

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.
 Hon. T. C. Power, of Helena, arrived today on a short business visit.
 J. H. Miewald, of Chinook, is among the visitors attending district court.
 James N. Cook, who arrived from Chinook yesterday, is under treatment at the Fort Benton Sanitarium for an injured leg.
 Miss Doll Sullivan gave a hosiery shower last evening, in honor of Miss Lulu Frields. All those present voted it a grand success.
 Among the arrivals today was a party of land seekers from North Dakota, who wish to locate homesteads in this vicinity.
 Petitions for naturalization have been filed in the district court by Albert G. Bell, of Chinook, and Arthur H. Lucas, of Highwood.
 George Robinson, of Whittish, who was admitted to the Sanitarium Wednesday, to receive attention for a severe attack of stomach trouble, died at that institution last night.
 According to information received today, by Congressman Charles N. Pray, his majority in Montana at the recent election was about 500 larger than that of two years ago. This is gratifying news to his northern Montana friends.
 The jury in the case of John Smith, charged with assault with intent to kill, returned a verdict of guilty before the adjournment of district court last evening, leaving sentence to be fixed by the court. The case of James McLaren, charged with robbery, was on trial at today's session of court.
 John B. Rauch, of Lewistown, a former resident of this city, was among the arrivals today. In discussing the Judith basin as a great wheat raising country, Mr. Rauch ventured the opinion that the lands in this vicinity are similar in character to those in Fergus county, and will be converted into wheat fields at an early date.
 Election returns received today from Landusky and Phillips precincts, with news that no election was held at Solid, probably settle the contest for clerk and recorder. They make the total for this office stand: Sedgwick 985; Hudson 953, and it is believed the returns from a few small precincts not yet reported will not materially change the situation.
 A transaction in beef cattle, involving about \$18,000, took place yesterday, a shipment that had been gathered by local stockmen being purchased by Mr. Frazier, representing the Frye-Bruhn company, of Seattle. There were about 330 head in the outfit, the steers selling at \$55 to \$60 per head, and the cows at \$37. Part of the herd belonged to members of the Shonkin Stock association, and part to other shippers.
 Great Falls Tribune: An interesting wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, on Wednesday evening, when Mr. A. L. Lewis, of Floweree, and Miss Mary Rodgers were united in marriage by the Rev. J. A. Martin, of the First M. E. church. A wedding supper followed for fifty guests, the majority of them being of Scotch ancestry. The supper was followed by a program of Scottish songs and recitations, in which many of the guests participated.
From Monday's Daily.
 Clint Sallor, of Gildford, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.
 Mrs. Geo. L. Overfield returned yesterday from an extended visit with friends in Great Falls.
 Walter Brown, the well known Box Elder stockman, is among the business visitors in town.
 C. H. Ragland returned yesterday from Chicago, where he marketed a big outfit of mutton sheep.
 J. D. Holliday, of Cascade, who is largely interested in the sheep business, was among the arrivals yesterday.
 Thomas J. Murphy was received at the county jail today from Chinook to serve thirty days for petit larceny. The prisoner was sentenced by Justice H. B. Brooks, of Chinook.
 The trial of James McLaren, on a charge of robbery, was concluded in the district court Saturday afternoon, the jury returning a verdict of guilty. The sentence will be fixed by the court.
 The local football team met the Havre men's team on the gridiron yesterday, and found themselves up against a hard proposition. The Havre team won by a score of 24 to nothing.
 John Norden, of Warrick, who is among the visitors in town, brings news of the death of A. Helt, of that vicinity, Friday morning. The deceased had been on the sick list for several months with kidney trouble.
 James Hanson, who was arrested at Havre some time ago on a charge of robbery, was on trial in the district court today. The accused is alleged to have robbed a Jap named Kamura of a pocketbook containing cash and checks to the amount of about \$90, but the evidence showed that the plunder was found in a patch of weeds near the place where the alleged holdup

occurred. As the testimony was not sufficient to convict, the court instructed the jury to acquit the accused.
From Tuesday's Daily.
 For rent, a warm, rain proof barn. Apply at Ward & Morrison store.
 Carl F. Hensen and wife, of Fortman, were among the arrivals today.
 Have you bought your ticket for the dance on Thanksgiving eve? Come, and bring your friends.
 Born, on Saturday, at the Fort Benton Sanitarium, to the wife of Ernest Ward, of Big Sandy, a daughter.
 Judgment by default has been entered in the district court in the civil suit of Alonzo Ellis vs. J. D. Bush.
 Among the recent marriages in Great Falls is that of Warren Steele and Miss Augusta Smith, of this vicinity.
 All orders for suits, cloaks, dresses, and everything pertaining to ladies' wear, will receive prompt attention at the "Toggery."
 W. E. Barrows, of Pleasant valley, who is in town today, reports that plowing is still being done on several ranches in that locality.
 There are 2,408 pensioners living in Montana, who were paid \$407,301 in pensions last year, according to the report of Pension Commissioner Daventport.
 The board of county commissioners will meet tomorrow, to make an official canvass of the election returns. A tabulated statement of the Chouteau county vote will appear later.
 Marriage licenses have been issued by the clerk of the district court to Thomas W. Kenney and Anna Curtis, of Havre; and to Oscar Deitrich and Lillian A. Skurud, of Chester.
 The trial of Henry Sweeney in the district court, on a charge of robbery, was out short today, the court instructing the jury to acquit the defendant upon the evidence presented.
 Preparations for extensive farming operations next spring are being made by several local residents. Messrs. Savage, Anderson and Baker received a 45-horsepower plowing outfit today, which will be put to work as soon as conditions are favorable.
 The funeral of the late George Robinson, of Whittish, took place yesterday at St. Paul's Episcopal church, with a number of friends in attendance. The deceased, who was about 48 years of age, had been a resident of Sweet Grass hills about eight years, and had a wide acquaintance in that locality.
 One of the largest horse trades of the season was closed yesterday, J. L. Peacock purchasing the rocking chair brand from Henry Griesbach, of the Teton. The outfit, including this year's colts, numbers about 200 head. Mr. Peacock has bought about 8,000 Montana horses during the past few years, and considers the Griesbach bunch the best of the lot.
 William A. Mitzner, of Hawarden, in the Arrow creek country, died Sunday at his home in that locality from typhoid fever, after an illness of several weeks. The deceased, who was about 36 years old, was the son-in-law of Jas. H. Culley, of Hawarden, and came here from Indiana with his wife and four children. The funeral services were held today at St. Paul's Episcopal church.
MAY RIDE ON PASSES.
 Supreme Court Explains Effect of Its Recent Decision.
 HELENA, Nov. 11.—In denying the motion for a rehearing of the famous Terry John personal injury suit against the Northern Pacific better known as the "pass case," the supreme court outlined in part to whom the companies can issue free transportation, but, in the opinion written by Justice Smith says that there may be other classes upon which the court is not fully advised, the matter being up to the railroad companies themselves. The court says that a railroad company may lawfully issue free transportation, or sell tickets at reduced rates, as the case may warrant, to the following classes of persons:
 "First—Employees of the issuing road and the members of their families.
 "Second—Doctors, nurses and helpers being hurried to wrecks.
 "Third—Soldiers and sailors going to or coming from institutions for their keeping.
 "Fourth—Ministers of religion and persons engaged in charitable and religious work.
 "Members and employees of the railroad commission should be allowed to ride free only when traveling on official business. Section 4369, revised codes, so provided. The state and the railroad companies are alike interested in a speedy physical inspection of the subject matter of investigation by such officers. When on private business they should pay fare. See section 4394, revised codes.
 "No reason exists why children, and persons who by reason of physical defects, injuries or deformities, or other misfortune, are unable to compete with mankind in general should not be placed in classes by themselves and carried free or at reduced rates."

SETTLERS ALLEGE FRAUD.
 Disappointed Homesteaders Bring Suit Against Locators.
 According to the Great Falls Leader, two suits for damages aggregating \$9,000 have been started in the Cascade county district court against A. H. Stewart, Clarence Tipple and George Boynton, doing business under the name of Stewart, Tipple & Boynton, at Carter, in Chouteau county. The suits were filed by Attorney Sam Stephenson, representing two Iowa men who came to Montana last fall to locate on homesteads and who allege that through the deceit of defendants they were induced to enter on worthless lands which they have since been forced to abandon.
 C. L. Culver of Decorah, Iowa, is the plaintiff in the larger suit against the Carter business men. Culver alleges that he came to Montana in November, 1909, to locate on some land, and that he was induced by defendants to allow them to make secure his entry for him at the price of \$25. He claims that they located a homestead for him, that he paid them \$25, and subsequently paid \$22 to the Great Falls land office as costs of the location. He then says he moved his household furniture from Decorah to Carter at a cost of \$104, that he purchased building material for a house at a cost of \$50, that he spent several months in making preparations for going on his homestead, which time was worth \$500.
 It is then alleged that the land located by the defendants was found to be of no value. That it was worthless for agricultural purposes, and that, although there was plenty of good land, the plaintiff had been given a valueless homestead. When he found that his land was of no value, the complaint says, Culver was left out of employment for several months. He had sold his business in Iowa and had nothing to do. Damages on this score to the extent of \$1,200 are demanded. Culver alleges that he was forced to abandon his entry and that he lost his rights, to his damage, in the amount of \$3,200. Total damages of \$5,101 are demanded.
 In the second suit for damages amounting to \$3,947, Alonzo E. Kenyon of Decorah, Iowa, is the plaintiff. His allegations are much the same as those in Culver's suit. He claims that he paid the Carter firm \$25 to locate a piece of land for him, that he later was forced to pay \$22 to the Great Falls land office for the entry, and that upon investigation he found his land worthless, was compelled to abandon it and lost his entry rights to his damage in the sum of \$3,200. He also purchased a well-drilling outfit at a cost of \$200, and lost much time in preparing to move at an expense of \$500. Full reparation is demanded in the sum of \$3,947.
TWO MEET TRAGIC DEATH.
 Two Boy Hunters Lost On Prairie Succumb To Exposure.
 News of the most distressing incident that ever happened in this vicinity was received Sunday, when the lifeless bodies of Walter Shultz and Amos Shultz were brought to town to be prepared for burial. The deceased were two young boys, only eleven and twelve years of age, the sons of William Shultz, who is located on a bench land homestead about fourteen miles southeast of this city.
 It appears that one of the boys shot a prairie chicken Wednesday morning, and was eager to secure more game. Mr. Shultz was in town that day, but the two boys prevailed upon their mother to allow them to go hunting, and they struck out across the prairie. They were caught in a heavy snowstorm late in the afternoon, became bewildered and wandered around in the darkness, and late at night were evidently exhausted—finally lying down and being overcome with sleep from which they never awakened.
 A search for the missing boys was instituted Wednesday night and was continued throughout Thursday and Friday, but no trace of them was found until Saturday. The little bodies were found by the grief stricken father and friends, the features showing evidence of exposure to the elements.
 The bereaved parents came here from Fairfield, Wash., last spring, and the remains will be taken to that place for burial.
Pleasant Valley Items.
 Chas. Smith has received word that his mother is very sick in Seattle.
 John Brooks and the Simmon Brothers are enjoying a visit from their parents of Ho, Idaho.
 Messrs. Morris and Fred Idings are recent arrivals in the valley. The former has a ranch here, and the latter is looking over the country with a view of locating.
 Soon after its organization, the Pleasant Valley Sunday school was divided into a new membership contest. The contest is to last three months, and the winning side to be entertained by the other. The contest closed in a tie, each side getting 21 new members, making a total mem-

bership of 64. As it was a tie the whole Sunday school went in for the entertainment and the big social was held last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen. In spite of the disagreeable roads and weather 55 were present. A sumptuous dinner was served, which revealed the pleasing fact that the best cooks of several states had settled here in Pleasant valley. The singing by the Misses Rina and Ora LaBarre was greatly appreciated as was also the duets by the Rodabush brothers, and the rendering of "The Archery of William Tell" by Mr. Dimoch.
 Other songs and recitations added to the entertainment. It was a jolly crowd and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. This is only the beginning of pleasant times for the pleasant people of Pleasant valley.
 Wm. and John Primus of Nezperce, Idaho, have established their residences on their homesteads in the eastern part of the valley.
 Mr. Noordhoff has arrived and is building on his claim north of Mr. Wamsley's, near Dry Fork.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wellman are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy, who came last Monday. He has the honor of being the first child born in Pleasant valley.
 Improvements are steadily being made in the valley. Mr. Allen has built a good sized bank barn, and other such stables are under construction. A good deal of fencing is also being done, and everybody is preparing for winter.
 Sunday School at Arthur Allen's Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m. Rev. Edwards will preach a Thanksgiving sermon at 2 p. m.
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, Montana, between the hours of 3 and 3 o'clock p. m. of Monday, Nov. 28, 1910, the following described real estate, title to which has been acquired by the county, to-wit: The county's interest in the northeastern twenty feet of lot number 13, and the southwestern twenty-five feet of lot number 13, all in block number 4, of the original townsite of the town of Fort Benton, 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. R. LEET, County Clerk. Fort Benton, Mont., October 27, 1910.
Notice to Contractors.
 Sealed proposals for furnishing medical prescriptions and medicines for county charges that may be kept in the city of Fort Benton, at the jail, or at the Sanitarium, or within a radius of three miles from the city of Fort Benton, Chouteau county, Montana.
 Sealed proposals will be received by the county clerk of Chouteau county, Montana, up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of December 5, 1910, for furnishing prescriptions, medicines and bandages and special prescriptions, including morphine, cocaine, and kindred drugs in doses larger than one-half grain, also all spirituous liquors, alcohol, and everything ordered by a county physician from a drug store for the use of county charges. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
 By order of the board of county commissioners. W. R. LEET, County Clerk. Fort Benton, Mont., Nov. 4, 1910.
Notice To Bridge Contractors.
 Sealed proposals will be received by the county clerk of Chouteau county, Montana, up to the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of December 5, 1910, for the building of four concrete piers, three feet square and twelve feet long, with connecting walls one foot thick, and twelve feet long. Wing walls to be one foot thick, and twelve feet long and twelve feet high, of which there will be four. All concrete to be of the proportion of 1, 3, 4. The bridge to be built from the jail yard and erected on said piers. Bridge is sixty-four feet long, and fourteen feet wide in the clear. All steel work to be given two coats of good mineral paint before erection and one coat after erection.
 Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the county clerk at the above named place.
 Said bridge is one and one-half miles from Fort Benton.
 Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for the amount of the above bid. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
 By order of the board of county commissioners. W. R. LEET, County Clerk. Fort Benton, Mont., Nov. 4, 1910.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION
 OF THE
Stockmen's National BANK,
 AT FORT BENTON,
 In the State of Montana, at the close of business, November 10, 1910.
RESOURCES.
 Loans and discounts..... \$1,160,811 31
 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 30,964 66
 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 200,000 00
 Premiums on U. S. Bonds..... 6,000 00
 Bonds, securities, etc..... 3,148 80
 Banking house, furniture and fixtures..... 16,000 00
 Other real estate owned..... 1,000 00
Cash Resources.
 Due from national banks (not reserve agents)..... \$15,338 73
 Due from state banks and bankers..... 2,301 14
 Due from approved reserve agents..... 287,328 09
 Checks and other cash items..... 651 59
 Notes of other national banks..... 699 00
 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents..... 289 50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:
 Specie..... 104,691 35
 Legal tender notes..... 2,560 00 363,873 00
 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)..... 10,000 00
Total..... \$1,781,947 77
LIABILITIES.
 Capital stock paid in..... \$200,000 00
 Surplus fund..... 250,000 00
 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 78,788 65
 National bank notes outstanding..... 250,000 00
Deposits.
 Due to other national banks \$ 2,150 55
 Due state and private banks and bankers..... 5,000 00
 Individual deposits subject to check..... 568,328 43
 Demand certificates of deposit 7,973 29
 Time certificates of deposit 317,750 69
 Cashier's checks outstanding 2,522 76 1,103,179 13
Total..... \$1,781,947 77
 State of Montana, county of Chouteau—SS. I, M. W. TOBEY, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 M. W. TOBEY, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1910.
 JOHN V. CARROLL JR., Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
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