

CITY AND STATE.

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

A postoffice bulletin announces the appointment of Bertha Henderson as postmistress at Warrick, in the Bear Paw county.

R. E. Fontaine, of Tacoma, who recently arrived from the west, has accepted a position in the T. C. Power & Bro. dry goods department.

The Center Meat market has been acquired by Otto Soeberg, who recently purchased the interest of his partner, Theo. Danielesen.

At a meeting of the city council held last evening, the resignation of C. E. Sheldon as alderman from the third ward was received and accepted. Charles Thompson was appointed to the vacancy.

The stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank received a New Year's greeting today, in the form of checks that represent a 10 per cent. semi-annual dividend recently declared by the board of directors.

The new directors of the Baker Opera House company organized Monday evening, with the election of Dr. J. V. Carroll as president, W. S. Towne vice president, and W. K. Harber secretary-treasurer. The board appointed John C. Sullivan as manager.

The attorney general's office has rendered an opinion respecting the assignment of officers' unearned salaries, in response to a letter from the county attorney of Silver Bow county. In essence, it is held that there is no specific law on the subject, and the assumption is that such assignment is void as against public policy.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows received a telegram from Spokane last evening, announcing that Claude E. Embleton, a member of the lodge in good standing had been killed in an accident at Wickford, near Spokane. No further particulars were given. Mr. Embleton was a resident of this city until about four years ago, when he removed to the Pacific coast, and had a large number of old-time friends in this vicinity.

The coroner's jury that has been holding an inquest over the remains of the late W. S. Stocking, concluded its proceedings at a late hour this afternoon. After considering all the evidence available the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased died from a gunshot wound, which it is believed was not self-inflicted. Further investigation of the matter by the proper authorities is advised.

Sheriff Bickie received word last evening from the sheriff of Teton county that three prisoners had escaped from the jail at Choteau after assaulting the jailer, and they might possibly have come in this direction. The fugitives are Frank Collins, Jas. Clark and George Wilson, three alleged bandits who are supposed to have been implicated in a holdup at Collins and other crimes in Teton county. They were arrested about a month ago at Great Falls, another member of the gang having been drowned while attempting to ford the Missouri river.

From Thursday's Daily
Mrs. F. D. Kingsbury, of Dupuyer, a former resident of this city, was among the arrivals today.

William G. Buckley, a well known Harlem rancher and stockman, is visiting with his brother, Phil Buckley, for a few days.

Anton Klunkiewicz was received at the county jail today from Havre, to serve out a fine of \$100 imposed by Justice W. R. Pyper for carrying concealed weapons.

A dispatch from Dillon reports a coal famine at that place owing to a snow blockade on the railroad. The county high school has been closed, there being no supply of fuel with which to heat the building.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the federal court at Helena by J. W. Warren, a well known rancher of Knerville. In a statement made by the applicant his debts amount to about \$4,370 and his assets only \$50.

A suit was filed in the district court today by the National Bank of Commerce against the firm of Lewis & Thomas and others, to recover an indebtedness alleged to be due on a promissory note for \$1,000. The note was given to the McLaughlin Bros. in connection with a horse deal, and was assigned to plaintiff.

The funeral services of the late W. S. Stocking were held this afternoon at the family residence on upper Front street, and were attended by a large number of neighbors and friends. The services were conducted by Rev. J. N. Chesnut, of St. Paul's church. The casket was covered with floral wreaths contributed by friends of the deceased, one of the most elaborate being a beautiful creation presented by members of the Old Fort Improvement society. The pall bearers were Messrs. John C. Sullivan, Chas. H. Green, W. J. Minar, John Harris, Chas. H. Boyle and C. E. Evers.

From Wednesday's Daily.
W. S. Kingsbury, of Virgelle, is among the business visitors in town.

A. Nixon, of Helena, arrived from the west today on a business visit of a few days.

Mrs. W. S. Stocking and family wish to return thanks for the kindness and sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

A decree of divorce was granted in the district court today in the suit of John R. Muncy against Marie Muncy, in which the complaint alleged desertion.

R. H. Wright, a Great Falls locator, arrived today with a party of land-seekers for whom he has undertaken to locate desirable homesteads in this vicinity.

Judgment in favor of the defendants was rendered in the district court today, in the civil suit of Andrew Pogreba against Evers Nelson and others. The judgment included costs of suit, amounting to about \$173.

An important deal in Havre real estate is recorded in a deed filed in the county clerk's office today, in which a business lot in block 8, with a 36-foot frontage on First street is conveyed to the Citizens' National bank by Frank Chestnut. The consideration named in the deed is \$7,500.

Advices from Choteau report the capture of the three prisoners who escaped from the Teton county jail Tuesday evening, and who were impeded in their flight by the deep snow on the range. The jailer who was assaulted by the prisoners in making their escape was A. M. Walley, a former resident of this city.

Frozen to Death in Blizzard.

JUDITH GAP, Jan. 3.—The frozen body of Gerald Walker was found today four miles southwest of this city. Walker left the city Saturday afternoon for a ranch eight miles south, and, although his friends endeavored to get him to remain until the next day, because of the rapidly developing blizzard, he persisted on leaving, as his wife was on the ranch alone. Word was received in the city today that he had not reached the ranch. A searching party was at once formed. The body was found nearly a quarter of a mile from the conveyance in which he left, and all signs showed that the horse which he drove had broken away before Mr. Walker left the rig.

Prizes For Montana Corn.

BOZEMAN, Jan. 4.—Prof. F. S. Cooley, superintendent of Montana farmers' institutes, has just announced that James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad company, has offered him \$1,000 in prizes to Montana boys and girls under 18 years of age for growing corn in the state during the year 1910. The novel scheme is intended to start interest in corn growing. The plan at present is to give each boy and girl in the state an opportunity to grow 16 mature ears of corn for judging.

There are two general classes in which the prizes will be given. The first class is one of altitude and the second an independent class, which includes each county of the state.

For the best 10 ears of corn under either altitude classification \$20 is offered, for the second best 10 ears \$15, for the third best ten ears \$10, and for the fourth best ten ears \$5. Besides these prizes, each of which is separately offered for the four altitude classes, there is a prize of \$25 for the 10 best mature ears of corn grown at the highest altitude in Montana.

The state championship prize is \$100. This amount will go to the person under 18 years of age who produces the best 10 ears of corn in the state.

In each county there are nine prizes, each independent of the altitude list. The classes in each county are: First prize, \$10; second prize, \$8; third prize, \$7; fourth prize, \$5, and fifth to ninth prizes, \$1 each.

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Shut Down Order Suspended.
BUTTE, Jan. 5.—Provided the Great Falls smelters are able to run, the mines in Butte will remain open. If the attempt fails to furnish coal and ore in sufficient quantities at Great Falls for the smelter to remain in operation, the plant will be closed, and the mines here will be shut down and the Washoe smelter at Anaconda.

It is understood that the fires have been started in the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls, but it will be several days before it will be known whether the plant will be able to run. The ore in the cars already in the yards is frozen and there will be some delay in filling the bunkers. Providing the switching is done at the smelter and enough ore and coal are received to keep the plant running, there will be no shutdown, but if this proves not to be the case, the mines and all the smelters will suspend operations.

Pray Introduces Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Pray of Montana, introduced a resolution to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction, equipment and maintenance of additional mine rescue and experiment stations.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

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

HELENA, Jan. 3.—The state of Montana has nearly \$4,000,000 in cash and bonds, according to the report of E. E. Esselstyn, state treasurer, for the month of December, which was filed with Governor Norris today. During December the receipts amounted to \$1,140,399.95, while \$650,589.41 was paid out.

KALISPELL, Jan. 3.—Engineer H. N. Savage, of the reclamation service, has filed water rights for over 50,000 acres of reservation lands, wherein the government shows its intention to do things for the settler on this large domain. The water so harnessed will be taken from the Flathead river and Mud creek and their tributaries in that neighborhood, and is divided into seven different tracts.

HELENA, Jan. 4.—It develops that fifteen members of the state, but no senators applied to the state auditor and received warrants for their services at the recent extraordinary session of the legislature, despite the fact that a number of them had signed the request to the governor for the extra session and pledging themselves to serve gratis. Likewise, they asked for and received mileage. The money was available under a former appropriation.

CHOTEAU, Jan. 4.—The home of Mrs. Anderson, county superintendent of schools, valued at \$1,500 to \$2,000, and the house of John Fields of Conrad, occupied by Frank Harris, valued at \$1,000 were burned down today. The fire started from a defective chimney in the Anderson house. It was with difficulty that a third house was saved.

HELENA, Jan. 5.—It is reported here that J. R. King of Livingston, and Gus Barth of Billings, have concluded a deal for the purchase of the J. P. Woolman ranch near Augusta. The ranch is one of the largest in the country. The consideration is not known.

HELENA, Jan. 4.—W. J. Barrows of the general census office at Washington left Helena this afternoon for Butte, where he will take charge of the First Montana district until a supervisor is named by President Taft. Mr. Barrows has charge of the bureau of finances, a division employing nearly 100 men.

KALISPELL, Jan. 4.—Contracts were closed here yesterday between I. C. B. Bondurant and the Kalispell Lumber company for the sale of 2,500,000 feet of mixed timber and a crew of 60 men has been put to logging in an effort to get it off while the snow lasts. The McMannan mill, 15 miles north-west of the city, will immediately put on a double crew and run night and day while cutting it.

BILLINGS, Jan. 4.—The campaign of the Billings sugar factory has just been closed, and, while actual figures are not obtainable, it is said the largest tonnage of sugar ever manufactured was the result of last season's run. The campaign was shorter than that of last year, but the mill was operated each day beyond its reputed capacity, grinding 1,200 to 1,300 tons of beets each 24 hours. Work was begun October 25. It is stated that the acreage seeded to beets next spring will be the largest in the history of the industry in the valley.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 4.—Frank Collins, Charles Wilson and Jim Clark, three of the men who held up the store of the Boorman Mercantile company at Collins the night of November 29 and who were arrested in this city a few days later, tonight made their escape from the county jail of Teton county at Choteau, where they were being held pending their trials. The trio secured their freedom when the jailer entered their cells to bring the prisoners their evening meal. One of them struck the jailer across the head with a poker and knocked him down while another took the jailer's revolver. After disarming him the outlaws locked the jailer up in their cell and left the place.

BILLINGS, Jan. 6.—The body of an unknown man, who had frozen to death, was found in the road two miles south of this city early this morning. The man was dressed as a laborer and was without an overcoat. No papers or money were found in his pockets. He is a foreigner and is believed to have come here from Aurora, Ill.

Promotion For Judge Hunt.

HELENA, Jan. 4.—It is unofficially stated here that United States District Judge W. Hunt has been selected by the president as one of the five judges of the newly created court of customs appeals. Judge Hunt was formerly a member of the Montana supreme court and later governor of Porto Rico, from which position he was appointed to the federal bench.

Judge Hunt stated this morning that he had accepted the position and will leave with his family some time during the last week of this month for Washington to enter upon the duties of his new position. Asked who would preside here after he leaves, and before his successor is appointed, Judge

Hunt said that he expected that his successor would be named in time to qualify and to preside when he leaves. The court of customs appeals will be one of the most important tribunals in the country and is invested with great power. Instead of customs cases being appealed to the district and circuit courts of the United States and finally to the United States supreme court, they will be taken directly to this new court whose "decrees shall be final in all such cases." In other words, not even the United States supreme court can reverse the rulings of the customs court in tariff and customs matters.

The law provides for the appointment of the presiding judge and four associate judges, each of whom shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars per year. It is further provided that the judges can hold court anywhere in the United States. Besides a marshal, a clerk, an assistant clerk, a stenographer, and a messenger, who are attached to the court, each judge is given a private stenographer.

Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between Theodore E. Danielesen and Otto Soeberg, under the firm name of the Center Meat Market, and doing business at Fort Benton, Montana, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Theodore E. Danielesen has retired from said firm and business, but the said Otto Soeberg will continue the business at the same place.

Dated Fort Benton, Mont., Jan. 4, 1910.
THEODORE E. DANIELESEN.
OTTO SOEBERG.

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Certificate Extending Charter.

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, December 24, 1909. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton," in the city of Fort Benton, in the county of Chouteau and state of Montana, has complied with all the provisions of Chapter 3 of the act of the National Banking Associations to extend their corporate existence and for other purposes, approved July 12, 1902.

Now therefore, I, Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, do hereby certify that "The Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton," in the city of Fort Benton, in the county of Chouteau and state of Montana, is authorized to have succession for the period specified in its amended articles of association, namely until close of business on December 24, 1909.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this 24th day of December, 1909.
LAWRENCE O. MURRAY,
Comptroller of the Currency,
No. 4194

Public Sale of Real Estate.

The chairman of the board of county commissioners of Chouteau county, Montana, will offer at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house, in Fort Benton, Mont., between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, February 10, 1910, the following described real estate, title to which has been acquired by the county by tax deed to-wit: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 30, and lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, block 36, townships of Fort Benton, according to the official plat of said townships on file in the office of the clerk and recorder of Chouteau county, Montana.

By order of the board of county commissioners.
W. H. LEET, County Clerk.

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Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 152, Military reservation. Lots 11 and 12, block 125, Military reservation. Lots 3 and 4, block 51, Fort Benton townsite. Date of sale for above lots, January 22, 1910. Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, block 37, date of sale, January 24, 1910, also lots 2 and 3, block 38, date of sale, January 26, 1910, according to the official plat of said townsite on file in the office of the clerk and recorder of Chouteau county, Montana.

By order of the board of county commissioners.
W. H. LEET, County Clerk.
Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 15, 1909.

Terms of District Court, 1910.

In the district court of the twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the counties of Chouteau.

It is hereby ordered that the terms of court for and during the year 1910, in said district, be, and they are by the order, fixed and set as follows:

CHOTEAU COUNTY.
Wednesday, February 24.
Tuesday, May 17th.
Tuesday, September 6th.
Tuesday, December 6th.

VALLEY COUNTY.
Tuesday, March 1st.
Tuesday, June 14th.
Tuesday, September 27th.
Tuesday, November 15th.

Witness my hand this 8th day of December, A. D. 1909.
J. W. TAPPAN,
Judge Twelfth Judicial District, State of Montana.

Order to Show Cause.

In the district court of the eighth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Cascade.

In the matter of the estate of John Glass, deceased.

Catherine A. Glass, one of the executors of the estate of John Glass, deceased, having presented to this court and filed herein, her verified petition for the appointment of a guardian for the sale of lot twelve, block seventeen, of the original townsite of Fort Benton. Lots five, six and seven; block twenty-six, of the original townsite of Fort Benton. Lots one and two, block forty-one, of the original townsite of Fort Benton. Lots nine and ten, block forty-four, of the original townsite of Fort Benton. Lots fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, block forty-eight, of the original townsite of Fort Benton, located at Fort Benton, Montana, for the purpose therein set forth, and it appearing to this court by said petition that it would be for the advantage, benefit and best interest of the estate and interested therein to sell the aforesaid real estate to pay the debts outstanding against said real estate.

It is therefore ordered by the said court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased appear before said court on Thursday, on the 30 day of February, 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the court room of said court, in the said county of Cascade, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said executor to sell the aforesaid real estate at either private or public sale as such executor shall judge to be most beneficial for the estate, and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said county of Cascade, to-wit: The Weekly River Press, a newspaper published at Fort Benton, Montana.

Dated this 23d day of December, A. D. 1909.
J. B. LEBLIE, Judge.
W. F. O'LEARY, attorney for petitioner.
First publication December 29, 1909.

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