning with David Thomas who was bound over by Justice Pyper, charged with attempting to commit rape on the person of a 5-year-old child.

Eugene Leah and Paul Kraus had a hearing before Justice Kinder yesterday on a charge of assault in the second degree upon the person of John Beggs, porter at the Overland hotel, and were held to the district court in the sum of $300 each.

Special sale this week at Chase's store. All our cretons going at 5c per yard, also a few pieces of calico at 5c per yard. Cotton chalais at 5c per yard. Gowns at 95 cents each. Winter underwear at half price. Black silk lisle hose at 35c per pair; former price 75c. *

Anything you may want in the way of real estate, whether it be a well watered and improved farm, large or small, a desirable residence in town, or a choice building site, can be had at Sayre's Real Estate Agency. Our property list is growing larger every day and you are almost sure to find what you want if you will examine our list. *

The members of the local lodge of Masons entertained a delegation of officers of the Grand Lodge last evening. J. W. Spear, county attorney of Cascade county, delivered a fine address. Work in the Master's degree was rendered in a perfect manner, and was followed by an elegant banquet served by the ladies of the Eastern Star chapter.

The Great Northern railway has equipped the "Oriental Limited," the fast train between Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Puget Sound, with telephones. A telephone on the library table of the compartment observation car is connected with city circuits immediately upon the arrival of the train. This enables passengers to converse with their friends and business men can make their appointments, thereby saving considerable time. The service is now established at Chicago and St. Paul and plans are being worked out to install it at Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and other points on the line.

Railroad Assessment Increased.

HELENA, Aug. 9.—The state board of equalization fixed the assessment for all Montana railroads today and in each instance there is a slight increase. The main line of the Northern Pacific and of the Great Northern are assessed at $18,975 a mile, instead of $17,250 as heretofore. The new lines—St. Paul and Billings & Northern—are assessed at $12,000 a mile. The board fixed August 21 as the date for hearing protests by the carriers, should they so desire.

Scarcity of Harvest Hands.

BILLINGS, Aug. 12.—The thing that worried the farmers of Kansas a few years ago is now causing the husbandmen of Montana and North Dakota all sorts of grief, for the harvest is on and there is a scarcity of men to garner the golden grain. The northern part of North Dakota and eastern Montana is in need of from 15,000 to 20,000 harvesters, if the estimates made by the railroad officials who have been keeping tab on the situation are correct. Where they are going to get enough workers to supply the demand? With the return of prosperity the army of unemployed has dwindled.

"I learned while traveling through Dakota that the situation is really serious," said L. P. Carter of Walla Walla, who was in the city last night. "The railroad officers are getting a line on the number of the men needed and the localities to which they should be sent, and the employment agencies are striving to fill the orders, but from what I can learn they are up against the real thing.

"The remark is frequently made that the country is full of men who are looking for work. Such may be the case, but the facts do not appear to bear out such a statement.

320-ACRE HOMESTEADS.

Immense Area Near Fort Benton Is Open To Entry.

According a Washington dispatch, a large area of public lands in this part of northern Montana will soon become subject to entry under the 320-acre homestead law. The first news to this effect appears in the following press dispatch:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Acting Secretary of the Interior Wilson today designated 1,658.640 acres more of land located in the northwestern part of Montana along the Missouri river, near Fort Benton, as coming within the enlarged homestead act. This makes 25,466,200 acres thus designated in Montana.

A full description of the lands by townships will be received by the Great Falls land office in a few days, where further particulars will be published.

Harder To Commute Homesteads.

The interior department is making it much harder to secure commutation proof on homestead entries, and a recent circular calls attention to the department requirement that an actual residence of 14 months will be necessary before commutation proof can be made. The circular, which is addressed to United States commissioners and others, gives these instructions:

"You are hereby directed to observe the following rules in connection with the taking of homestead commutation proofs:

"1. Commutation proof offered under a homestead entry made on or after Nov. 1, 1907, will be rejected unless it is shown thereby that the entryman has, in good faith, actually resided upon and cultivated the land embraced in such entry for the full period of at least 14 months.

"2. Where such commutation proof is offered under an entry made prior to Nov. 1, 1907, if it be satisfactorily shown thereby that the entryman had, in good faith, established actual residence on the land within six months from the date of his entry; provided that it be also shown that such residence was, in good faith, maintained for such period as, when added to the period of constructive residence herein recognized equals the full period of 14 months' residence required by the homestead laws; and

"3. In no case can commutation proof be accepted when it fails to show the required residence and cultivation continued to the date on which application for notice of intention to make such proof was filed."

Chinese Lottery In Butte.

BUTTE, Aug. 12.—It may be news to many people that among the thriving industries of this city is a Chinese lottery, drawings taking place every afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, and every morning at 11 o'clock. That the business must be a prosperous one is evident from the fact that the highest cash prize at each drawing is $600, going down from that to $1. In one case where the wife of a well known barber took a chance some time ago, she succeeded in drawing a valuable cash prize.

The Chinese lottery business was brought to light today by one May Stewart, a colored resident of the restricted district, coming to the police headquarters and reporting to Chief Quinn and Detective Jerry Murphy that she had drawn the first prize, and that the Chinamen had refused to pay over the $600 less 15 per cent which is deducted for the paying of expenses, making $510.

The Chinamen did not deny running a lottery. In fact they acknowledged that the woman was a ticket holder, but declared that she was not entitled to the amount of money called for, as they declared that the ticket had been tampered with. The officers made a complete search of the place, but were unable to find any evidence in the way of papers or books that a lottery was being carried on. No arrests were made.

The Committee Investigating.

GLENDIVE, Aug. 14.—The senatorial committee on irrigation, which is looking into conditions in the lower Yellowstone project, spent yesterday at Sidney. The party is traveling in a special train and carrying two large touring cars as part of the equipment.

On arriving at Sidney the time was put in to the best possible advantage, and the automobiles toured many miles about the holdings of the various settlers. Each senator engaged the ranchmen in conservation and obtained information.

"We have made this trip to obtain intimate knowledge of a subject which we shall have to deal with more or less during the next session of congress," said Senator Carter. "It is a matter in which Montana, as well as other states, has the keenest interest. We intend to obtain all the information possible from the people who ought to have the best information. Before the trip is concluded we shall have visited most of the irrigation projects of the west, and will have obtained information which will be of value when the subject comes up for discussion."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Chinook Opinion: The initial rush after 320 acre homesteads the past two weeks kept the land men and commissioners busy. Seventy-five filings have been made since a week ago Monday and the land-seekers are going out in parties every day. Most of the filings so far have been on the level benches north of town.

Malta Enterprise: The bids for the construction of the south unit of the Dodson-Malta-Glasgow canal with one or two exceptions were accepted and work has already commenced along the line between Point of Rocks and Alkali. Informal bids can now be filed for work not previously let, and will be immediately considered.

Havre Plaindealer: The first train of cattle to leave Montana were shipped through Havre Monday and they were a prime lot, the property of the Florence Cattle company. There were 39 cars in the train and they made the remarkable time of five hous between here and Glasgow, regular passenger train time.

Harlem News: Sometime during Sunday night the Harlem Mercantile Co. store was broken into and goods to the amount of about $50 taken, consisting of a couple dozen pocket knives, a $17 six shooter, two pairs of shoes and some clothing. Entrance was gained through a window. The "boes" emptied a couple barrels of water and piled one barrel on top of the other to reach the window.

Choteau Acantha: Choteau is to have a creamery. The stock has been subscribed and the work is under way. The success or failure of the enterprise is entirely in the hands of the people of the town and vicinity. So far as human wisdom can see, the only possible thing that can prevent success is simply that the people will not bring in the butter fat. Of course, a creamery can't run without cream. If the cream is forthcoming, the new concern will certainly be a success.

Lewistown News: The outlook for the sheep industry in Fergus county was never so good as at the present time, and the demand for Fergus woolies is so great that the offers cannot be met. The man who has sheep needs only to set his price and there are hundreds of buyers now waiting for the chance to purchase. Yesterday J. D. Waite of the Fergus county bank received a letter from an eastern party asking for ten thousand head of sheep and for the past few days the demand has been rising.

Havre Promotor: As another illustration of the implicit faith and confidence of its managers in the future greatness of Havre and the surrounding country, the Great Northern Railway company has begun the erection of the new depot at this place. Ground was broken and the preliminary work for the foundation of the costly and magnificent structure was started this week, and the building will be pushed to completion as rapidly as men and weather will permit. The depot will cost over $40,000.

Hinsdale Homestead: A meeting of the directors of the Farmers Telephone Exchange was held Wednesday which lasted pretty near all day, and at which considerable business was transacted. The reports of those having the construction of the company's lines in charge shows the system in good condition with about twenty miles of line and twenty-three phones in working order. The company is planning to build several miles of line this fall to reach a number of people who are calling for the system.

Will Contest the Sale.

KALISPELL, Aug. 13. — That the state's right to sell the 80-acre tract of mountain land adjoining Belton station which was recently sold at auction to the Great Northern Railway company for $75.50 per acre, will be determined by contest appears evident from the methods adopthed by the forestry department to reinforce its claim to the land, which lies within the forest reserve. An order setting aside the 80 acres for administrative purposes has been issued and rangers are throwing a fence around the land. The state claimed the tract by right of a prior grant by the government, but the land was withdrawn and thrown into the reserve before the state's title was secured, and on this situation hangs the contest.

The land is worthless for forest reserve, being mostly rocks and burnt stumps, but it is of incalculable value to the railroad as the site for its palatial hotel, which will be built at the gateway to the park to accommodate the tourist traffic. The object in opposing the railroad purchase is not apparent, as the land is even useless for a ranger headquarters, owing to its physical characteristics.

BUTTE, Aug. 12.—Tom Mulholland, former chief of police, has secured a lease on Gregson Springs, one of the best known resorts in the state, and has taken possession of the property. The hotel, baths, plunges, and in fact the entire property is to undergo extensive repairs and made one of the most attractive places of its kind in the west.

THE RIVER SEINE.

It Is the Most Picturesque of the Highways of Paris.

We have heard almost too much of the streets of Paris and not enough of that street most distinctive of all—the river Seine. Flowing through the city for six miles, it is a highway, with its bateaux mouches, its bridges and its quays. Of a dark night the Seine may seem to lugubrious fancy the symbol of death in the city's life abounding—murky death and inky crime, oozy and silent wickedness. Yet normally, even perhaps to suicides, the Seine is but the mirror of a city's mood. There are lights everywhere—lights lengthened in the water. The Louvre and the Conciergerie shown in the stream are things fairer than theft originals. It is better to look upon the eddying reflections of the bridges here than to stand in the Place de la Concorde, bright with its orange lamps in honor of an auto show. The lights on the Seine and its images are more alluring, more innately of fairyland and Paris, than the gilded boulevards.

Nor is it only in the moonlight that the Seine has charms. The holiday sculler finds it a paradise for miles above the city, and there are ever such fishermen as Maupassant's Renard. Line fishing is more than a mild sport at Paris. Even to watch its devotees seems to amuse your true Parisian. A legend tells us that in the commune days, when the Hotel de Ville was fired on and a dark page written in the city's history, the Seine fishermen pursued their pastime, imperturbable. And the tale seems likely enough as the saunterer watches the fisher folk, whose leisure may be envied more than their occupation and who are found not on the city quays alone, but in the banlieu, where the Seine's green bank is dabbed with villages in brown and red and gray and where one stops to watch the peasants bathe their horses in the stream itself, rubbing them down soon afterward by the river's brink. Within the city there are the men who clip poodles on the quays and higher book and picture stalls with their merchants and shifting groups of bargain hunters—the Odeon arcade for new books, the riverside for old.—Scribner's Magazine.

ASTRONOMY.

Its Exactness Illustrated by the Discovery of Neptune.

There is perhaps no more striking illustration of the power of scientific method than that relating to the discovery of Neptune in 1846. The planet Uranus, until then the outermost known member of our solar system, refused to follow the path computed for it by mathematical astronomers. With the progress of time the discrepancies between its predicted and observed positions grew constantly larger until in the early eighteen-forties the discordance amounted to fully seventy-five seconds of arc. This is a small angle, not more than one-twenty-fifth the angular diameter of our moon, yet a very large angle to refined astronomy, for a discrepancy of two seconds would have been detected with ease. The opinion gradually developed that Uranus was drawn from its natural course by the attractions of an undiscovered planet still farther from the sun than itself. Adams in 1843 and Le Verrier in 1845 independently and each without knowledge of the other's plans attacked the then extremely difficult problem of determining the approximate orbit, mass and position of an undiscovered body whose attractions should produce the perturbations observed. Regrettable and avoidable delays occurred in searching for the planet after Adams' results were communicated to the astronomer royal in October, 1845. Le Verrier's results were communicated to the Berlin observatory in September, 1846, with the request that a search be made. The disturbing planet, later named Neptune, was found on the first evening that it was looked for less than one degree of arc from the position assigned by Le Verrier. If an energetic search had been made in England the year before the planet would have been discovered within two degrees of the position assigned by Adams.—Professor W. W. Campbell in Popular Science Monthly.

The Smuggled Box.

A joker had some fun with the customs officials at New York some years ago. A servant had gone ashore from a German liner with a basket and was about to leave the pier when a passenger whispered to a customs officer that he had better see what the basket contained. Following the tip, the basket bearer was detained, and a wooden box was found among a lot of soiled linen. The box contained another and this still another box, the third securely fastened with screws. When these were removed a card was discovered on which was written in three languages, "This is the 1st of April. Many happy returns of the day."

A Diplomat.

Possible Client—And is the district at all malarial? My husband asked me to be careful to inquire about that. Agent—Er—what is your husband's business, madam? Possible Client—He is a physician. Agent—Hm-m—well—er—truth compels me to admit, madam, that there has been a good deal of it about here of late years.—Life.

Cautious.

Cook (angrily)—See here, you little imp, did you take that cake off the shelf? Small Boy (son of an attorney)—I decline to answer any questions until I have conferred with my lawyer.—Chicago News.

Who is rich? He who is satisfied with his lot.—Talmud.

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