

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.
 Jos. F. Valadon, of Havre, is among the business visitors in town.
 Chas. A. Smith, the well known Harlem merchant, was among the arrivals today.
 Elmer E. Briggs and H. C. Lyng, of Highwood, are visiting with Fort Benton friends.
 D. R. McGinnis, of KallsPELL, owner of the townsite of Galata, arrived today on a short business visit.
 Mrs. James Fuller, of Tulsa, who was badly bitten by a dog yesterday, is under treatment at the Sanitarium.
 Conrad Kulage and Aug. Heydt, who arrived from the Shonkin today, report a long spell of winter weather in that locality.
 Margaret McCauley has applied to the district court for letters of administration in the estate of A. A. McCauley, deceased.
 W. R. Leet and wife arrived from Chinook today, to resume their residence here. Mr. Leet's term as county treasurer begins Monday.
 The lecture by Congressman Henry George, announced for Monday evening, has been indefinitely postponed, Mr. George having canceled the engagement.
 The First National bank, of Harlem, has brought suit in the district court against Geo. W. Vennum, to recover about \$400 alleged to be due on a promissory note.
 Jos. S. Brown, who returned today from a business trip to Chicago, found sad news awaiting him. A cablegram announces the death of his mother, at the old home in Scotland.
 An auction sale of horses was held today by James Coates and Tony Henebrink, a large number of ranchers being in attendance. There was good competition for most of the offerings, and fair prices were realized.
 L. G. Miles, colored, was brought to the county jail today by Constable Thomas, to await trial in the district court on the charge of resisting an officer. The prisoner was bound over by Justice W. B. Pyper, of Havre.

From Monday's Daily.
 Henry Norden, of Warrick, arrived today on county road business.
 Attorney W. B. Sands, of Chinook, arrived today on district court business.
 James Fineran, of Wagner, arrived today on business before the county commissioners.
 J. M. Everett, who arrived from Harlem today, is under treatment at the Sanitarium.
 W. S. Towner, formerly county attorney, arrived from Helena yesterday on a short visit.
 L. W. Pierson, of the Havre Promoter, and A. J. Buell, of the Great Falls Tribune, are among the business in town.
 Hon. H. F. Schwartz, one of Chouteau county's representatives in the twelfth assembly, is visiting with Cyrus Buck and family.
 The board of county commissioners met today in regular quarterly session, Messrs. Skylestad, Kennedy and Downen being in attendance.
 Among the arrivals today were G. W. Fields and wife and G. W. Fields, Jr., who have been spending a few weeks at Long Beach, Cal.

Read the adv. of T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd. in this issue, explaining how to earn a new suit of clothes, a new pair of shoes, or a Stetson hat.
 W. R. Leet succeeded L. O. Hudson today, as treasurer of Chouteau county, in accordance with the favorable vote cast for him at the November election.
 A certificate of location for the Last Chance quartz claim, in the Little Rockies, was filed in the county clerk's office today by H. S. Whitcomb, of Zortman.
 I. M. Rogers, of Cleveland, who is among the visitors in town, reports difficult traveling in that part of the Bear Paw country, the snow being about a foot deep on the level.
 A number of residents of Big Sandy and vicinity were among the arrivals today, the delegation including W. A. Ragan, Archie McMillan, J. J. Tingley, Mrs. R. S. Tingley and others.
 George Donnelly, who had an interview with Police Magistrate Kinder on a charge of disturbing the peace, was assessed a fine of \$15 upon his promise to pay a like amount as damages to the complaining witness.
 Advices from Culbertson report that the Merchants' and Farmers' bank at that place has been closed, and that its cashier, V. E. Bostwick, has disappeared. An alleged shortage of about \$15,000 in his accounts has caused the authorities to take action in the matter, and endeavor to locate the absconding cashier.
 James Griffin, of Chinook, president of the Chouteau county fair association, interviewed the board of county commissioners today on behalf of that popular and meritorious institution. The board decided to make an appropriation of \$1,000 for the county fair, and one of \$500 with which to secure a Chouteau county exhibit at the state fair.

From Tuesday's Daily.
 Special price on brooms—65c values for 50c. T. C. Power & Bro., Ltd.
 The Eklund photo studio in this city will be open Sunday, March 12, for one day only.
 Henry Morrow and A. L. Morrow, of Sedgwick, Alta., were among the arrivals today.
 Egval Mickelson, of Big Sandy, was received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.
 M. J. Joyce, of this city, who was taken to St. Clare hospital Sunday, is reported to be seriously sick with pneumonia.
 Maurice Spangler, of Chester, who recently returned from a trip to Texas, arrived today on business before the county commissioners.
 In the settlement between the retiring county treasurer and his assessor yesterday, a big bunch of public money was transferred. Mr. Leet received from Mr. Hudson cash balances in the several funds aggregating over \$252,000.
 Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office today by the Surety Abstract company, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are F. B. Gould, of Balfour, N. Dak.; G. J. Bonine and May Bonine, of this city.
 Advices from Helena as to the effect that the bill providing for an additional judge for this judicial district has been approved by Governor Norris, who will appoint the new judge in due course. It is understood that several Chouteau county attorneys are aspirants for the position.
 We have just received a shipment of ladies' spring coats, suits and dresses. The garments will not be allowed to remain here for any great length of time, and for that reason it would be advisable for anyone wishing to see these new styles to do so as soon as possible. The Toggerly.
 The Bear Paw Mountaineer is the title of a new journalistic venture at Big Sandy, by Paul R. Flint, the first issue of which has been received at this office. The Mountaineer promises to be a worthy newspaper representative of that part of Chouteau county, and will be a welcome visitor to our exchange table.
 Miss Blackstone, county superintendent of schools, announces that the following applicants were successful at the recent examination for teachers' certificates: First grade—Lillian A. Evans. Second grade—Adeline L. Farrell, James A. McCrae, W. G. McClure, Alvin Brazee, Florence McDonald. Third grade—Ella C. Donald, Barton L. Wiley, Margaret Kolbenson.

Pleasant Valley Items.
 If this snow should melt rapidly or go off with a rain, some of the "dry landers" would almost need a boat to get around.
 A good many farmers are ordering a small amount of nursery stock for the spring's planting.
 Nearly all the men in Pleasant Valley transacted business in Fort Benton Saturday, and attended what they supposed would be a horse sale.
 Roy Gallagher is sick in bed with what he supposed was grippe, but Dr. Cotton pronounced it a case of pneumonia. He is getting along as well as could be expected and hopes to be up soon.
 As Dr. Cotton was returning from a visit to Roy Gallagher Saturday night his team ran away, scattering robes and pill boxes out on the prairie. Nothing was damaged, however, though the men had to walk nearly to town. After some lively running on the prairie, the team proved that they needed no driver when headed toward Fort Benton. W. E. B.

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The New Chateau House, Fort Benton

ALFALFA ON DRY LAND.

Suggestions Off red By Agricultural College Expert.

Professor Alfred Atkinson, of the Montana experiment station, has a number of suggestions to offer regarding the method of handling alfalfa on dry lands. He suggests that the seed bed for alfalfa should be very carefully prepared. The practice of seeding this crop on new breaking has not brought success in getting a good stand the first year. For this reason he suggests that the land should be cropped for two or three years before any attempt whatsoever is given to the growing of alfalfa. Briefly stated the following suggestions will apply to the method of preparing the land for alfalfa.
 Plow during the spring or early summer to a depth of five or six inches, and double disk the land immediately behind the plow. During the summer a mulch should be maintained upon the land. The latter part of August or the early part of September early fall wheat may be sown or the field may be allowed to remain until spring and seeded to some spring crops, like flax, hullless barley or early oats.
 The following spring the stubble land should be plowed and carefully worked down. The land should then be allowed to lie without a crop and handled under a system of summer tillage. A large amount of moisture will be stored in the soil by this method of handling the land.
 The third spring after plowing the alfalfa can be seeded. From eight to ten pounds of seed are used per acre. The alfalfa is seeded alone and the seeds are placed in the soil by the use of the drill. No crop is usually had from alfalfa on dry land the first year. When the plants reach a height of eight to ten inches they are cut off with the mower and allowed to remain upon the surface of the land. This acts as a sort of mulch and the clipping of the upper part of the plants will tend to encourage the root growth. Then two years after the alfalfa is seeded a good crop can annually be obtained. The method of cutting alfalfa for hay on the dry land is the same as upon the irrigated land.

WILL CONTINUE PROBE.

Investigation of Livestock Board Affairs Is In Progress.
 Not for some months, in all probability, will the public learn the facts ascertained by the joint committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the office of the secretary of the state board of livestock commissioners, says the Helena Record. The house committee, consisting of A. Bridge of Fergus, Murray of Beaverhead, McMurray of Ravalli and Brady of Park, presented a partial report last evening, which was read and adopted.
 "We deem it not best for the public interest to disclose at this time our conclusions," was the significant sentence in the report. The report stated that the committee organized for the first time January 19 and had held several sessions since that date. Under the provisions of S. B. 99 it now has a legal existence and its special attorney and accountant are also legally authorized.
 "We have taken certain testimony and examined the records, books and other documentary evidence in connection with the office of the state board of stock commissioners," continues the report, "but deem it not best for the public interest to disclose at this time our conclusions therefrom."
 "Provisions have been made by joint resolution for meetings of the committee during the next six months and a detailed report made by them to the governor. It is the intention of the committee to see that a thorough, full and impartial investigation of all of the transactions of the state board of stock commissioners is made and the responsibility for any irregularities or defalcations that may have occurred in said office to be fixed. From the information which we have gathered, we are of the opinion that the legislature was fully justified in requiring a most thorough investigation of that office, and such investigation will be completed and our report in detail filed at the earliest possible moment."

New Road Supervisors Appointed.

Petitions for the appointment of road supervisors were considered by the county commissioners at their meetings Monday and Tuesday, the following list giving the appointments made for the several districts, with the postoffice address of the appointees:
 1. Wm. Cecil, Fort Benton.
 2. Edward Moe, Big Sandy.
 3. Geo. T. Murray, Fort Benton.
 4. James Stillwell, Lonetree.
 5. Chas. H. Reed, Harlem.
 6. Adolph Stocklin, Havre.
 7. Fred A. Prosser, Chinook.
 8. Ralph W. Waite, Whitlash.
 9. G. A. Wilson, Cleveland.
 10. Geo. L. Bowles, Landusky.
 11. Fred Tegen, Savoy.
 12. John Anderson, Lloyd.
 13. Adolf Stepman, Marias.
 14. Emil H. Nielson, Warrick.
 15. John Shoemaker, Zortman.
 16. Ezra Ereaux, Wagner.
 17. Dan Dupes, Shonkin.
 18. Elmer A. Smith, Gold Butte.
 19. Nels C. Christiansen, Box Elder.
 20. Daniel Nicholson, Dodson.
 21. Chas. Soderstrom, Harlem.
 22. W. S. Weatherill, Harlem.
 23. James Griffin, Chinook.
 24. Albert Borgrud, Ada.
 25. August Johnson, Fort Benton.
 26. A. B. Clarke, Havre.
 27. Leon Lasalle, Havre.
 28. John Lohse, Lohse.
 29. John B. Lazure, Chester.
 30. Carson Corrigan, Lloyd.
 31. E. W. Laws, Wilder.
 32. Percy Wilson, Havre.
 33. James Morgan, Harlem.
 34. Archie McMillan, Big Sandy.
 35. Thos. Keith, Alma.
 36. Clyde E. Turner, Harlem.
 37. A. L. Lewis, Floweree.
 38. Geo. Sherry, Fort Benton.

MISSOULA, March 4.—Missoula has lost no time in taking the preliminary steps in an attempt to secure a commission form of government. Friday afternoon about 30 prominent men started out with petitions to get the signatures of 25 per cent. of the voters of the city, in the hope that the lists can be completed in time to present to the city council at its meeting Saturday night.

LAND SCRIP WILL APPLY.

The ruling of the Land Department that a Soldiers' Additional Homestead entry is NOT a homestead entry (although so recognized for forty years) has been a blessing in disguise to the people of Northern Montana, or that vast domain North of the Missouri and Marias Rivers, which was once part of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.
 The decision referred to led to efforts of relief and the result is an Act of Congress (approved March 3, 1911), of great importance to the people of that region.
 In general, this Act makes the former Blackfeet Reservation subject to the operations of the public land laws generally. Homestead entries may now be commuted (not under the Enlarged Homestead Act) and this right will be widely beneficial. Timber and Stone entries may be made and isolated tracts purchased.
 Best of all, if you want quick title to a tract of public land for any purpose, you can secure same by the use of LAND SCRIP. The new law makes scrip applicable. And we "have the goods." We recommend approved Santa Fe Scrip as its use is an ASSURANCE of patent in a few months. We have Recertified and other scrip for townsites and scrip to fit every situation. We also have scrip for UNSURVEYED LANDS. From one acre to ten thousand acres.
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Changes At Sunnyside Hot Springs.
 Few people realize the great changes which have been made at Sunnyside Hot Springs during the past year. Under the able management of Mr. D. I. Ames the buildings have been enlarged, the dining room beautifully decorated and the bathing arrangements greatly improved. The old Keeley institute has been sold and moved to Helena and the place is now equal to many of the best hotels at Hot Springs, Arkansas.
 An expert masseur has been secured for the men's department and a high class trained nurse for the women. There is no better place to go for rest, recreation or for the treatment of rheumatism, nervousness or stomach trouble than Sunnyside Hot Springs at Alhambra, Montana. *

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