CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Mrs. Helen Downing, of Great Falls, is the guest of Mrs. W. S. Stocking.

Attorney J. A. McDonough, of Great Falls, arrived today on district court business.

Jno. Lehfeldt, the well known Big Sandy hotel man, is among the visitors in town.

Thos. P. Strode, of Whitlash, one of the old-time stockmen of the Sweet Grass hills, is among the business visitors in town.

Declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by A. A. Carmony, of Inverness, who is a native of Canada.

A press dispatch from Inglewood, Cal., reports a railroad wreck in which Mrs. Jno. C. Duff, of Chinook, was one of the passengers who were slightly injured.

W. S. Bryant, of Highwood, who is in town today, reports one of the heaviest snowfalls in years in the locality. It insures a good water supply for ranchers the coming season.

The public skating rink, which is supported by voluntary contributions, has been flooded and put in shape for all who wish to indulge in health promoting exercise. A large number of young people were enjoying themselves at the rink this afternoon.

A suit has been commenced in the district court by Bessie Kruse against J. H. Miewald, constable for Chinook township, from whom damages of $1,000 are sought. The claim is based upon the seizure of a 15-horsepower gasoline engine by the defendant, in his official capacity as constable.

J. J. McGraw has received word from Spokane that the death of Claude E. Embleton, his former business partner, was caused by a tree falling on him while cutting timber. The remains will be brought to Great Falls tomorrow for interment, and several local friends of the deceased propose to attend the funeral.

Great Falls Leader: While engaged in switching cars above the ore bins at the Boston & Montana smelter this forenoon at 11:20 Joseph Glenney, a young switchman, was instantly killed by being caught between a couple of ore cars. Glenney was riding at the head end of a string of cars which was being backed in an eastward direction along the tracks just east of the ore bins.

F. W. Tozer has brought suit in the district court against the Great Northern Railway company, to recover damages in the amount of $1,900. The complaint recites that on November 20 plaintiff boarded a Great Northern train at Craig, having paid his fare to Havre, but was ejected from the train by the conductor after traveling a short distance, the annoyance, delay and humiliation caused by such act calling for the payment of the damages demanded.

A good advertisement for Chouteau county is being circulated by a Chicago livestock commission firm, in the form of a photograph of a range steer that brought the highest price ever paid in the open market for that class of stock. The steer was owned by Bannatyne Bros., a well known firm of Chouteau county stockmen located in the western part of the county, and was sold in the Chicago market a few weeks ago at $8.25 per 100 pounds. As the weight of the animal was 1,470, the gross price was $121.27.

From Monday's Daily.

Attorney B. L. Powers, of Havre, arrived today on district court business.

Mrs. A. A. Smith, of Helena, a former resident of this city, was among the arrivals today.

Rev W. A. Morgan left today for Culbertson, to assist in revival services at that place.

The King's Daughters are making arrangements for a public dance, to be given Friday evening, February 4.

Sheriff Bickle returned yesterday from Deer Lodge, where he delivered David Thomas to the penitentiary officials, to serve a seven-year term.

Charles Lepley, who arrived today from White Sulphur Springs on a business visit, reports a spell of severe winter weather in that part of Montana. A temperature of 38 below zero was recorded a few days ago.

H. B. Hazard, of Seattle, special examiner of the immigration bureau, is checking up naturalization proceedings in the district court of this county. Mr. Hazard reports a large influx of foreign born citizens throughout the west.

Constable A. B. Clarke arrived from Havre today with two prisoners who have been committed to the county jail by Justice W. B. Pyper. Theodore Carman, colored, is to serve out a fine of $200 for assault, and Mary Fiddler is committed for 90 days for petit larceny.

W. P. Sullivan, of Lonetree, returned today from an eastern visit of several weeks. Mr. Sullivan reports deep snow and intense cold in Iowa and adjoining states, the temperature at Sheldon, Iowa, on Friday last being 27 below zero. This part of Montana, according to Mr. Sullivan, is a favored spot in the matter of weather conditions.

Word comes from the Milk river country that several sheep outfits are suffering from the complaint known as lip and leg disease. The treatment recommended by veterinary experts consists of bathing the affected parts with a solution of one part chemically pure nitric acid and seven parts water. One pint of the acid mixed with seven pints of water makes a gallon of the solution.

From Tuesday's Daily.

L. V. Bogy, the well known Chinook merchant, is in town on a business visit.

Attorney J. A. Walsh, of Helena, arrived from the west today on a short business vist.

B. J. Boorman, the Kalispell lumber dealer, is among the business visitors in town.

Hon. T. C. Power arrived from Helena today, to look after some of his business interests in this vicinity.

Miss Jeanette Ward, who has accepted a position to teach school near Galata, left for that place yesterday.

John Buckley, of Harlem, formerly sheriff of Chouteau county, is renewing acquaintance with Fort Benton friends.

A marriage license has been issued at Great Falls to Thomas J. O'Laughlin and Annie McKenby, both of West Butte, in the Sweet Grass hills.

A. S. Lohman, of Chinook, who is extensively engeged in the sheep business, arrived today to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank.

A delegation of Fort Benton residents, consisting of about twenty members, returned today from Great Falls, where they attended the funeral services of the late Claude Embleton.

F. L. Buzzell, of Conrad, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Buzzell is the owner of some ranch property near Conrad and is much gratified over the rapid advance of land values.

Oscar Johnston, who is holding a crop of flax seed that amounts to about 3,400 bushels, is an interested student of market prices affecting that commodity. Prices have been advancing in the eastern market, a recent high mark being $2.25 per bushel.

The jury commissioni, consisting of Jere Sullivan, chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county treasurer and county assessor, was in session today. The commission will select a list of Chouteau county tax payers who will be subject to call as trial jurors during the year 1910.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank, held this afternoon, the board of directors was re elected for the ensuing year. The board consists of Charles E. Duer, Charles Lepley, Jos. Hirshberg, A. S. Lohman, C. H. Merrill, John V. Carroll, M. E. Milner, David G. Browne and John Harris.

Great Falls Leader: The funeral of Claude Embleton, the Fort Benton man, whose death occurred near Spokane last week and whose body was brought to this city yesterday, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from George's chapel, where services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Martin under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which order deceased had been a member. The services were largely attended and there were quite a number of Fort Benton friends present.

A Record Yield of Oats.

Helena Record.

Montana has established a world's record yield of oats according to information received by J. H. Hall, commissioner of agriculture, labor, industry and publicity. And from all available data, both state, governmental and private, this fact is unquestioned. Recently the bureau received a report that upon two and one-half acres near Bozeman, Gallatin county, there had been raised 488 bushels of oats, and so startling were these figures that further investigation was determined upon.

The bureau is in receipt of the following letter of particulars from Rudolph Vogel, jr., who tilled and harvested the wonderful crop, showing the statistics: Variety, Regenerated Swedish Select: number of acres, two and one-half; amount of seed, six bushels by weight; amount threshed, 488 bushels; weight of one bushel by measure, 43 pounds; weight of one bushel after being cleaned, 42¼ pounds; amount of seed seeded per acre, about 77 pounds.

Naturally the bureau officials are very proud of the record, affording as it does an added opportunity to advertise Montana's wonderful soils.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wishes to express to her Fort Benton friends and to Benton Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., her sincere gratitude for kindness shown, sympathy extended and assistance rendered her in this, the hour of bereavement.

MRS. CLAUDE E. EMBLETON.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Harlem News: E. C. Miller informs us that he will put in a 200 ton silo on his place this spring and will put in a large crop of ensilage corn. He made a big success in his crop of dent corn last season.

Conrad Observer: Reports from the surrounding country are to the effect that the continued cold spell is beginning to tell on range stock They are becoming drawn up and hunched back, the first signs of suffering.

Culbertson Republican: Flax reached $1.90 on the local market Tuesday. The highest before was the price paid to J. A. Davis last week by the Valley Elevator when $1.87 was paid for some 500 bushels.

Chester Signal: It is expected that the townsites of Hingham and Joplin will be surveyed and the lots placed on the market in the next sixty days. Both these prospective towns are well located and are backed by good live men.

Harlem News: From September 1st to the first of the year 220 cars of blue joint hay were shipped to Seattle from Harlem. Altogether there has been some over 250 cars shipped from this point. There is still something like 250 cars that has not been shipped.

Valerian: A local mercantile house this week placed an order for a trainload of gasoline—or practically a trainload, being no less than twelve cars of that commodity. The order is made expedient by the number of gasoline plows that will be in operation during the approaching season.

Lewistown Argus: Owing to the storm during the past week, the receipts of grain at the local elevators have been lighter than usual, but with a continuance of the conditions prevailing today, hauling will be resumed at once on a large scale. Both wheat and oats are in demand. Wheat today is commanding in Lewistown around 94 cents, while up to $1.18 is being paid for oats.

Conrad Observer: The authorities are looking for a man who cannot resist the temptation of seeing anything in the agricultural line lying idle, even in winter time. This man is accused of selling a mowing machine that had been unloaded near the stockyards about ten days ago to Davy Jones, who lives about two miles southeast of town. The machine belonged to a new settler and had been left where it was unloaded with one wheel locked with a chain.

Glasgow News: The Great Northern Railway company have filed the plats for the Poplar branch, in the local land office this week. The plats are for that part of the proposed line north of the Fort Peck reservation, commencing about eight miles south of the Scobey postoffice and extending to the Canadian line. The plats of the balance of the line from Poplar to the reservation line have probably been filed with the Indian department at the same time, as the reservation does not come under the work handled by the United States land offices.

Northern Montana is Growing.

Helena Record.

That northern Montana, in line with the eastern and all other parts of the state, is growing, is shown by the number of filings made on farm lands last year. With a total of 7,283 entries in the Great Falls land office exceeds the number made in any land office in the United States. The average covered by each filing is 200 acres, making an aggregate of a million and a half acres that were taken possession of during the year by settlers.

What this means to the growth in population and wealth to the country embraced in the land district is shown by the statement that it is estimated 35,000 people have been added to the population as the results of the filings last year. This does not include many who have gone on lands which have been in private ownership, a number of large ranches having been cut up and sold in small parcels directly to settlers.

Profits From Irrigation.

An enlightening lot of figures on the present status of irrigation in the Milk river valley has been prepared by W. M. Wooldridge, of Hinsdale, for the use of the Great Northern railway in connection with the efforts of President Hill of that company to have some action taken that will lead to the reclamation of all of the irrigable land of the valley, either by the government or through a corporation to be formed by Mr. Hill.

It is shown by Mr. Wooldridge, says the Great Falls Tribune, that a total of 141,000 acres now under irrigation in the valley, and that the approximate average cost per acre for reclamation work so far completed has been in the neighborhood of $3 per acre, the total investments in the various reclamation projects being about $243,000. Besides that amount Mr. Wooldridge estimates that at least an equal amount has been invested in preparing the land now reclaimed for irrigation. The average annual cost per acre for maintenance is said to be approximately 30 cents.

As showing what this investment for irrigation has done towards creating values, it is estimated that the average annual crop of the irrigated land is $30 per acre—and surely Mr. Wooldridge is making it low enough. That would make a total valuation of the irrigated land of $4,230,000, or about five times what has been spent on reclamation. It is further estimated that by the extension of these various projects 50,000 acres more might be reclaimed. The present value of this additional 50,000 acres is placed at $10 per acre, and it is estimated that the extension of the various ditches to cover this additional amount of land would cost about $5 per acre, thus making a difference between the value of the land at present and the same irrigated of $750,000.

Funds For the Schools.

Most of the school districts in Chouteau county are well provided with funds for the payment of current expenses, according to the records of the county treasurer's office. A statement filed with Miss Blackstone, county superintendent, gives the following exhibit of the cash resources of each district on January 1:

1.	Fort Benton	$11,321 10
2.	Upper Highwood	795 02
3.	South Wagner	404 36
4.	Connolly	263 78
5.	Lower Teton	385 75
6.	Lytle	799 71
7.	Lower Marias	430 62
8.	Shonkin	1,751 49
9.	Lower Highwood	482 24
10.	Chinook	8,102 81
11.	Big Sandy	4,288 79
12.	Harlem	3,063 05
13.	Box Elder	5,285 83
14.	Cleveland	949 95
15.	Eagle Creek	687 94
16.	Havre	17,300 33
17.	Paradise Valley	772 72
18.	Ada	1,073 37
19.	Zortman	1,271 80
20.	.....	73 31
21.	Coberg	2,192 46
22.	Gold Butte	2,392 68
23.	Landusky	870 12
24.	Lloyd	860 72
25.	Cypress	3,344 07
26.	Warrick	1,122 29
27.	Whitlash	2,011 90
28.	Buckland	713 36
29.	East Chinook	1,565 62
30.	Wagner	955 10
31.	LaBarre	415 37
32.	Cockrill	1,054 49
33.	Chester	793 37
34.	Maddux	1,071 81
35.	Wayne	949 82
36.	North Yantic	928 19
37.	Madras	267 38
38.	Riedel	538 44
39.	Judith	403 09
40.	Beatrice	3,327 86
41.	South Yantic	1,430 16
42.	Alma	669 56
43.	Gorman	511 78
44.	Clear Creek	1,086 65
45.	Dodson	2,412 82
46.	Holmes	799 43
47.	Davey	617 27
48.	Upper Box Elder	1,232 47
9.	Joint with Cascade	73 00
36.	Joint with Cascade	162 00
37.	Joint with Fergus	972 25

The aggregate cash resources of the several districts amount to over $95,000.

A Big Land Office Business.

According to records of Great Falls land office, there were received during the year 1909 filings upon lands in the Great Falls land district to the number of 7,283 This is claimed to be the largest number of filings ever made in any one district in the country in a similar period, says the Great Falls Leader, and gives evidence of an enormous increase in the population and wealth of Cascade, Teton and Chouteau counties, of which parts are located within the district.

As it is estimated by the land officials that the filings will average 200 acres, this number shows a total appropriation of 1,456,600 acres of the public domain.

The cash receipts of the Great Falls office for the year were $206,400, of which the largest amount, $33,241.92 was received in November.

Formula For Government Whitewash

A correspondent calls attention to an error in the formula for government whitewash, as recently printed by the River Press, and to prevent trouble for those who may follow the directions given, a revised formula is herewith presented:

Half a bushel of unslacked lime, slack with warm water, cover it during the process to keep in the steam; strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer; add a peck of salt previously well dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in boiling hot; half pound of powdered Spanish whiting and a pound of glue which has been previously dissolved over a slow fire, and add five gallons hot water to the mixture, stir well and let it stand for a few days, covered from the dirt. Strain carefully and apply with a spray pump or brush. It should be put on hot. There is nothing that can compare with it for outside or inside work and it retains its brilliancy for many years. Coloring matter may be put in and made of any shade, Spanish brown, yellow ochre or common clay.

For the past forty years, the United States government has been using on all its forts and lighthouses a whitewash prepared according to the above formula. It is claimed that, made in this way, it will stick better and retain its brilliancy longer than any other whitewash, and that it is not easily affected by rain or weather.

Child Marriage is Illegal.

HELENA, Jan. 8.—Certain residents of Flathead county who had unlawful relations with girls under 16 years of age will not be permitted to marry them to escape prosecution, under a ruling from the attorney-general's office today. The opinion was delivered in response to request from County Attorney Stephens of Flathead and it is held that no girl under the age of 16 and no youth under the age of 18 years, can legally be married in Montana even though the consent of parents is obtained to such unions. Girls and boys under such ages cannot be married under the circumstances. The consent of parents must be obtained when a bride is over 16 and under 18 and the consent when a bridegroom is over 18 and under 21.

New Branch of Great Northern.

HELENA, Jan. 8.—Montana is to have a new railroad. Its operations will be confined exclusivly to Cascade and Lewis and Clark counties, there having been filed today with A. N. Yoder, secretary of state, a copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway company.

The resolution provides for the construction of a branch line of the Great Northern from Vaughn, a station on the Shelby cutoff, in Cascade county, to a point in section 31, township 22, range 8 west, Lewis and Clark county. This is along the valley of Sun river, for a distance of 58 miles, and would mean the tapping of the Augusta section of this county.

Surveys for this line were made last summer and fall, and it is understood that all the preliminary work of this character has been completed. The line will run through the Fort Shaw unit of the Sun river irrigation project, and open up much rich land in the upper Sun river valley. It will run through the towns of Sun River, Fort Shaw and Simms.

FINLAND SUMMERS.

Effect of the Famous "White Nights" Upon Vegetation.

The famous "white nights" of the north are a most surprising phenomenon to the visitor from southern climes. It is a weird experience, declares A. M. Scott in "Through Finland," to sit for the first time upon a veranda at midnight and read a newspaper or to walk home from a restaurant at 1 o'clock in the morning and to see people still gossiping at the street corners or strolling along the promenades under a bright, clear sky.

A spirit of rest and peace is over all the earth. The sky is bright, not with the fiery brilliancy of noon, but with a tender, gentle radiance. The colors of the landscape have become softened, but not blended. There are no shadows save for a week or two in June, when the bright northern sky at midnight projects faint, ghostlike shadows toward the south The sun just dips below the horizon and no more. There is no division between the sunset and the dawn. The same rosy flush serves for both.

Summer in Finland is, in fact, one long day. Never a star is to be seen, and when the first faint star glimmers in the south it is a sign that the summer is past and that the autumn frosts have arrived.

The long light has a marvelous effect upon vegetation, forcing its growth at hothouse pace. The "white nights" account both for the suddenness of the burgeoning and for the intensity of the heat. Land and water have no time to cool. One cannot fail to be struck with the enormous size of the foliage upon the oak and hawthorn trees as compared to that to which we are accustomed. Botanists have explained this as being due to the larger supply of light. It has sometimes been suggested that we may hasten the harvests by the use of artificial lights. Nature herself does this for the Finnish farmer

The Broadax.

A city man who went out into the Ozarks to learn to make railroad ties was asked by a native whether he was right or left handed

"If you are left handed," he was told, "you will have to get a left handed broadax."

The city man replied: "I'm wise to this left handed monkey wrench business I'm from the city, but I know there is no such thing as a left handed broadax." But he was wrong. A broadax is beveled on one side only. A left handed man must have an ax with the bevel on the left side.—Kansas City Times.

All Against Him.

A tailor who was defendant in a case tried in court seemed much cast down when brought up for trial.

"What's the trouble?" whispered his counsel, observing his client's distress as he surveyed the jurymen.

"It looks pretty bad for me," said the defendant, "unless some steps are taken to dismiss that jury and get in a new lot. There ain't a man among 'em but what owes me money for clothes."

Vain Regrets.

Mrs. Benham—How much did you pay the minister when we were married? Benham—Don't ask me. I hate to admit that I paid him anything.—New York Press.

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