

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

A. E. McLeish and wife left today on a trip to the Pacific coast.

Charles Schwandt, of Lonetree, is among the business visitors in town.

Attorney John Collins, of Harlem, arrived today on district court business.

Thos. J. Todd, a former resident of this city, arrived today from Gall, Canada.

O. G. Osnes, the well known Kuer-ville stockman, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.

A marriage license has been issued at Great Falls to D. M. Jacobsen and Bertha Severson, both of Chinook.

Roy F. Clary, of Great Falls, a member of the livestock firm of J. B. Long & Co., was among the arrivals from the west today.

The election of school trustees in each district will be held next Saturday, the first Saturday in April, which is the date provided by the Montana school laws.

Elmer Walker, of Highwood, who underwent an operation at the Sanitarium a few days ago, for appendicitis, is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Paul Deselles, who was recently arrested on a charge of damaging the county jail at Chester, entered a plea of guilty at today's session of district court. Judge Tattan assessed the defendant a jail sentence of six months.

Mahlon Williams, of Big Sandy, who is among the business visitors in town, has recently received a patent for a new well drilling device of his own invention. The machine is said to be superior in several respects to those heretofore in use.

The Imperial Elevator company has brought suit in the district court against J. M. Goodheart, of Harlem, to recover an alleged indebtedness of \$984. The complaint states that defendant owes that amount for lumber and other building material supplied by plaintiff.

From Monday's Daily.

John Buckley, of Chinook, is visiting with his brother, Phil Buckley, of this city.

Geo. W. Lovinger and C. A. Lovinger, of Virgelle, are among the business visitors in town.

Mrs. Fred Thies, of Lostlake, arrived today from an extended visit with friends in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Allan Gray, of Highwood, returned yesterday from a three weeks visit at Boulder Hot Springs.

A. S. Lohman, of Chinook, arrived today to attend a meeting of the directors of the Stockman's National Bank.

J. O. Patterson and family, who have been visiting in Maryland the past month, were among the arrivals from the east today.

Declarations of their intention to become American citizens were filed in the district court today by Peter J. McGowan, of Hayre; Lawrence Vallon, of Chinook; Alfred Thomas, of Virgelle; W. W. Hearson, of Chester; and L. Larvick, of Riedel.

From Tuesday's Daily.

W. H. Tomas, of Highwood, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.

Mrs. I. A. Turner and Miss Brady, of Hawarden, are among the visitors in town.

Lewistown, the county seat of Fergus county, has a population rating of 2,992 in the thirteenth census.

Mrs. Comer, a former resident of this city, has opened a millinery and dress making establishment in the DeLorimer building on Main street.

The ladies of the Altar society of the Catholic church will meet on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Rev. Father Phalen.

Word was received today from Seattle, announcing the death of Mrs. F. N. Wilson, a former resident of this city. Mrs. Wilson was the mother of the late Mrs. Geo. D. Patterson.

Two patients who became tired of quarantine and wandered past the "dead line," had an interview with Justice Kinder today. They were assessed a fine of \$10 each, which was promptly paid.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today to Rudolph Raimana, of Chinook and Bertha Bushmann, of Milwaukee. The applicants were married by Justice Kinder this morning.

The civil suit of Karl H. Dodge against George W. Vernum, in which a judgment of \$153 in favor of plaintiff was rendered in Justice Minugh's court at Harlem, has been appealed to the district court. The suit related to an alleged indebtedness for livery stable service.

Judge Rasch, in the federal court at Helena, has appointed T. M. Everett and E. M. Kennedy, of Harlem, and L. V. Bogy, of Chinook, as a board of commissioners to appraise the value of a small tract of land belonging to Daniel Nickolson which the government seeks to condemn. The land will be flooded by the construction of the Dodson dam on the Milk river project.

A law was passed at the last session

of the legislature reducing the recording fees of county clerks. The principal instruments affected are the following: Chattel mortgage, 50 cents; real estate mortgage, short form, \$1.50; long form, \$2.00, except when such mortgage exceeds ten full; for every folio over ten an additional 20 cents; warranty deed, short form, \$1.50; quit claim deed, short form, \$1.00; land office register's certificate, 50 cents.

Frank Utter Appointed Judge.

Aspirants for the additional judgeship of this district were relieved of their suspense Tuesday evening, when word was received from Helena that Governor Norris had appointed Frank N. Utter, of Havre, to the position. It is understood that the appointee will make his residence at Glasgow, to better facilitate the transaction of court business in that part of the district.

Judge Utter is the recipient of congratulations from all parts of the district, over his elevation to the bench—an honor that was worthily conferred. Mr. Utter has practiced law in Chouteau county for several years past, is a man of good repute, and has a wide circle of friends in this part of Montana. Last fall he filled the office of Chouteau county attorney until the expiration of the term of Mr. Towner, who had resigned, and made a creditable record in that connection.

Citizens Party Primaries.

The interest in municipal affairs manifested by an unusually large attendance at the citizens' party primaries Thursday evening, indicates a spirit of civic progress among Fort Benton residents that should bring good results. The active participation of citizens in all public affairs is one of the best methods of obtaining good government in city, county, state or nation.

The business for which the primaries were called was the nomination of a candidate for alderman from each ward, the selection of delegates to the city convention, and the appointment of a ward committee for the ensuing year.

At the first ward primary, Jere J. Sullivan was nominated as the candidate for alderman.

Delegates to the city convention—John Ward, A. E. McLeish and W. R. Early, each delegate to appoint his own alternate.

Ward committee—Jno. V. Carroll, Sr., W. R. Early and E. L. Crane.

In the second ward, Frank S. Allen was nominated for alderman, by unanimous vote.

Delegates to city convention—A. J. Schmidt, J. B. Hansen, N. T. Chemidlin. Alternates—C. W. Morrison, Chas. H. Green, Frank Palmer.

Ward committee—Chas. H. Green, E. M. Porter, H. La Barre.

In the third ward, W. K. Harber was nominated to succeed himself as alderman.

Delegates to city convention—J. J. McGraw, Grant Sharp, I. Hunsberger. Alternates—J. E. Epperson, John Muir, A. P. Sheperdson.

Ward committee—L. D. Sharp, F. E. Stranahan, William Kinder.

The City Convention.

It required only a few minutes to transact the regular order of business at the city convention, held Saturday evening. The convention was called to order by F. A. Flanagan, a member of the city committee, and organized by electing Grant Sharp chairman and John Ward, secretary.

On motion duly seconded, Frank A. Flanagan was unanimously endorsed for re-election as city treasurer, after which the following city committee was chosen:

First ward—E. L. Crane. Second ward—N. T. Chemidlin. Third ward—Grant Sharp. The convention then adjourned.

Pleasant Valley Items.

Everybody is enjoying this fine weather. Plows have been running for nearly two weeks, and much building and fencing is being done.

Mrs. Ed. Wadsworth was recently called to Chicago by the sickness of her husband. She found him much improved however, and they will soon return to their homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Simmons, who have spent most of the winter in Fort Benton, are building on their homestead and now are residents of Pleasant Valley.

After being closed three months for the winter, the Pleasant Valley Sunday school will begin again next Sunday, April 2. It will meet at 2 p. m. at Mr. Allen's. Everybody is cordially invited.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Barrows closed a very successful six-months term of school. The last day was appropriately observed with exercises. The children were delighted with a bountiful treat of nuts and candy from Will Stellmon. This was the first school in Pleasant Valley and was held in Mr. Barrows' small claim shanty. An effort will be made to have a school district organized and a school house built this fall.

W. E. B.

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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Valerian: If you wish to see sixteen thousand acres of the best wheat that ever grew and as many acres of virgin soil in progress of being seeded take a jaunt through the Valier county. This is a great chunk of earth, and no mistake.

Glasgow Citizen: L. J. Christler, who has been visiting his farm near Havre, returned to this city Tuesday. He informed us that when he arrived at his ranch he found that someone had arrived ahead of him and as a result he found nothing in his shack but the floors.

Lewistown Democrat: Several thousand acres of flax will be sown in the Judith Basin this year. S. S. Bobson, of this city, will put in two hundred acres on his ranch while J. D. Waite, Fred Warren and other big ranchers ever in the valley will also sow large crops.

Chinook Opinion: Blue joint was quoted here last week at \$27.50. Word from Harlem is that the supply there is exhausted and that for the first time in the history of that community a car load of hay had been shipped in to supply local needs. Alfalfa hay was shipped there from Billings by one of the livery stables.

Chester Signal: Arrangements are being made to hold a mass meeting of the citizens of northwestern Chouteau county to discuss important matters. Friday, April 7th, is the day for the first monthly meeting of the Marias Farmers association, and the officers of the Marias County club have also issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at Chester the same day.

Valerian: Alderman Warcken took another dip into the earth this week when he paid \$23 an acre for a quarter section of "scientific" land north of town. By scientific we mean land that lies above the ditch and must be farmed according to methods prescribed for conserving the natural precipitation of moisture. It was a cash consideration and the tract is unimproved.

Choteau Acantha: The already numerous gasoline plow outfits in the vicinity of Choteau received an addition of four this week, and there are a number of others contracted for the present season. An immense acreage of prairie will be broken in the Choteau territory the coming summer and fall. It has got to be almost impossible to get breaking done with horses, and the ranchers are turning to gasoline outfits. Every spring sees more and more of them put into operation.

Poplar Standard: The allotments of the Fort Peck reservation will be completed, if nothing unforeseen happens, next month. It will then be up to the "powers that be" to appoint the appraising commission who will set the price to be paid for the land opened to homestead settlement. The minimum price, we understand is \$1.25 per acre. The appraising commissioners have to complete their work in nine months. From all indications, the date generally expected July 1st, 1912, will not miss the long looked for opening of one of the finest tracts of agricultural land in the West.

Advices Light Seeding.

Professor Thomas Shaw has issued instructions to the experiment farm to sow the following amounts of seed, says the Chester Signal, and it would be a very good plan for our readers to adopt the same schedule:

- Swedish Select oats..... 4 pecks
- Abundance oats..... 4 "
- Sixty-day oats..... 4 "
- Durum Spring wheat..... 4 "
- Fife Spring wheat..... 3 "
- White Hulless barley..... 3 "
- Manshuria barley..... 3 "
- Spring rye..... 5 "
- Speltz..... 5 "
- Navy field beans..... 3 "
- Canada field peas..... 3 "
- White hulless barley..... 2 "
- Common vetch..... 2 "
- White hulless barley..... 2 "
- Alfalfa..... 8 pounds
- Western rye grass..... 10 "
- Sainfoin (clover)..... 15 "
- Flax..... 1 1/2 pecks
- All corn in hills..... 1 "

Stockmen Will Meet at Chinook.

Announcement is made by Dr. Jno. V. Carroll, president of the North Montana Roundup association, that the sixteenth annual meeting of that live and progressive organization of stockmen will be held at Chinook on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26. These dates are arranged for the convenience of livestock commission men and other eastern visitors who propose to attend the Miles City meeting April 18 and 19, and also wish to take part in the convention of northern Montana stockmen.

The roundup association was organized at Chinook sixteen years ago, and its next annual meeting at its birthplace promises to be a gala event. The citizens of Chinook are preparing to give their stockmen friends the greatest time of their lives—arrangements with that purpose in view having been made at a meeting of Chinook business men Friday even-

ing. Chinook always does herself proud on such an occasion, and the entertainment that will be provided this year promises to surpass all former efforts.

SETTLERS ARE DISSATISFIED.

High Cost of Irrigation alleged to be Unreasonable.

GLENDIVE, March 26. — Nothing definite in the way of a settlement of the questions in controversy between the government and lower valley settlers seems to have resulted from a visit of Supervising Engineer H. N. Savage of the reclamation service, with headquarters in Helena.

The people of the valley are in a state of revolt against the ignoring of their petition of an extension of the time of payment, coupled with former Secretary Ballinger's order that accrued charges of construction and maintenance must be paid on or before April 1, or water right applications and homestead entries will be canceled with the added penalty of a revocation of the public notice placing the construction cost at \$42.50 per acre and the substitution therefor of a new notice, under which the building charge will be again increased to \$53 or \$55 per acre.

The present situation in the lower valley, under what is known as the lower Yellowstone irrigation project, is the climax of many misunderstandings. Being first promised an acreage cost of \$23, and not to exceed \$30 at the outside, the settlers were notified two years ago, when the first unit of the project was thrown open, that the charge for construction would be \$42.50 per acre.

The reclamation service claims that this increase cost over the original estimate (which is not denied, but is declared now to have been unofficially promulgated) is due to increased cost of labor and material. The settlers allege that wasteful and extravagant methods of construction, together with the correction of mistakes in engineering, are largely responsible for the high cost per acre. But they were willing to waive this and accept the charge of \$42.50 per acre, provided they were relieved of construction charges until Dec. 1, 1914, giving them opportunity to get their land in shape for irrigating.

They petitioned the department to this effect and a bill was passed through congress giving the secretary authority to make such an arrangement. Instead of so doing, Secretary Ballinger, as one of his last official acts, promulgated the order which is the cause of the present turmoil.

Most of the settlers under this project had patents to their lands before the government undertook the work. They farmed successfully for years without irrigation. They now declare that, unless they are treated more fairly, they will absolutely refuse to take the water, and that the worst the government can do is to cancel the water right and sue for a lien on the land. On the other hand, there are many newer settlers who would lose their homesteads as well, and altogether it is a bad situation at the present time.

LIBBY, March 27.—Libby is to have a laundry that will be operated by goat power. Mrs. Catherine Williams, who owns a herd of Angora goats, has ordered the machinery for a laundry, with a tread power attachment, which the goats will operate. Several of the animals have already been trained for treadmill work.

Sheepmen, Attention.

We will have spring range until shearing, for two or three extra bands of sheep on our Black Conlee sheep range. A. L. SUTHERLAND.

Turkeys For Sale.

Golden bronze turkeys of both sexes for sale, by the pair or dozen. For particulars address MRS. J. L. EVERSON, Fort Benton.

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