

CITY AND STATE.

From Friday's Daily
Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.

M. B. Casey arrived today from his ranch near Havre, to get acquainted with his baby son.

An order issued by the postoffice department calls for the discontinuance of the Whitcomb postoffice, mail for which will go to Zortman.

Freight traffic on this division of the Great Northern railway was suspended today, owing to the general strike of switchmen which went into effect last evening.

At the close of business hours at the county treasurer's office last evening taxes for the current year became delinquent. A few belated remittances were received today, and these will probably escape the delinquent penalty of 10 per cent.

The two Hatje boys had a hearing in Justice Kinder's court yesterday afternoon, on the charge of stealing a roll of bedding. It appeared that the younger of the two boys was not guilty of the crime, but his brother, Stephen Hatje, was given a sentence of sixty days in jail.

The Great Falls newspapers report that H. E. Baker, a sheepherder, was stabbed and probably mortally wounded in the Anaconda saloon in that city, Monday evening, by William Stewart, another sheepherder, after the two men had some words over a game of dice. Baker received a nasty cut in the abdomen and it is feared his death from peritonitis will follow.

Father J. M. Vermaat, formerly for several years stationed at Red Lodge, where he was in charge of the Catholic parish and who retired nearly a year ago to go to Europe, has returned to the state and been assigned to the Chinook, Malta and Harlem parishes with headquarters at Chinook. Father Vermaat is well known throughout the state, having for several years filled the position of chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters of the state.

From Thursday's Daily.
D. A. Smith, of Hinsdale, arrived today on a short business visit.

Herman C. Evers, the well known Big Sandy sheepman, is among the business visitors in town.

Walter Brown, of Box Elder, who is in town today, reports that several new settlers are locating homesteads in the Bear Paw country.

Dr. F. W. Cottom, who recently arrived from the east, has decided to locate here, and has opened an office over the Lockwood drug store.

Declarations of their intention to become American citizens were filed in the district court today by Frank Kubiack and Herman Rohde, natives of Germany; and Aaron Hadwin, a native of England.

One of the rooms at the Chateau House was entered last evening by some unknown person and a quantity of women's clothing stolen from the apartments. James Sullivan was taken into custody by the city marshal, as a suspect.

The report of the U. S. assay office at Helena shows large receipts of gold during the month of November. Chouteau county stands second on the list of contributors, the amount of gold received from this county being valued at \$51,244.

According to the Great Falls newspapers, continuance of the railroad switchmen's strike may compel the Boston and Montana smelter to suspend operations. The closing of the smelter would deprive several hundred men of employment.

The report of C. W. Ling, of the weather bureau station at Havre, shows a mean temperature of 29 degrees during November, which corresponds with the average for that month during the past thirty years. The total precipitation was 1.01 inches. An amount about 50 per cent greater than the average for November.

Great Falls Tribune: Register J. M. Burlingame of the Great Falls land office, stated last evening that the filings on land in the local land office for the month of November numbered 1,411, which breaks all records in the Great Falls land office, as well, probably, as any other land office in the country. The number of filings in October was 1,371, and it was believed that this number would form a record that would last for some time.

From Wednesday's Daily.
Did you read Crane's ad?

Born, on Thursday night, December 2, to the wife of Dan Wolf, a son.

Among the arrivals today was a party of landseekers from Iowa, who are seeking homestead locations in this part of Montana.

F. M. Pinkerton, who arrived from Great Falls today, will furnish music for a dance at the Gilbert Embleton ranch on the Teton, which several local residents will attend.

Remember the Christmas sale of fancy work and candy, and a grab bag for the little folks, Saturday afternoon in the Cummings block. Coffee and doughnuts will be served during the afternoon.

Major T. A. Cummings, who returned today from a business trip to Billings, reports a big blizzard yesterday at Judith Gap. It became necessary to use a snow plow to clear the railroad track.

The infant son of Herman Evers, of Big Sandy, who has been quite sick the past few days, died this morning at the home of his grandparents in this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The Chinook high school football boys are expected here tomorrow to play a return game with the Fort Benton high school team. The game will commence at 3 p. m. If weather conditions permit, and there will be no admission charge for spectators.

A suit was commenced in the district court today by J. E. Templeton against Wallace E. Chase, to recover an indebtedness of about \$1,000, alleged to be due on two promissory notes. The complaint asks for a decree of foreclosure and sale of real estate to satisfy the claim.

Owing to the suspension of traffic on the Great Northern and the uncertainty regarding coal shipments, the electric light company will discontinue light service until the railroad strike ends. There is a supply of fuel on hand sufficient for two weeks or more, but as this may be needed for water power purposes, it is considered prudent to conserve it for necessary work.

Four suspects, who are believed to be members of the gang of holdups that recently committed several robberies in Teton county, were arrested yesterday at Great Falls with some of the stolen property in their possession. The suspects give their names as Frank Collins, George Gardner, Geo. Wilson and Jack Allen, three of whom are half-breeds. Another member of the gang is said to have been drowned while attempting to ford the Missouri river near the mouth of Belt creek.

Bargains in groceries at the Chase store. All canned fruits, 2 1/2 pound cans, at \$3.75 per case of two dozen cans. These are standard goods. Sweet corn and string beans, \$1.75 per case. Honey drips, 55c per gallon. White Rock drips, 50c per gallon in case lots. Silk soap, \$3.00 per case of 100 bars; Swift's Pride, \$3.25; Fern Soap, \$3.40. Japan rice, \$5.00 per 100 pounds. Home brand pickles at half price. Dried raspberries 20c per pound package; currants 10c.

Busy Holdups in Teton County.

Advices from Collins, a small town on the Shelby branch of the Great Northern railroad, report that the store of the Boorman Mercantile company at that place was held up Monday evening by three masked men, who secured \$1,000 in currency that had been shipped to the company from Great Falls by express.

The same gang of robbers held up Conductor Isaac Greer, in charge of the Great Northern work train, and his crew, who were stopping in Collins for the night, \$125 was secured.

It is believed that Daniel Faust, a Birch creek, Teton county, ranchman, who was held up in his cabin and robbed of \$1,000 was the victim of the same holdup artists who operated so successfully at Collins. Faust's ranch is some 25 miles from Collins. While only three men were actively engaged in the robberies at Collins, there is reason to believe that the gang consists of six men. Posses have been formed at various points in Teton county and a spirited man hunt will be in progress until the road agents are captured or the authorities are certain that the robbers have succeeded in getting out of the country.

Many Cases in Federal Court.

HELENA, Dec. 1.—When Judge W. H. Hunt convened the federal court this morning, preparations were made for a long and arduous session of court, and from present indications it seems very probable that the docket will not be cleared of triable cases until well along in the spring.

A venire of sixty names was ordered drawn from which the members of the grand jury will be selected. The venire is made returnable Thursday, Dec. 7. Taxpayers on this venire are from the counties of Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Powell, Broadwater and Cascade.

It is understood there are between twenty-five and forty cases which will be presented for consideration by the inquisitorial body. These include murder and whiskey cases from the Indian reservations, postoffice and internal revenue cases, three counterfeiting cases and some miscellaneous cases. The grand jury will probably be in session two weeks.

Sacrifice Sale.

Ladies' winter hosiery, former price 40c to 50c, now 20c. All our dark percales going at 8c per yard, worth 12c to 15c. A few pieces of Mohair goods, navy, green, brown, etc., and checks, at 30c per yard. Three cards of darning yarn for five cents. All goods must be sold quick from now on. At the Chase Store.

For Sale or Exchange.

Fifty-two copies of the WEEKLY RIVER PRESS for \$2.00 spot cash, or its equivalent in bankable paper. Goods will be delivered in regular weekly installments during the twelve months following receipt of remittance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address: THE RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton, Mont.

WILL CONVICT HOWELL.

Confession of Thomas Gordon Tells Story of Mail Car Holdup.

Later advices from Spokane give further particulars regarding the arrest of Thomas Gordon, formerly of this city, as an accomplice of Charles D. Howell in the Seattle express office robbery and mail car holdup at Bonner's Ferry. The incident that led to the arrest of Gordon was the discovery of the fact that Howell had given him a letter containing \$500 to be delivered to Mrs. Howell in Spokane, and it subsequently developed that Howell had given Gordon \$1,000 for his own use. When questioned as to why Howell gave him such a large sum of money, Gordon is said to have broken down and told the authorities all he knew about the crimes with which Howell is charged. The story of Gordon's arrest is related by the Spokesman-Review in part as follows:

Branding Charles D. Howell, formerly postmaster at Havre, Montana, as the daring bandit who, on March 25, 1908, in the guise of a postal inspector, held up and robbed the mail car of the Great Northern Oriental Limited at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, Thos. L. Gordon, a railway mail clerk of this city, has made a written confession to United States officials and Special Agent John S. Delaney of the Great Northern secret service with headquarters in Spokane.

Howell is now in the King county jail on a charge of being the Bonner's Ferry bandit and also of being the thug who on October 10, 1909, held up the Great Northern express office in Seattle and made away with \$12,000 loot.

Starting with the slender clew of the mere mention of Gordon's name in a letter written by Mrs. Howell to her husband in Seattle last September, Special Agent Delaney, with the assistance of Postoffice Inspector C. B. Welter, attached to the Spokane office, worked the case up to the climax which was reached last night when, according to these officers Gordon wrote down in black and white that Howell was instructed by him how to carry the role of a postoffice inspector, what clerks were on the mail car of the Oriental Limited and where to look for those pieces of mail which were likely to contain money. Howell wrote Gordon afterward and admitted to the latter that he perpetrated the Bonner's Ferry holdup and that it netted him almost nothing. This spectacular work gave him about \$28, according to United States officers.

Immediately after the confession Gordon was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. H. Hare and bound over to the federal grand jury, which convenes April 2. Bail was fixed at \$5,000. Gordon was then locked up in the county jail, charged with being an accessory after the fact. Shortly before the steel doors swung behind him he begged the officers not to let his wife know of his disgrace.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

BUTTE, Nov. 29.—Two well known miners, Patrick Burns, aged 25 years, and Timothy Rooney, aged 25 years, were killed in the Tramway mine this morning by a premature blast. Both were single men.

HELENA, Nov. 30.—Frank Conley was reappointed warden by the state board of prison authorities here yesterday, his new term to expire on April 1, 1911. The report of the prison committee was approved and the lease of the Conley and McTague effects renewed on a basis of \$4,000 a year.

HELENA, Nov. 30.—A. N. Yoder, secretary of state, submitted his annual report today covering the period ended Nov. 30 to Governor Norris. Mr. Yoder deposited with State Treasurer Eselstyn today \$16,488.95, the receipts for the quarter ended today, which swells the total receipts for the year to \$65,125.45. This sum represents the fees received for the filing of incorporation papers.

HELENA, Nov. 30.—The supreme court has affirmed the convictions against the Butte poolroom men, Harry Rose and Ed Sylvester. The court held that the men were engaged in the practical operation of transferring and communicating money and information for the purpose of wagering on the result of horse speed contests without the state by means of telegraphic companies' connections, a business prohibited by law.

HELENA, Dec. 1.—Henry Avare, state fish and game warden, today filed with Governor Edwin L. Norris a report covering the operations of his department for the six months ended Dec. 1, which shows that never in its history has there been such a sale of licenses for hunting and fishing. It says that 55,480 resident licenses have been sent out to deputies and justices of the peace, and while complete returns have not been received, it is a matter of knowledge that all previous records have been broken.

Fine Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office.

BEARS GENERALLY JOLLY.

But Sometimes One Comes Along With a Settled Grouch.

"Rarely are bears born ill tempered. They may show some resentment at the time of their capture when but two months old, but this feeling soon disappears leaving a jolly rogue ever willing to box and wrestle. I once knew a cub that was a regular terror," says a writer in Collier's, "and he never reformed. He would attack anything regardless of its size or strength."

"At the age of three months he would charge at me, snorting, snuffing and striking with his tiny paws, and when I did not protect myself he seized my trousers leg between his teeth and shook it violently."

"At first I thought that he had been abused by his former owner and that by kind treatment he would soon outgrow his temper; but, no, he just had it in him, and he became more and more dangerous as time sped by."

"Finally he grew large enough to be put in with the mature bears without danger of his squeezing between the bars and escaping, and to the surprise of every one he immediately took charge of the den. Old bears twenty times his size, possibly from some sense of honor, if animals have honor, submitted to cuffs and slaps in the face and actually allowed him to snatch food from their mouths without resenting the insult."

A CLEVER SWINDLE.

Ingenious Scheme Worked by a Parisian Vagabond.

The manager of a fashionable Paris restaurant fell into a neat trap not very long ago. A man named Daval, who had only recently been released from prison, called a cab and told the driver that he was the Count d'Abbeville and that he had bet a friend a large sum of money that, dressed in a tramp's rags, he would eat a dinner at one of the most exclusive hotels. If the cabman would arrange the matter for him with the manager of the hotel the count would pay him handsomely.

The cabman drove up to a luxurious restaurant, took the manager aside and whispered the information that his disreputable looking fare was really a count in disguise and then related the story of the bet. The manager fell into the trap, and the ex-prisoner was served with an excellent dinner with many wines.

The meal over, the man declared that he was no count and that he had no money. The manager laughed heartily at the splendid way his guest played his part, but by and by the truth dawned on him. A policeman was called in, and the ingenious swindler was led away, imperturbably smoking a five franc cigar.—New York Sun.

The Lion's Rush.

The wisest and most experienced can never tell what a lion will do. Lion hunting, to my mind, has a charm all its own. Nothing compares with it, and no driving of ravines or swamps or catching the great cat at his kill is comparable to the joy and steady excitement of tracking him down. He chooses the ground. You follow him into it. You pit yourself against him. Crouching flat against the yellow earth, perhaps covered only by a few inches of grass, he is almost unbelievably hard to see. His rush and spring from a few yards distance is the fastest thing in the world. No animal can escape it, much less clumsy, slow footed man. He has a chance to pay off on man, the universal lord and master, the wrongs of the animal world, and here in East Africa the lion's revengeful toll taken on human life and limb mounts high.—Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford in World's Work.

The Rubber Tree.

The "India rubber" plant—Ficus elastica—is a great tree in the tropical countries in which it flourishes, often reaching as much as a hundred feet high. Imposing, indeed, it looks in such conditions, with a vast leafy crown extending over forty or fifty feet outward on each side of the massive trunk and with immense buttressing roots twisting and winding along above the ground in such a way as to lead the natives of India and Ceylon to call it the "snake tree." Sometimes these roots grow up into the trees and make the tree look like the banyan, to which it may be mentioned, it is botanically related.

Notice to the Public.

All those who are indebted to Wallace E. Chase are requested to settle their accounts as soon as possible. Goods will hereafter be sold for cash only, at reduced prices.

H. J. WACKERLIN, Trustee.

Notice to Common Carriers.

Every person, association or corporation, who engages in business in this state as a common carrier in the transmission or carrying of packages or express matter, or passengers, from one place within the state, for hire or profit must procure therefor a license from the county treasurer of the county where their principal office is located, and pay therefor as follows:

Those doing business in any amount less than \$5,000.00 per quarter must pay therefor \$5.00 per quarter.

Section 2750 Revised Codes of Montana provides for a penalty in case license is not procured in advance.

This law will be enforced, and parties engaged in such business should at once remit amount of license to the undersigned.

U. HUDSON, Treasurer of Chouteau County, November 19, 1909.

Ranch for Sale or Rent.

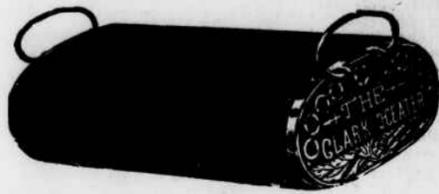
A ranch of 335 acres for rent or sale. Good location for either sheep or cattle. Plenty of hay and range. A small bunch of cattle for sale. Address: A. H. BULL, Warrick, Mont.

Reward For Horses.

Stolen, about October 11, 1909, one Dutch gray horse, light weight, high life, and branded thus on right thigh, also one bay horse, light weight, and branded on right thigh, two saddles, one with new covered horn, new stirrup leathers, the other stamped "Sullivan," Fort Benton; coon skin coat. A reward of \$100 for each horse for return or for information leading to the return to Thomas S. Lytle, Lytle, Montana, or Great Falls.

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