

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Adolph Stocklin, of Havre, is among the business visitors in town.

Mrs. Ida Hewitt, of Traverse City, Mich., arrived today on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Crawford.

Jos. T. Berthelote, of Gold Butte, a well known resident of the Sweet Grass hills, was among the arrivals today.

Miss Sadie Birmingham and Miss Elizabeth Embleton returned today from an eastern trip of several weeks.

Miss Gracia Chesnut left today for Great Falls, to take a position as teacher of Latin in the high school of that city.

Miss Julia Gould and Miss M. Daniels, who were reappointed as teachers in the public schools, arrived today from the east.

Geo. L. Overfield and Charles H. Green left today for the Arrow creek country, where they expect to meet the Shonkin roundup. They were equipped with a camping outfit and a large assortment of supplies.

According to the report of Observer C. W. Ling, of the weather bureau station at Havre, the total precipitation during the past month was only 0.18 inches. It was the smallest amount for August since 1898.

Baptiste Ladeau, who was released from the county jail two weeks ago after serving six months for petit larceny, was brought in from Havre today to serve another six months for assault in the third degree.

A suit which, if brought to trial, may develop some racy testimony, has been commenced in the district court by Albert H. Hoose against Edward J. Sartain, the latter being accused of alienating the affections of the wife of plaintiff. Mr. Hoose considers himself injured to the value of \$5,000, and asks damages in that amount.

The Great Northern Railway company is made defendant in a damage suit for \$50,000, filed in the district court today by Harriet S. Orcutt, of San Francisco, and others. The plaintiffs are the wife and other relatives of Z. L. Orcutt, a well known traveling man, who was killed on the Great Northern track at Dodson last October. The accident is alleged to have been caused by the negligence and carelessness of railroad employes.

From Tuesday's Daily.

L. K. Devlin and wife, of Havre, were among the arrivals this morning.

Among the arrivals today were Carl Stangneth, E. Hatje and Stephen Boyce, of Warwick.

Mrs. Geo. L. Overfield entertained a large party of young people at a lawn party last evening, in honor of Miss Morris, of Eureka, Kas.

Word was received from Great Falls last evening that Dr. Porter's car won second money in yesterday's automobile race at the Northern Montana Fair.

The county commissioners are in session for the regular September term. Messrs. Skylstead and Kennedy arrived this morning to attend the meeting.

It is reported from Box Elder that the Robt. Corcoran ranch of about 160 acres has been sold to J. H. Schmadeke, of Denison, Iowa, the purchase price being \$5,500.

Charles Lippard, who is among the visitors in town, expresses the belief that he will be kept busy haying until Christmas. Mr. Lippard seeded about 200 acres to alfalfa last year, and it is yielding such a big crop that he wishes he had seeded only half that acreage.

A recent sheep deal in the Marias country is the purchase of about 2,000 two and three-year old ewes by J. W. Gladden, of Beatrice, at \$5 per head. Another recent transaction is the purchase of 2,300 wethers, three to five, at \$4.25 per head, by H. G. Robinson, of Malta.

E. M. Kennedy brings word from Harlem that the St. Anthony company, a Minneapolis concern, is preparing to build elevators at various points in the Milk river valley. Sites for the buildings have been selected at Chinook, Harlem, Malta, Hinsdale and other points.

A meeting of northern Montana newspaper men was held Saturday at Glasgow, for the purpose of reorganizing the North Montana Press association. Reorganization was effected with the following officers: President, J. F. Adams, of Harlem. Vice president, G. H. Coulter, of Culbertson. Secretary-treasurer, J. T. Farris, of Hinsdale.

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.

Secretary W. E. French, of the Milk River Information Bureau, reports good progress in collecting samples of grain and other farm products that will be displayed in an exhibition car. The exhibit will be taken through

several eastern states this fall and winter, with a view of giving ocular proof of the fertility of northern Montana soil, and will be open to contributions of samples from any locality in this part of the state.

The marriage of James F. Mansfield, of Knerville, and Miss Katie E. Connelly, of the Shonkin, took place at the Catholic church yesterday morning, Rev. John Hennessy performing the ceremony. An elegant wedding breakfast at the Choteau house was attended by the bridal party, and in the afternoon the newly married couple left on a trip to the Pacific coast. Upon their return they will make their home at Knerville.

Montana Game Laws in Brief.

Open season for the following game, September 1 to January 1:

Ducks—Limit twenty per person per day.

Geese, brant and swan—No limit.

Open season for the following game, October 1 to November 1:

Limit five each per person per day, the following: Grouse, prairie chicken, fool hen, sage hen, pheasant or partridge.

Open season for the following game, October 1 to December 1:

Deer—Limit one per person per season.

Elk—Limit one per person per season.

Mountain goat—Limit one per person per season.

Mountain sheep—Limit one per person per season.

Fish may be caught at all times with a hook, line and pole.

It is unlawful to kill at any time moose, bison, buffalo, caribou, antelope, beaver, quail, Chinese pheasant, Hungarian pheasant, meadow lark, blue bird, thrush, robin, oriole, woodpecker, mocking bird, goldfinch, snowbird, cedar bird, stork, turtle dove, or any others of the small birds, known as singing birds.

No game or part thereof, or any trout, grayling or black bass or the eggs or spawn therefrom may be sold or offered for sale.

Duck Hunters' Club House Burned.

A disastrous prairie fire at the south end of Lonesome lake near Big Sandy was prevented Monday afternoon by the prompt arrival of neighboring ranchers, who were attracted to the scene by a large volume of smoke caused by the burning of the club house built by Helena, Great Falls and Fort Benton duck hunters. The building was entirely destroyed, the fire extending to the adjacent range, but the timely arrival of C. B. Van Aletine, G. C. Ihmsen and others prevented the fire from extending any great distance.

The club house was occupied in the early morning by Leon Shaw and R. J. Morrison, of Helena, who left most of their clothing in the building when they went hunting, and they are at a loss to account for the fire. Their clothes, ammunition and other belongings were burned, together with a fine collection of ducks—the result of two days of the hardest kind of work wading through a heavy growth of weeds in Lonesome lake.

The most exciting experience was that of C. B. Van Aletine, of Big Sandy, who had left a buggy and team at the Club house, the horses being picketed to the building. Mr. Van Aletine was hunting in the lake, about a mile distant, when he observed smoke coming from the Club house, and he lost no time getting back to dry land and making an attempt to save his team. His shoes being full of water, he discarded them and raced in his stocking feet for the burning structure. He got there just in the nick of time, one of the madly rearing horses breaking away, and the other being cut loose, and the buggy also was moved to a safe distance.

The horses were singed by the heat of the flames, and as soon as released they made a wild break for the open prairie.

Offers Big Price For Apples.

Twenty cents a pound, the record price for apples in the west, is offered by James J. Hill for his pick of 100 boxes, or 5,000 pounds of fruit, exhibited at the second National apple show in Spokane, Nov. 15 to 20. Louis W. Hill, of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railway company, made the foregoing proposal to Ben H. Rice, secretary-manager of the apple show, in a letter, part of which follows:

"To encourage the individual grower and stimulate interest in the show at Spokane, James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway company, will offer \$1,000 for a selection of 100 boxes of apples grown in territory tributary to the Great Northern railway.

"The selection will be made by a committee of experienced apple growers, and as it is the intention to ship these apples to some of our friends in the east and in Europe, it will, of course, be necessary to make a selection that will have the necessary keeping qualities."

The WEEKLY RIVER PRESS is a good newspaper to send away to your friends in the east. It will save you the trouble of writing letters

CHOUTEAU COUNTY FAIR.

Popular Event Takes Place at Chinook September 15 to 18.

According to advices from Chinook, preparations for the Chouteau County Fair are nearly completed, and from the interest taken in the matter by ranchmen and others it is assured that the displays of all kinds of farm and garden products, and livestock exhibits of various kinds, will be larger and better than ever.

There will be four days of the fair this year, commencing Wednesday, September 15, and ending Saturday, September 18. From the successes of former years, it is evident that the Chouteau County Fair is growing in public favor, and the additions to the facilities at the grounds and larger program of exhibits, races and amusements promises to attract a crowd of visitors that will surpass any former attendance.

A liberal premium list has been issued by the board of directors, and can be obtained upon application to Secretary L. N. Beaulieu, of Chinook. It includes prizes for the various breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, swine, mules and poultry, and for grain, forage, fruit and vegetable products of all kinds. In the art and educational departments, also, the exhibitors are offered premiums and honors that should invite attractive displays in these divisions. The list covers a wide field of exhibits, but articles of any class that is not enumerated but which would be of interest the public, will be gladly accepted for exhibition purposes.

The management of the fair deserves the support and good will of every resident of northern Montana who has interest and pride in the development and progress of this part of the state. The Chouteau County Fair is intended to be an educational institution, illustrating by means of object lessons the possibilities open to new residents and proving to some of the skeptical old-timers that northern Montana soil and climate are all right. A visit to the fair will be worth while—it will demonstrate that northern Montana is not taking a back seat in the band wagon of progress and prosperity.

In speaking of the improvements at the fair grounds, the Chinook Opinion says the directors have decided to increase the size of the grand stand materially making it about half as long again as it is. The stand is generally crowded every afternoon and the additional room is much needed. The addition will cover all of the small inclosure at the south end of the stand.

A poultry shed will be built for this year's fair. The poultry department has been growing each year and has never had the room or facilities for a proper display. The building of a good shed should increase the interest in this important department and result in a large growth in the number of exhibits.

The directors also decided to rebuild the pens that stand along the north fence making them into inclosed stables for the exhibition of stock of different kinds.

Helena Men Were Stung.

HELENA, Sept. 1.—Many prominent Helena citizens are anxious tonight to know if Peter Bienfeld, a "cuffer" until a week ago in the Allen livery stable, really inherited a fortune from an uncle amounting to between \$80,000 and \$90,000. If he did, well and good. Some mining deals and ranch deals will go through, a certain Helena banker will have secured a big deposit for his institution, and divers merchants will be paid for the buggies, horses, pianos and other plunder on which Bienfeld began to blow his roll before he secured it.

After enjoying what might be termed a "real touch of high life," wined and dined by men high in the ranks of financial influence, driven in automobiles through the valley and admitted into the exclusive clubs of the city, Bienfeld is now in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The complaint charges that Bienfeld represented to L. C. Friedrichs that he was the heir to a fortune of \$90,000 and on the strength of such representation secured credit to the amount of \$10. The complaining witness alleges that the representation was false and untrue.

Big Cattle Company Quits Business.

MILES CITY, Sept. 4.—Again the fact that the Treasure state is in a condition of rapid transition from a grazing to an agricultural country is brought forcibly to mind, this time by the determination of the owners of the X I T Cattle company to close out its business on the Montana range, which will be done this year.

The company will ship probably between 8,000 and 10,000 head of cattle, which will wind it up on its Montana range, which is located between the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, and from Miles City to the forks of the Missouri and Yellowstone. The outfit was established on the range in Montana in 1890. O. C. Cato was in charge at that time and has been ever since. It has shipped from four to

five trainloads of cattle yearly from this country.

The Montana company is a branch of the X I T company which has its home in Texas. It was organized by an English syndicate with a number of Chicago stockholders. It had at one time 3,000,000 acres of land under fence in Texas, a fence 225 miles long. There were more than 150,000 head of cattle on the ranch at one time and one year the company branded 42,000 calves. The company is gradually closing out in Texas, too, and selling off its land holdings.

Warning Against Prairie Fires.

HELENA, Sept. 4.—The state board of land commissioners is determined to prevent prairie fires in Montana, if possible. The board has caused to be prepared and is now sending out to every county where the state has land holdings, notices which call attention to the fact that every person whose carelessness causes a timber or grass fire is punishable by one year's imprisonment, or \$2,000 fine, or both. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, deputy game warden or officer of the United States forest service can, and it is their duty to arrest, without warrant, a violator of any state or federal forest law.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Culbertson Republican: From all reports the threshing machines are telling some wonderful stories of grain yields. Wheat is yielding from 25 to 43 bushels per acre, oats from 40 to 70 bushels, flax from 12 to 23 bushels, which speaks well for a semi-arid country.

Havre Plaindealer: J. H. Taylor, superintendent of the Superior division of the Great Northern railway, has been selected as the successor of the late R. W. Bryan as superintendent of the middle district of the Great Northern railway. The division will extend from Devils Lake to Cut Bank instead of from Barnesville.

Harlem News: The Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Indians will hold a big fair at Hays September 10-15. Arrangements are being made for a big time and \$500 in prizes will be hung up. There will be exhibits of grain, hay, vegetables and livestock. Amusements will be furnished in the way of horse races, foot races, bucking contests and sports of all kinds.

Glasgow News: John Marckle of Balville, has about 50 acres of corn which looks better, according to reports, than much of the corn in Iowa. Many of our settlers are talking of raising corn and those who have watched the development of this industry in Minnesota claim that certain varieties of corn will be grown here very profitably within the next five years.

Conrad Observer: F. Bunk, the section foreman, who has an 80 acre homestead claim one and one-half miles northwest of town has struck a flowing well of good water on his land at a depth of only 8 feet. Mr. Bunk says that in digging the well he encountered a bed of quick sand and then on striking a bed of gravel the water sprung up and is now flowing from the ground.

Culbertson Searchlight: Nearly all the settlers in eastern Valley county are receiving notices from the land office at Glasgow that they are given sixty days from date (August 5, 1909) in which to file an affidavit that they will accept patent to the surface rights of their claims, such patent to reserve to the United States all coal in the lands, or to make affidavit denying the existence of valuable coal deposits on their claims.

Culbertson Republican: It will be good news to the people of Valley county and especially those in the eastern part to know that Rocky Boy's band of Chippewa Indians will not be located here. Senator Carter when here said that the matter had been arranged to locate them farther west, and that it had been agreed that Major Logan of the Fort Belknap reservation near Harlem, be given authority to select a place for them.

Saco Observer: The tale of the thrasher in and about Saco demonstrates the fact that there is no better section of country for the raising of small grains in the United States than the vicinity of Saco. A number of the grain raisers have threshed out better than sixty bushels of oats to the acre, and Albert Tinney's crop went better than eighty bushels per acre. If dry land farming will produce such results, irrigation should make it the banner grain growing country of the world.

Unreasonable.

"Your baby cries a great deal at night. Can't you do anything for it?"

"Your dog barks a good deal. Can't you do anything to stop him?"

"Confound it, such unreasonable people as you haven't any right to live in a flat!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Result the Same.

"Gimme some of that pure pie."

"Son, you've had two kinds of pie already."

"Then another kind won't matter. There's only one kind of stomach ache."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SUPERSTITIONS.

They Play at Times an Important Role in Human Affairs.

When Sir Charles Napier had conquered Mehemet Ali, he found it impossible to force or coax the wily Egyptian into signing the treaty which only would make his victory effective. He had nineteen interviews with Mehemet, in which the Englishman by turns argued, flattered and threatened his antagonist, who listened day after day with the same immovable, smiling countenance.

One day Sir Charles in speaking of England said casually that it "was governed by a lucky woman." A strange flash passed over the pasha's countenance, but he made no answer. As soon as Napier had gone Mehemet sent for the English consul, who was an Egyptian, and demanded:

"You were in London when the English queen was crowned. Were the omens bad or good?"

"All good."

"You think that good luck is written on her forehead?"

"I did not think upon the matter before, but now that you ask me I believe that it is. When she asked Allah to help her in her work, her eyes ran over. Allah loves the innocent."

"No doubt of that," said Mehemet anxiously. "She must be lucky."

Early the next morning he sent for Sir Charles and signed the treaty. English power and English cannon he could brave, but not "the luck" written upon the forehead of a good woman whom he had never seen.

General Gordon's remarkable influence over the Chinese was in a large degree due, it is stated, to their belief in his extraordinary luck. During the Taiping rebellion he was followed by an army which did not comprehend either his ability or his religious zeal but which believed that he was protected by an invisible being who led them to victory. No sword could wound him or bullet kill. A certain black ebony cane which he carried was supposed to be the magic talisman which brought him victory, and General Gordon was shrewd enough always to carry this cane when he led them into battle.

These superstitions seem absurd to us, but they show that the ignorant men who hold them believe in an invisible power who can give good or ill fortune at his will.—London Truth.

MAN EATING TIGERS.

The Killing Methods of These Terrible Brutes in India.

The theory that a man eating tiger is always an old tiger, more or less toothless and feeble, which has found the strain of catching vigorous wild game too much for its falling strength, has been upset by the bagging of notorious man eaters which were found to be young animals in the full pride of their powers. And it is likely that the taste for human flesh is passed on from mother to child, the tigress, herself a man eater, teaching her cubs to hunt as she hunts. How terrible a thing a man eater may be can be judged from the fact that a tiger generally kills every second night, whether its quarry be man or beast. Having killed, it makes one meal that night, then drags the carcass somewhere into cover and more or less conceals it as a dog may hide a bone. On the next night its habit is to return to the same kill, and it is in that second visit that the hunter usually finds his opportunity. It is not the rule for a tiger to return again a third time, not because it is above eating carrion, but seemingly it tires of the carcass, which it has already twice mumbled over.

Thus one tiger in India has been known to kill regularly its fifteen natives a month with almost mechanical punctuality. Another, which seemingly did not confine itself entirely to human flesh, devoured an average of eighty people, men and women, for several years, while yet another is reported to have killed 127 people and to have stopped traffic on a public road for many weeks. There have been both English sportsmen and native shikaris who have accounted for their hundred tigers and upward, but many a tiger has killed more human beings than any man has ever scored tigers.—London Times.

A Reasonable Request.

"Arabella," said old Billyuns as he finished his dinner, "I am going to ask you to do me a favor. I want you to give your young man—Mr.—Mr. Whatshisname—a message from me."

Arabella blushed and looked down at her plate.

"Tell him," the bluff old millionaire went on, "that I don't object to his staying here and running up my gas bills, but that I do object to his carrying the morning paper away with him when he leaves."—London Answers.

Force of Habit.

"I'm surprised that you should be so interested in watching those silly dudes."

"Force of habit, I guess. I'm president of a real estate improvement company."

"Well?"

"Well, they're a vacant lot."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Lost and Found.

"Found a dollar yesterday."

"Lucky boy!"

"Not so lucky. In stooping to pick it up I dropped and broke my eyeglasses."—Kansas City Journal.

Transposed.

Griggs—The doctor said I must throw up everything and take a sea voyage. Briggs—Got the cart before the horse, didn't he?—Boston Transcript.

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