

CITY AND STATE.

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

Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre, is among the visitors attending district court.

Chas. E. Sprinkle, of Ada, a well known sheepman of that vicinity, is among the visitors in town.

P. H. Schwartz and C. B. VanAlstine, of Big Sandy, were among the arrivals on a delayed train.

Among the visiting attorneys in town are W. B. Sands, of Chinook, and J. K. Bramble, of Havre.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Amos Elkins and Mary Lynn, of Harlem. The wedding took place last evening at the Overland hotel, Rev. J. N. Chesnut performing the ceremony.

Declarations of their intention to become American citizens have been filed in the district court by Almon O. Jeglum, a native of Canada; Adolph R. Gehrke, of Germany; and Ernest Waste, a native of England.

According to the report of the state land register, filed with Governor Edwin L. Norris, the total receipts for leases of state lands during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1909, amounted to \$250,215, the largest amount ever collected by the state from this source.

Narcisse Valleeux, an old-time resident who is more generally known as "Captain Neise," was taken to St. Clare hospital yesterday, to receive proper attention. The patient is in a very feeble condition, and his relatives have been notified that a fatal result is anticipated.

Great Falls Leader: Throwing much light upon the actual conditions existing in Cascade county as a result of the switchmen's strike and showing that the same is costing men of this county losses in wages to the extent of over \$300,000 per month, a report was last night given to the Board of Commerce by a committee appointed to confer with the switchmen.

Delayed trains are causing confusion in district court proceedings by preventing the attendance of witnesses, and a recess was taken until 3 o'clock this afternoon to await their arrival. In attempting to locate a delayed train somewhere between this point and Havre it was discovered that there is no operator at Teton or any other station from whom information could be obtained, all inquiries being referred to Great Falls. Upon learning these conditions, Judge Tattan directed the county attorney to make complaint to the state railroad commission, with a request that the matter receive immediate attention.

**From Thursday's Daily.**  
C. M. Sedgwick and Cortez Sedgwick, of Ada, arrived today on a visit with relatives.

David Cline, who is engaged in the general merchandise business at Zortman, is among the visitors in town.

R. A. Cooley, of the agricultural college at Bozeman, arrived today to deliver an address to the students of the Fort Benton high school.

I. A. Nelbaur, of Dodson, who is among the visitors in town, reports very little doing on the government irrigation system in that vicinity. The work is confined principally to hauling rock to be used in riprap work next spring.

The state board of education, which has been in session at Helena, has restored the Havre high school to the accredited list of high schools. It was stricken from the list about a year ago because of its alleged insufficient equipment.

W. J. Maulding, of the U. S. engineer's office at Kansas City, arrived today to take charge of Missouri river riprap work in this vicinity. As was to be expected at this time of year, Mr. Maulding finds that weather conditions are not very favorable for that kind of work.

The ladies of the Catholic church are making good progress in their preparation for the Merchant's Carnival, which will be given in the opera house Friday, December 17. It promises to be one of the most unique and attractive entertainments ever given in this city.

**From Wednesday's Daily.**  
W. T. Cowan, of Box Elder, has been reappointed as United States commissioner at that place.

R. E. Hammond, of Havre, and J. A. McDonough, of Great Falls, are among the visiting attorneys in town.

A marriage license has been issued at Great Falls to Fred M. Sommers and Bessie Blevins, both of Whitlash.

A special jury venire of twenty members was drawn in the district court today, the list containing the names of residents of this vicinity.

The weather bureau station at Havre reports a temperature of 23 below zero at that place Wednesday, the lowest temperature for the first part of December in twelve years.

W. O. Dexter, who returned today from an eastern trip, reports that he has purchased a well drilling outfit which he will operate in this vicinity

the coming season. Gasoline will be used as the motive power.

Oscar Stenson, a native of Norway, has filed in the district court a declaration of his intention to become an American citizen. This declaration completes a list of 200 filed in this court since May 24 of the present year.

Judge Tattan has made an order fixing the terms of district court in this district for the year 1910 as follows: Chouteau county—February 23, May 17, September 6, December 6. Valley county—March 1, June 14, September 27, November 15.

A news item from Great Falls reports the suicide of Hewitt Clingan, a well known young man from Belt, who killed himself yesterday morning with a shotgun. The suicide was a son of E. R. Clingan, postmaster at Belt, who lived here in the early eighties, and who has many old time friends in this vicinity.

The federal immigration officials have taken charge of Francesco Sprovera, an Italian laborer who recently applied to the local authorities for relief, and who is believed to be suffering from beri-beri, a tropical disease resembling partial paralysis. As the unfortunate is a dependent alien, he will probably be deported to his native country.

Great Falls Leader: Claiming she had been deserted by her husband and making sensational charges against him, Rosa B. Guynn today filed in the district court an action for divorce against James F. Guynn. The complaint alleges that the couple were married in Fort Benton, August 7, 1901, and that in 1906, defendant, in disregard of his marriage vows, deserted and abandoned plaintiff.

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, 50c 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.

**Pleaded Guilty of Assault.**  
The trial of J. P. Mitchell in the district court, on a charge of assault in the second degree, which had been delayed because of the inability of an important witness to attend, was terminated at the Wednesday session of court by the defendant expressing a desire to plead guilty of assault in the third degree. The plea was accepted by the prosecution and entered upon the court records.

The trial of Delmar Miles of Fort Assiniboine, who is alleged to have brutally assaulted a woman at Havre, was the next case on the docket. A jury was secured, consisting of the following members: C. W. Hansen, John Henry, C. B. Van Alstine, Jos. Collier, Archie Oger, Nis Peterson, F. McCadden, W. Blashfield, C. L. Snedecor, M. M. Powell, A. A. Powell, Henry Horn.

The information against defendant alleges that on or about October 7, 1909, he assaulted one Mattie Riggs with a monkey wrench with intent to murder.

**Switchmen Receive Good Wages.**  
While the general public is deeply interested in the switchmen's strike on the Great Northern which has resulted in closing down of numerous industries affecting many hundred men in this county, few are aware of the actual wage conditions which have resulted in the strike, says the Great Falls Leader.

Up to the time of the strike, according to the local Great Northern officials, the Great Falls switchmen were working upon a wage schedule which paid the switchmen 43 cents per hour and their helpers 38 cents per hour. A day's work consisted of ten hours so that not figuring overtime, foremen drew \$4.30 per day and helpers \$3.80 per day.

In the superintendent's office it is stated that for some period there has been sufficient work to keep the men employed twelve hours per day for each day in the month and that if they followed their engines for this full time and for thirty days in the month their aggregate pay would have been \$154.80 for foremen and \$136.80 for helpers, and the November payroll shows that wages as high as \$160 were earned by foremen. However, if the men worked their straight ten hours per day leaving out Sundays and holidays and figuring 28 days in the month, their earnings under the present schedule would be \$111.80 for foremen and \$98.80 for helpers.

Under the proposed schedule the men ask for an increase of six cents per hour and for double pay for all overtime, for Sundays and holidays. The Great Northern officials state that the switchmen in Great Falls and Butte are receiving the highest schedule paid in the country, the Butte schedule being one-half cent per hour over that paid the Great Falls men.

**MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS**

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

HELENA, Dec. 7.—Officials of the Helena land office have received word from Washington of the temporary withdrawal for power site purposes of 9,604 acres of land along Smith river, in Meagher county. Included in this withdrawal are 2,595 acres of entered land and no patents will be issued until after an investigation.

TWIN BRIDGES, Dec. 7.—If Louis Nead and Frank Comish, alleged sheep thieves, formerly employed as herders by Wm. Rhodes, who were recently arrested, escape going to the penitentiary, it will not be for a lack of charges on which to try them in the district court, there having to date been no less than three separate informations filed against them.

HELENA, Dec. 7.—In response to a query from the state board of land commissioners, the attorney general's department today rendered an opinion respecting the provisions of what is known as senate bill No. 18, or in other words, the famous irrigation measure. In essence it is held that unoccupied state lands cannot be included in irrigation districts and made liable pro rata for the cost and construction of irrigation canals.

HELENA, Dec. 7.—From now on it is expected that rapid progress will be made in the construction of the Hauser lake and Holter dams of the United Missouri River Power company. G. O. Muhlfeld, general construction manager of the Stone & Webster company, the contractors, states that the excavation for the Hauser lake dam site has been started and that pumping will be completed by next week. Concrete laying will be started by the first of the year. If things go as expected, the dam will be above flood line by March.

**Beet Growers May Suffer Loss.**  
BUTTE, Dec. 7.—United States Deputy Marshal Sanders has just returned from a trip to eastern Montana. He said that owing to the recent trouble on the railroads many thousands of tons of sugar beets which the farmers of eastern Montana had raised last season, were lying on the side of the railroad track awaiting shipment to the Billings sugar beet factory.

Unless the beets are removed soon the farmers of eastern Montana will suffer great loss, for the beets are likely to be unfit for use after being frozen. The railroads at the present time are unable to take care of this product because of shortage of cars and the switchmen's strike. Mr. Sanders said that along the railroad switches the sugar beets were stacked up like cordwood, aggregating many thousands of tons and representing a great amount of money.

**Suits To Recover Land.**  
HELENA, Dec. 8.—Three suits were filed in the United States court today against F. D. Cooper of Cascade, by District Attorney James W. Freeman. All the suits are similar in nature, being brought for the purpose of having title cancelled to three tracts of land of 160 acres each.

Each suit asks to cancel title to a homestead tract now held by Cooper, who purchased the land from Charles Gilbert, Jay C. Freeman and James W. Canel, the original entrymen, who it is alleged did not comply with the land laws, and made false and fraudulent affidavits in proving up. It is charged that Mr. Cooper did not purchase the land in good faith, nor for a valid consideration, but that he knew full well when he purchased the tracts from the entrymen that they had been fraudulently secured.

Mr. Cooper was indicted twice by the grand jury here and convicted twice of having unlawfully fenced the public domain.

**Reform School Is Expensive.**  
HELENA, Dec. 8.—That the annual per capita cost of maintaining children at the state reform school is \$463.34 was contained in the report made by the state board of examiners to the state board of education yesterday, in connection with which the state board of examiners remarked that "either the cost is extremely excessive or that much more is being done for the benefit of children in this institution than most parents are able to provide children at home."

The report of the board of examiners takes up the allegations that the Miles City school is a penal institution and declares that such is not the case. It is stated in the report that the reform school is "conducted as an institution of learning and the treatment of the children is humane, is in no way objectionable, and everything that could be desired." It is recommended that the state board of education prescribe a course of study for this institution.

**A Woman's Fatal Mistake.**  
DILLON, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Boyer, a highly respected lady of Dillon, died Monday from burns received in an accident at her home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Boyer was filling a lamp with

kerosene. She had placed the lamp on a cook stove in her kitchen, thinking the fire was out. She spilled the oil on the stove or upset the lamp and the oil ran into the grate where there were some smoldering embers. An explosion followed which enveloped Mrs. Boyer with burning oil. She ran from her house screaming. Neighbors ran to her relief and did not succeed in extinguishing the burning clothing by rolling the agonized woman in the snow until a third of her body was burned almost to a crisp.

**Too Many Accidents In Mines.**  
HELENA, Dec. 7.—There were 47 fatal and 31 non-fatal accidents, practically all of them occurring in the Butte mines, during the year, according to the annual report of State Mine Inspector William Walsh. The report states that in the opinion of the inspector fully half of the accidents could have been avoided by the exercise of ordinary care.

The report shows that during the year there were 14,500 men employed in mining in Montana. To this number is added 500 to allow for the scattered prospectors and those employed by small operators and leasers, making a grand total of 15,000 men engaged in the industry.

**To Tame Him.**  
"So you're going to introduce baseball among the prisoners? I don't approve. What will become of discipline?"

"If a man gets too obstreperous," replied the warden confidently, "we'll make him umpire." — Philadelphia Ledger.

**A Matter of Hours.**  
Bangs—What is the difference between a woman's whist club and a man's poker club? Wangs—Why, in one you get home to dinner and in the other to breakfast.—Newark Star.

**Advantage of Education.**  
"Are you satisfied with the results of the course which your daughter followed at college?"

"Perfectly satisfied. She is going to marry one of the professors."

**Excesses in youth are drafts upon old age, payable about thirty years after date.**—Chicago News.

**Notice of Annual Meeting.**  
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank, Fort Benton, Montana, will be held at the banking rooms of said bank between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

DAVID G. BROWNE, President.  
Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 8, 1909.

**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 secure amount of license to the undersigned.

L. O. HUDSON,  
Treasurer of Chouteau County.  
November 19, 1909.

**Reward For Horses.**  
Stolen, about October 11, 1909, one black 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 straps, the other stamped "Sullivan," Fort Benton; coon skin coat. A reward of \$15 for each horse for return or for information leading to the return to Thomas S. Lytle, Lytle, Montana, or Great Falls.

**Ranch for Sale or Rent.**  
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**Notice to Creditors.**  
Estate of Albert Gustav Klappstein, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Albert Gustav Klappstein, 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 administratrix at the office of F. E. Stranahan in Fort Benton in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana.

KATHRYN H. KLAPPSTEIN,  
Administratrix of the estate of Albert Gustav Klappstein, deceased.  
Dated December 1, 1909.  
First publication, Dec. 1, 1909.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
Estate of William McDonald, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of William McDonald, 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 residence in Fort Benton in the county of Chouteau, Montana.

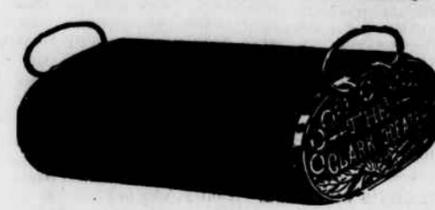
W. O. DRYDEN,  
Administrator of the estate of William McDonald, deceased.  
Dated December 1, 1909.  
First publication Dec. 1, 1909.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
Estate of Louis Michau, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the last will of Louis Michau, 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 executrix at the office of F. E. Stranahan, in Fort Benton, in the county of Chouteau, state of Montana.

ABIGAIL MICHAU,  
Executrix of the last will of Louis Michau, deceased.  
Dated December 1, 1909.  
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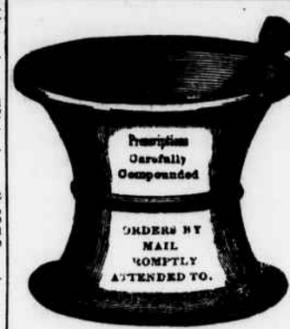
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