

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.
Dan Hudson arrived today from Havre, on a visit with his parents.

Special meeting of the Commercial Club at the council rooms Monday night.

Omar Gregg, an old time resident of this vicinity, is under treatment at the Fort Benton Sanitarium, for dropsy.

A dramatic reading will be given at the Methodist church Monday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, by Miss Loretta M. Bigelow, of Boston. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Among the arrivals today were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter and daughter, Miss Eva Porter, of Nevada, Mo. Mr. Porter is the father of Dr. E. M. Porter, of this city.

The civil case of Esther C. Casey against John Buckley, in which a verdict for defendant was rendered in Justice Pyppe's court at Havre, has been appealed to the district court. The suit relates to a claim of \$40 for board.

C. M. Luce and wife, of Bluffton, Ind., were among the arrivals today. Mr. Luce, who is the new principal of the Fort Benton high school, is a college acquaintance of Hilmen C. Lyng, and is visiting with the latter for a few days.

Several bids for replanking county bridges were received by the county commissioners yesterday, the tender of Chas. Crepeau for replanking the Missouri river bridge and approaches, at a cost of \$866.65, being accepted. R. H. Clarkson was awarded the contract for replanking two bridges over Milk river, near Chinook, at a cost of \$477.

The piano recital given at the opera house last evening by Miss Elsie Parker was a musical entertainment of a high order of merit that was greatly enjoyed by the audience. Miss Parker is a child musician, about fourteen years of age, but her execution was perfect and the numbers were rendered with a skill and precision that could not be excelled by artists of more mature age and experience.

Great Falls Leader: If street talk is to be believed, Great Falls will have a population of between 18,000 and 19,000 by the 1910 census. Rumors in Butte, Helena and Missoula credit Great Falls with that number, and if the reports have any foundation, Great Falls continues to be the second largest city in Montana. The official figures are not out, but it is expected that they will be within the next few weeks.

The question of incorporating Chester as a municipality was decided by a very small vote, the returns as canvassed by the county commissioners showing seven in favor of the proposition and two against. The vote, however, decided the question affirmatively, and the county commissioners have called a special election at Chester, on Monday, September 26, to choose a mayor and six aldermen—two aldermen from each of the three wards.

From Monday's Daily.
Born Sunday evening, to the wife of W. S. Towner, county attorney, a son.

Mrs. Geo. Bickle and son Hiram returned today from a visit with friends at Havre.

Attorneys Jao. C. Duff and W. B. Sands, of Chinook, arrived today on probate business in the district court.

Dr. J. H. Fairfield and W. S. Frary, with an automobile party of other Great Falls residents, were among yesterday's visitors.

James B. Hurd, who has returned from a trip to Chicago, reports big runs of sheep at the stockyards. The receipts last Monday were over 30,000 head.

Major T. A. Cummings returned yesterday from Melstone, where he has been looking after a beef shipment that went east over the Milwaukee railroad.

The members of the Caesar club were entertained by the Misses Harber at a Cupid party Saturday evening, given in honor of Miss Louise Patterson, of this city.

There was an exciting runaway late Saturday afternoon, when the John Jacoby team dashed along Front street with two little Joyce children in the rig. The runaway was pursued by several men horseback, and was finally rounded up, without injury to the frightened children.

James Williams has been received at the county jail to serve a sentence of twenty days for defrauding an innkeeper. After eating several square meals at the Spokane house, in Big Sandy, the boarder skipped out without paying his bill, but was later arrested and given deserved discipline by Justice Ragan, of Big Sandy.

Hans Rudolph, of this city, is very much interested in the news of the destruction of Wallace, Idaho, by forest fires, as he was a resident of that place about three years ago. Mr. Rudolph says Wallace is built in a small basin that is surrounded by steep and heavily timbered mountains, a portion of the town extending into the timber. As it is impossible

to leave the town without passing through part of the forest, the situation during the prevalence of timber fires nearby was alarming.

The dense pall of smoke that hangs over this part of Montana is the worst ever known by local residents, A. A. Juneau, an old timer who has been here since 1859, declaring that such a visitation has never before happened in the past fifty-one years. Travelers from the east report that the smoky conditions extend as far as Devil's Lake, N. Dak.

M. L. Latta, who has a ranch on the bench about four miles west of town, had an unpleasant experience last evening. When returning home in the intense darkness caused by the smoky atmosphere, he missed the road and ran into a barbed wire fence, his horse being badly cut and Mr. Latta thrown from the rig and sustaining injuries of a minor nature.

From Tuesday's Daily.
A. B. Clarke, of Havre, is among the business visitors in town.

Miss Ritter, who has been visiting with Mrs. E. Rudolph, left today for her home in Michigan.

F. E. Stranahan and family returned today from a three weeks' camping trip in the Blackfoot country.

Blackberries, canteloupes, crab apples, pears, melons, lemons, oranges, nuts, etc. T. C. Powers & Bro., Ltd.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen has been filed in the district court by Louis H. Melett, of Chinook.

William Rowe, who has just finished threshing at his ranch south of the river, reports an oats crop that averages 60 bushels to the acre.

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of Aaron Bonderson, deceased, has been filed in the district court by George Bonderson, of Havre.

District court for Chouteau county was adjourned today to September 6, when the new term of court begins. The first two days of the term are designated as the time for hearing petitions for naturalization.

Louise M. Henry, an aged woman from the vicinity of Chester, was committed to the insane asylum at a hearing held in the district court yesterday. The cost of the care and maintenance of the patient is to be paid by her relatives.

Among the new building improvements in various parts of town are several business structures that will provide increased accommodations. The E. Frank Sayre abstract office is being enlarged by an addition built of cement. A Westfall is building a harness shop on Front street; and C. E. Sheldon is making a large two-story addition to his establishment.

Ranchers and other residents of this vicinity who have fair to good samples of grain or other farm products are requested to favor the Fort Benton Commercial Club with exhibits that will be sent to the state fair. The samples will also be exhibited at the Chouteau County Fair at Chinook, and afterward installed in the Great Northern exhibit car that will go east. James Griffin, of Chinook, will be in charge of the exhibit from Chouteau county.

Great Falls Leader: Nelhart and Monarch are not threatened by fires, and people who are excited over the situation in those towns need not fear that they will be destroyed. The fire at Nelhart is burning two miles north-east of the town on Carpenter creek. With the wind blowing from the south, the fire is traveling directly away from Nelhart and toward Barker and the Kirby country. A large force of men is at work there and it is thought they will check the flames before they have made progress toward Barker.

Henry Evers brings word that an artesian supply of water has been secured at the Northwestern company ranch, about 17 miles south of town, and that it is of excellent quality. The vein was struck at a depth of 92 feet, the water rising and flowing from a six-inch pipe that stood eight feet out of the ground. The pipe has been driven down four feet, and there is a constant flow of water at a good pressure. The existence of artesian supplies of water in this vicinity was predicted by geologists years ago, but the Northwestern company well is the only instance in which it has been demonstrated.

Valley County Court Calendar.
Judge Tattan has postponed the trial of the criminal calendar for Valley county until September 8. The calendar as now made up is as follows:

- State vs. Malcolm Hunter, grand larceny, September 8.
- State vs. M. E. Brookway, grand larceny, September 12.
- State vs. Gus Lantz, murder, September 12.
- State vs. John Dill, grand larceny, September 15.
- State vs. Isadore Willet, grand larceny, September 18.
- State vs. Peter Kriegen, assault, September 19.
- State vs. Chas. Shufelt, criminal assault, September 21.
- State vs. H. J. Riddell, embezzlement, September 22.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Choteau Acantha: The Great Northern Railway company has filed in the county clerk's office a notice designating its office in the station building at Shelby as the place where record book of stock injured or killed shall be kept for the county of Teton.

Culbertson Republican: The threshing of wheat in the vicinity north of Culbertson has now commenced and reports received is going all the way from 6 to 12 bushels per acre. One of the first reports of grain threshed is that of Robert Bolan, 20 miles north of here which yielded 12 bushels per acre.

Valerian: Talk about your hard luck stories, W. E. Powell has received word that he will not get the seed back from an eight hundred acre tract of land which he owns in North Dakota and which was seeded in wheat. Dakota has been hit hard by the drought extending over a large area of the continent.

Blinsdale Homestead: One of the nicest sights of the season was that of Robert Jardine hauling wool to town with his Hart-Parr gasoline traction engine. He had four trail wagons well loaded and hauled the wool from upper Frenchman creek, a distance of about forty miles. This shows what can be done with an engine.

Blinsdale Homestead: Lohr Bros., of Tampoco, have alfalfa this season that will reward them one hundred dollars an acre for the seed they will thresh from it. It is said there are about forty acres of this and they also have a considerable acreage that will yield them about sixty-five dollars an acre. This shows what can be done in this valley with water for irrigation. Their alfalfa fields this year look grand, and it is a revelation to passengers on the railroad running through their fields.

Havre Plaindealer: Sheepmen have secured through Congressman Pray, permission from the United States government to pasture their sheep on Fort Assiniboine reservation and big flocks of sheep are coming in from all directions. So far, permission has not been granted sheep herders to water their flocks in Beaver Creek, which passes through the reservation, and the herders are experiencing quite a little difficulty in that direction.

Valerian: The seeding of winter wheat is in full swing in the Valler country and the area to be seeded is variously estimated at from twelve to fourteen thousand acres. Ditch riders complain that they are having more or less difficulty in serving water, alleging that there are instances where farmers are not content to abide by the rulings of the ditch riders but on the contrary interfere and demand more water than is their just portion.

Harlem News: Col. McLaughlin of Washington, D. C., was in Harlem Saturday and from here took a train for the east. Col. McLaughlin was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the Indians regarding the sale of the northern part of Fort Belknap. Upon consulting with them it was found that the plan met with the approval of some more progressive members of the tribe though some of the more conservative disapproved of it.

Chinook Opinion: The Chouteau County Fair directors are engaged in strengthening their plans for entertaining the visitors at the coming fair the first week in October. The request for entries from riders who desire to enter a relay race has been responded to by four different horsemen of the county. A Big Sandy entry of a string has been promised and two entries from Havre while Steve Adams, up the valley, promises to go in with a string against all comers. The directors will accordingly bill a relay race as one of the features of the fair and will offer a big purse.

He Has a Musical Ear.

An unfortunate victim of circumstances whose name appears on the register as Stanton Sweeney, of Big Sandy, has been received at the county jail to serve a sentence of thirty days for disturbing the peace. These are cold facts as told by the public records, but there is another side to the story.

Mr. Sweeney, it is understood, is endowed or afflicted with a musical ear. Melodious strains enthuse him with ecstatic delight, while discordant noise drives him to distraction. This sensitiveness to sound vibrations in the atmosphere is the cause of his present predicament.

An automobile with a fog horn alarm attachment visited Big Sandy the other day, its occupants amusing themselves by exercising its more or less musical capabilities. Mr. Sweeney's sense of melody was shocked, and he sought relief from the whiskey bottle, but as that uncertain remedy made matters worse he was goaded to seek a more heroic method of escape from torture. With revolver in hand, he awaited the coming of the automobile with its unearthly screech, and taking hasty aim at the wheels he attempted

to puncture the tires, but without success.

The bullet glanced from the ground toward the Spokane house, causing considerable alarm among the spectators there, and Mr. Sweeney was at once arrested and haled before Hon. W. A. Ragan, justice of the peace. The law does not take cognizance of man's infirmities under such circumstances, and the court decided that thirty days in jail was about the proper medicine in this case.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Mr. Knowles has struck water on his place at 19 feet. He used a post hole digger.

While drilling for water at Mr. Allen's, the well company lost their drill in a 200-foot hole. As yet they have been unable to recover it.

Arthur Allen's brother and wife, of Indiana, are visiting him for a few days. They say it is very dry back there, and express themselves as well pleased with what they have seen of this country.

Occasionally cuckleburrs and other noxious weeds are seen growing in the valley. If the settlers will destroy these now it will save the crops, and a good deal of hard labor and annoyance in coming years.

The dense smoke from the forest fires in the mountains is causing more or less excitement in Pleasant valley. Some of the settlers supposing a big prairie fire was upon them started out to fight it, and others left their shacks for safer places. Ashes have fallen like snow. People have difficulty in finding their horses and milch cows. Owing to the dense smoke and peculiar light everything looks different. Objects only a few rods distant appear to be miles away, so it is very easy for one unaccustomed to the prairie to become bewildered and lost.

W. E. B.

Crops in Judith Basin.

With a precipitation of only 6.8 inches since January 1 the Judith Basin is harvesting wheat crops of 30 to 40 bushels to the acre, and experts estimate a 25-bushel average, says the Inland Empire. Oats, barley and flax look equally well. Alfalfa has been very successful on dry lands. There is no doubt in the minds of those who saw the station crops last Friday that the driest year yet recorded has not been too dry for good crops in this region, where the proper system has been followed.

The Patriotic Politician.

"Fellow citizens," said the candidate, "I have fought against the Indians. I have often had no bed but the battlefield and no canopy but the sky. I have marched over frozen ground till every step has been marked with blood."

His story told well till a dried-up looking voter came to the front.

"I'll be darned if you hain't done enough for your country. Go home and rest. I'll vote for the other fellow."—Success Magazine.

Political Announcements

For County Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county clerk, subject to the pleasure of the republican county convention.
J. LEE SEDGWICK.
Fort Benton, Mont., Aug. 16, 1910.

For County Assessor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of county assessor for Chouteau county, and desire nomination by the republican convention of said county.
PHIL BUCKLEY.
August 19, 1910.

For County Assessor.

I wish to announce to the voters of Chouteau county that I will be a candidate for the nomination for county assessor, subject to the action of the republican county convention.
A. D. SMITH
Havre, Mont., Aug. 14, 1910.

For County Assessor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county assessor, and respectfully ask for favorable consideration at the hands of the republican county convention.
A. B. CLARKE.
Havre, Aug. 22, 1910.

For Sheriff.

The undersigned is a candidate for nomination for the office of sheriff of Chouteau county, and respectfully asks your support at the republican county convention.
GEORGE BICKLE.
Havre, Mont., Aug. 19, 1910.

For Sheriff.

I herewith announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Chouteau county, subject to the decision of the republican county convention.
M. F. MARSH.
Chinook, Mont., Aug. 15, 1910.

For County Treasurer.

I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of county treasurer, subject to the pleasure of the republican county convention. If nominated and elected, I will turn over to Chouteau county all interest money.
HENRY GRIESBACH.
Fort Benton, Mont., Aug. 16, 1910.

For County Attorney.

The republican voters of Chouteau county are hereby respectfully notified that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for county attorney of Chouteau county.
F. N. UTTER.
Havre, Mont., Aug. 2, 1910.

For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of county treasurer of Chouteau county. Having always held that the interest on county funds belongs to the tax payers, should I be elected I shall turn all interest money into the treasury for the benefit of the tax payers.
Respectfully,
WM. R. LEET.
Fort Benton, Montana, Aug. 8, 1910.

For County Auditor.

The undersigned wishes to announce his candidacy for the republican nomination for county auditor of Chouteau county, subject to the pleasure of the republican county convention.
VERNON BUTLER.
Savoy, Mont., Aug. 18, 1910.

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