

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

W. L. Weaver and wife, of Chinook, were among the arrivals today.

W. M. Cox and D. D. Pugh, of Nezperce, Ida., were among the arrivals today.

H. C. Delaney and James S. Carnal, of Havre, are among the business visitors in town.

A marriage license was issued at Great Falls yesterday to Oscar N. Nelson and Ida Splitt, both of Carter.

Mrs. Chas. Lepley was hostess to a number of young people yesterday afternoon, who were pleasantly entertained at a needlework party.

Declarations of intention to become American citizens were filed in the district court today by Stanley D. Adams and Thomas Adams, of Big Sandy, and M. Henig, of Havre.

Two handsome Rambler automobiles were today added to the number of horseless vehicles in town, D. G. Lockwood and H. J. Wackerlin being the owners of the new machines.

Phil Greenan, adjutant general of the Montana national guard, and Captain Tucker, quartermaster, arrived today to instruct members of Company M in some of their military duties.

The trial of A. J. Bolstad, on a charge of forgery, was to have been commenced in the district court today, but the absence of an important witness caused a postponement of the proceedings until Monday.

A Washington press dispatch says orders have been issued for the establishment, July 1, of a city mail delivery service in Havre, with two letter carriers, one substitute carrier, ten street letter boxes and other necessary equipment.

The prospective abandonment of Fort Assiniboine as a military post is indicated by the announcement of a big auction sale of government property at that place May 22. The list of articles that will be offered for sale includes practically all the tools, supplies and general equipment of the post.

There has been a steady procession of settlers' outfits leaving town the past few days, the wagons being loaded with household furniture, agricultural implements and general ranch supplies. Most of the outfits belong to settlers who availed themselves of the extension of time within which to establish residence on their claims, and which expires Monday, May 15.

From Monday's Daily.

W. W. Thorne, of Galata, is among the visitors in town.

J. A. Mahood, of Big Sandy, was among the arrivals today.

Mrs. Clem Lauer returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Helena.

Attorney L. V. Beaulieu, of Havre, is among the visitors attending district court.

F. A. Carnal, register of the Havre land office, spent yesterday with Fort Benton friends.

Apprehensions of a dry season were dispelled by a liberal rainfall in this vicinity today. The moisture is welcomed as an assurance of a good crop season on the bench lands.

The Big Sandy baseball boys had a pleasant time here yesterday, but failed to score in their game with the Fort Benton team. The result of the game was 16 to 0 in favor of the locals.

The Junior class of the Fort Benton high school is issuing invitations for a dance to be held in the opera house Friday evening, May 26. The invitations are being distributed among the friends of members of the class.

A news item from Washington says the comptroller of the currency has approved the application of Thomas O'Hanlon, Chris D. Miller, Paul McCann, Henry Kremer and J. Kuhr to organize the Farmers' National bank of Chinook, Montana, with a capital of \$25,000.

The track team of the Fort Benton high school returned Saturday night from the inter-scholastic meet at Missoula, where they were very hospitably entertained. The boys will always have pleasant recollections of their visit to Missoula and the state university.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office today by the Havre Brewing company, with a capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$300 has been subscribed. The incorporators are Henry Schmitt, Aloys Wutz and George Kuehorns, of Havre.

The trial of A. J. Bolstad on a charge of forgery was again postponed in the district court today, owing to the unexplained absence of H. C. Delaney, of Havre, who is an important witness. The court instructed the clerk to enter a fine of \$25 against Mr. Delaney, for his failure to appear.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Leonard Morrow arrived from Helena yesterday, on a visit with his parents.

In response to requests made by Senator Dixon, mail service on several routes in Montana will be improved. There will be a three times a

week service between Beatrice and Galata, and twice a week between Warrick and Big Sandy.

Attorney James Wilson, of Malta, is among the visitors attending district court.

J. M. Flood, charged with forgery, was received at the county jail today from Havre, to await trial in the district court.

The members of the Old Fort Improvement society will meet with Mrs. David G. Browne next Tuesday evening, May 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

A marriage license was issued this morning to James E. Grigg and Florence Rose, of Harlem. The wedding ceremony was performed by Justice Kinder a few hours later.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office by the Laredo Sheep company, of which Ed. Redwing, B. Wilson and Jno. Thompson are the incorporators. The company has a capital stock of \$40,000.

The civil suit of Ella M. Howe against M. D. O'Neill, of Wagner, an appeal case from the justice court, was on trial before a jury in the district court today. An alleged indebtedness for milk is the subject of the litigation.

The auction sale of state lands to be held in this city Thursday, May 18, is a subject of interest to many residents of this vicinity, who have selected certain tracts which they consider desirable property and will endeavor to purchase them. There promises to be keen competition and high prices for some of the offerings.

While no definite arrangements have yet been made for a Fourth of July celebration in this city, the members of Company M, Montana national guard have practically decided to take part in a sham battle on that occasion. It is understood that Adjutant General Greenan will be here to superintend the maneuvers.

Word was received today from Highwood announcing that Andrew Peterson, the well known hunter and trapper, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. The cause of the trouble is unknown. As the suicide is said to have taken place the other side of the county line, at a location in Cascade county, the local authorities have not been officially informed as to the circumstances.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

The story told by George Klass during his trial in the district court on a charge of murder, did not satisfy the jury that the killing of Herman Pagel was necessary to protect his own life. After considering the evidence about four hours, the jury reached a verdict Friday evening in which the defendant was declared guilty of the crime of manslaughter. The penalty will be fixed by the court.

The trial of Klass occupied three days, and was not marked by any incident of a sensational nature. It developed that Klass and Pagel had homesteads near each other about 20 miles northeast of Chinook, and were apparently on friendly terms. There was no evidence of a quarrel or ill-feeling that would provoke violence, and the jury was left in ignorance as to the cause that prompted Pagel to make an attack upon Klass with a shovel, as claimed by the defendant. There was some testimony to the effect that Pagel was of a morose and sullen disposition, but nothing to show that he entertained malice toward the defendant.

The jury had some difficulty in arriving at a verdict, the first ballot resulting in six of them voting for acquittal and six for conviction. Fourteen ballots in all are said to have been taken before the jury was unanimous for the verdict that was returned.

Important Public Land Decisions.

If paying crops can be obtained from land without irrigation, the land is not desert in character and is thus not subject to desert land entry. On the other hand, if it is claimed that land will not produce without irrigation and is upon that claim entered under the desert land law, then irrigation must be performed in order to acquire title.

A withdrawal of lands for reclamation purposes, under the provisions of the reclamation act prior to allowance of an entry, and the government intending to use the same for such purposes, has the effect of removing such lands from the class of lands subject to entry under the homestead act, and therefore cannot properly be restored to entry.

Where a contest affidavit is filed against a desert land entry, charging the non-desert character of said land because of only partial irrigation and reclamation thereof, under a prior homestead entry and water right, it is necessary to show that the entire irrigable area of the entry has been reclaimed. An affidavit alleging only partial reclamation is sufficient to maintain a charge that the land is non-desert.

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AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Higham Review: The Northern Montana Telephone Co. have completed their line from Havre to Chester, and last Saturday an instrument was installed in the Spaulding Hotel this city, so that now Higham has telephone connections with other points along the line.

Harlem News: Minot, North Dakota will soon be as well represented in Chouteau county as any other town in the country. Quite a number of Minot people are located on homesteads in the territory contiguous to Harlem, and that number will now be augmented by the addition of four more families.

Conrad Observer: The Rocky Mountain elevator was broken into some time last night and indications are that a wagon load of oats was carried off. Oats were scattered from the inside of the building to the road in the rear of the elevator. The thieves opened a chute in the oat bin and there is no way of telling how much oats were taken.

Havre Plaindealer: The Havre land office force is kept busy these days by the rush of homeseekers who desire their names entered on the rolls as having taken up their land allowance of the public domain. This office takes the lead of all other offices in the state in the number of filings made during the month of April, 1911, which aggregate 477, covering approximately 100,000 acres of land.

Shelby News: One of the unusual sights was the Geo. S. Berens traction train which pulled in from the west on Tuesday. The smoke was seen when the outfit hit the top of the hill and it looked to be nearly as long as one of Jim Hill's regular freights, as the engine was followed by the ten plows, two discs, then a water tank on wheels, then a small house on skids and two loaded wagons. It looked like a big load but the engine hauled it easily.

Harlem News: When the city council met in regular session Monday evening to canvass the returns of the special election held last Saturday to decide whether or not to bond the city for an electric light plant, it was discovered that the procedure followed in calling and holding the election was not according to the statutes made and provided. Consequently, although the proposition carried with only one vote registered against it, the whole proceedings will have to be repeated.

Chester Signal: An effort is being made by several communities to have new school districts created. In almost every case these new districts would be entirely dependent upon the apportionment and the meager amount received from taxes to support the school. We believe this is wrong. It looks to us as though the best thing to do would be to take the matter up with the trustees of the old district and endeavor to have a school under their direction rather than an independent one.

Malta Enterprise: Much disappointment is expressed by our people over the information that no further work will be done on the irrigation project this summer. Previous to this week there has been some hope that a portion of the work would be prosecuted. However, with the removal of the camps, and the surveying outfit, we are forced to lose confidence in the responses that have been made to the people of the valley, and must wait. How long would not be safe to predict.

Havre Promoter: Work on the petition for the creation of Hill county is progressing in fine shape now, and those in charge of the work state that it has reached a point where there can be no doubt whatever about securing the required number of signatures. At the time of going to press there were needed less than 200 signers to make up the required 50 per cent., and there are more than this number in Havre alone who have not signed. Besides a number of outside petitions are still out, which will bring the total up to more than is absolutely necessary to call a special election.

Turned a Trick On The Jailer.

The number of guests at the county jail was one short Monday morning, David Riddell, an incorrigible 18-year-old boy failing to appear for breakfast. Riddell was arrested about a month ago on a charge of horse stealing, and was awaiting trial in the district court.

When Bruce Glenn, custodian of the county jail, made his customary rounds at six o'clock Monday morning, he did not notice anything that would arouse suspicion. He opened the door of the corridor surrounding the cells, and went to the compartment of a trustee to let him into the corridor, when the outer door was slammed and locked, and Mr. Glenn found himself a prisoner. The Riddell boy, it appears, had hidden behind a bathtub in the corridor Sunday night, and was not in his cell when the locks were sprung. During the night he had tried to dig his way out through the

brick wall, but was unsuccessful in the attempt.

After escaping from the corridor, Riddell entered the jailer's office and appropriated a .30 caliber Savage rifle but had no ammunition for the weapon, and then took his departure for parts unknown. In the meantime, Mr. Glenn shouted for assistance, and his wife came to his rescue, but Mrs. Glenn did not know the combination of the lock on the outer door, and had to go for Sheriff Bickle to secure her husband's release. The search for the fugitive incorrigible was prosecuted vigorously Monday and Tuesday, but without success.

May Refund License Fees.

Notice has been sent by C. E. Kumpe, state examiner, to clerks of district courts in each county, that henceforth there shall be no more fees collected for the issuance of marriage licenses, in conformity with a recent opinion made by the attorney general. Heretofore prospective bridegrooms have been taxed the sum of \$2.00 as a sort of initiation fee into the order of Benedictine, but the attorney general recently found that under section 3618 of the revised statutes the charge was illegal.

The clerk is further instructed to deposit any fees which he may have on hand that have been collected from this source with the county treasurer, from whom they may be recovered by those who have paid them—and who will probably be glad to have them back by this time—by filing a claim against the county and presenting it in the usual manner through the office of the county clerk.

Special Premiums at County Fair.

Announcement is made by the board of directors of the Chouteau county fair, that special premiums will be offered at the fair to be held at Chinook, September 12 to 14.

For the best pig farrowed this spring and marked by the superintendent of that department, Lee Varner, \$25.

Best display of flax growth this year, 1,000 feet of lumber by the Howe Lumber company.

The cow that gives the most butter fat during the three days of the fair, cow to be kept on the fair grounds and milked under the supervision of the manager of the creamery, \$50.

For the best stallion and five of his colts under one year old, \$50.

For the best individual display of cattle: bull, cow and calves, \$50.

Other special premiums will be announced later in the premium list which will be mailed in a few days.

For the best individual display arranged by the exhibitor himself: First prize, \$50; second, \$25, and third, \$15. This will positively not be cut down in any way but there must be at least three entries.

Gasoline Engine.

A 4 1/2 horsepower Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine for sale, or will trade for a smaller engine. For particulars apply to K. E. JOHNSON, Fort Benton.

Sheriff's Sale.

Isaac Hodges vs. R. H. Houser, defendant. To be sold at sheriff's sale on the 5th day of June, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., at front door of the county court house, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, the following described property, to-wit:

All of the right, title and interest of the defendant named, in and to the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, section 24, township 23 north, range 15 east, Montana meridian in Chouteau county, Montana, together with all the buildings, structures and improvements situate thereon.

Dated Fort Benton, Montana, May 16, 1911. By CHAS. CRAWFORD, Under Sheriff. R. E. O'Keefe, attorney for plaintiff. First publication May 16, 1911.

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United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, May 11, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that LOU STOCKING, of Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, has filed in this office her application to enter under the provisions of section 2506 of the revised statutes of the United States the following described land, viz: The NE 1/4, NE 1/4, section 24, township 24 north, range 7 east, Montana meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 24th day of June, 1911.

E. L. BARNES, Register.

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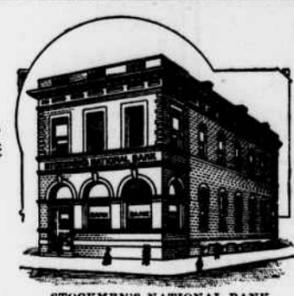
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