

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

H. E. Eklund, the photographer, was among the arrivals from the west today.

R. E. Thurston and C. B. Thurston, of Carter, are visiting with Fort Benton friends.

G. W. Carrier, of White Sulphur Springs, is among the business visitors in town.

A declaration of intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Mary J. Hughes, a former resident of Canada.

L. K. Devlin, deputy state humane officer, was among the arrivals today. Mr. Devlin is investigating the case of the Martin children, whose mother has been committed to jail on a charge of burglary.

The Juniors of the Fort Benton high school gave a very enjoyable reception and dance at the opera house last evening, in honor of the members of the graduating class. There was a large attendance of invited guests.

Word was received from Chinook today announcing the first wool sale of the season at that place, the George Putman clip having been sold at 17 cents. The purchase was made by a representative of Hecht, Liebman & Co., of Boston.

Advices from Helena report the first Montana wool sale of the season by Thomas Cruse, of that city, who is usually one of the first in the field. The Cruse clip of 40,000 pounds is said to have been sold to a Boston dealer for 17 cents, delivery to be made at Miles City.

The suit of the Stockmen's National bank against B. B. Larson, to recover damages of about \$2,000, which had been on trial in the district court the past few days, resulted in the jury awarding the plaintiff the sum of \$1,500. Notice of appeal was given by defendant's attorney.

Miss Blackstone, county superintendent, is in receipt of inquiries from several school districts as to the valuation of taxable property in the respective localities. In some cases the information is desired as the basis for a special tax levy, and in others for bonding purposes—the latter contemplating new school houses to accommodate an increase in the number of pupils.

From Monday's Daily.

Miss Golda Knowlce, of Pleasant Valley, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.

I. M. Rogers, of Cleveland, a former resident of this city, was among the arrivals today.

S. C. Walker, of Havre, federal immigration inspector for this district, is among the visitors in town.

The winners of the suit contest were as follows: 1st, F. C. Fish; 2nd, Mrs. Wm. Rowe; 3rd Grant Johnston. T. C. Power & Bro. Ltd.

The case of Mrs. Martin and children, who were charged with stealing several pairs of shoes from a store at Dodson, has been settled by deporting the family to their former home in North Dakota.

F. R. Peters, the well known Boston wool buyer, was among yesterday's arrivals. Mr. Peters is making medicine with local sheepmen who are disposed to contract their clips in advance of shearing.

Sam Cushman, deputy game warden, arrested three Bulgarian laborers Saturday, near Lippard, on a charge of fishing without a license. They appeared before Justice Kinder and were assessed a fine of \$25 each.

The suit of Albert Davey against the Great Northern railway, to recover about \$190 for cattle killed on the railroad track, has been appealed to the district court. A judgment for \$45 and costs was awarded plaintiff in Justice Pyppe's court at Havre, but Mr. Davey was not satisfied with the award.

Additional mail facilities for a number of residents of Chouteau county are announced in a postal service bulletin. New postoffices have been established at Amos, about twenty miles southeast of Havre; at Loma, about thirteen miles northeast of this city; at Omholt, about nine miles from Solland, and at Prospect, about six miles from Beatrice.

Impressive tribute was paid to local war veterans last evening, when Memorial Day services were conducted at St. Paul's church by Rev. J. N. Chesnut in the presence of a congregation that taxed the capacity of the building. The services were attended by Company M. Montana national guard, members of the Benton Lodge of Odd Fellows, and a large number of other friends of the old soldiers.

A Big Land Office Business.

Great Falls Leader. One thousand applications for homestead entries are now pending in the Great Falls land office, according to the land office officials. In addition to pending applicants, there are 500 pending homesteads and desert land entry contest cases on file in the office awaiting decisions. The oldest one of these suits runs back to August, 1909, and there is no telling when decisions will be handed down in any of them.

The suits must be taken up in the order in which they were heard and filed, so that at best it seems likely that two years will elapse between the time of hearing and final decision in each of these 500 cases.

Although the Great Falls land office was relieved of a great deal of this work by the creation of the Havre office, and although this year the business has not been so heavy as it was last year, nevertheless the present daily business is keeping the entire office force constantly at work, and the backlog of business from last year's rush is forced to wait.

With the force of field agents in Montana almost doubled, H. C. Cullem, chief of the special agents division of the general land office in this state, announces that he is hopeful of clearing up by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, all pending cases coming under the mineral and timber head. This class of cases numbers about 5,000. If Mr. Cullem and his force accomplish this end it will be a great relief to settlers in eastern and northern Montana, some of whose homestead entries have been held up many months pending an investigation as to their character.

WOOL MARKET OPENS.

Eastern Operators Contract Clips: At 16 To 18 Cents.

The Montana wool season of 1911 opened in fairly good shape: the past week, eastern operators having contracted for several of the larger clips at prices averaging 17 to 18 cents. Representatives of Boston, Chicago and St. Louis wool firms are now busy in several parts of the state, interviewing sheepmen as to the disposition of their clips, and making offers that in some cases are believed to be below the actual market value.

According to Lewis Penwell, of Helena, who is interested in several sheep outfits, the total clip of the Penwell ranches, aggregating about 1,600,000 pounds, has been sold at an average price of 18 cents; and the J. B. Long clips, amounting to about 1,500,000 pounds, are said to have been contracted at a similar figure. Other sales reported in dispatches from various Montana points include:

Pope & Howard, of Fergus county, 100,000 pounds at 17 cents, to George R. Colby.

J. D. Waite, of Lewistown, 400,000 pounds at 16½ cents, to Leo J. Daly.

Fergus Land company, of Lewistown, 400,000 pounds at 16½ cents, to Leo J. Daly.

Rea Bros., of Forsyth, 400,000 pounds at 17 cents, to George R. Colby.

Colonel Thomas Cruse, 400,000 pounds at 17 cents, to Leo J. Daly.

N. B. Holter, of Helena, 50,000 pounds at 18 cents, to Leo J. Daly.

A news item from Billings says the highest for wool in that section this season was paid Saturday when the 100,000 pound clip of Miller Bros., of Merrill, was purchased by Joseph G. Guthrie for Silberman Bros., of Chicago, for 18½ cents. The clip of Bert G. Shorey, amounting to 50,000 pounds, was purchased by the same concern for 18 cents.

A circular letter issued by the National Wool Warehouse and Storage company says: "The prospects of a better wool market have improved decidedly of late, and prices are advancing. It now seems sure that the house of representatives will not bring in a free wool bill, and even if they do it is practically certain that no such bill can pass the senate before the next presidential election. The mills have very little wool on hand, and we look forward to a successful year."

High School Commencement.

The annual commencement of the Fort Benton accredited high school will take place Friday evening, June 2, at the opera house, commencing 8:30 o'clock. The graduating class of 1911 consists of Miss Mary C. Green, Miss Elizabeth T. Patterson, Miss Isabelle R. Morrow, and Joseph C. Tope.

An attractive program of exercises has been prepared, vocal music by local talent, an address by Prof. G. E. Finch, of the state normal college, and essays by members of the graduating class being the principal features.

The baccalaureate service for 1911 was held Sunday morning at the Methodist church, with a large congregation present, when an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. C. M. Donaldson. The church was very prettily decorated with the class colors, and a special musical program was rendered by the choir.

Shelby Independent: What is pronounced by every one who has seen it to be the finest specimen of grain for this time of the year, ever exhibited any place, is a sample of wheat grown on the J. R. Hartly place, two and one half miles south of town. The grain measures twenty-two inches in height and is already forming heads. With warm weather the wheat would easily be headed out within two weeks, and it is believed by those conversant with crop conditions here to be a record breaker.

TO FORM BLAINE COUNTY.

New Law Invoked By Residents of Milk River Valley.

The first attempt to form a new county under the provisions of a law enacted by the Twelfth assembly will be made by residents of the northeastern part of Chouteau county. As one of the preliminaries in this movement, a petition has been filed in the county clerk's office requesting the commissioners to call a special election at which the question of creating the new county of Blaine may be submitted to popular vote among the citizens affected.

The proposed county of Blaine comprises that part of Chouteau county lying east of a north to south boundary line described as follows:

Commencing at the closing corner of sections 3 and 4, township 37 north range 17 east, which is on the international boundary line between the United States and the British possessions; thence south on lines of public surveys to the standard corner of sections 33 and 34, township 37 north range 17 east; thence west along the ninth standard parallel north to the closing corner of sections 3 and 4, township 36 north range 17 east; thence south on the lines of public surveys to the standard corner of sections 33 and 34 township 33 north range 17 east; thence east on the eighth standard parallel to the closing corner of sections 2 and 3, township 32 north range 17 east; thence south on lines of public surveys to the southwest corner of section 14 township 32 north range 17 east; thence east 1½ miles to the quarter section corner between sections 13 and 24; thence south on lines of public surveys five miles to the quarter section corner between sections 12 and 13, township 31 north range 17 east; thence west 1½ miles to the northwest corner of section 14 township 31 north range 17 east; thence south four miles to the southeast corner of section 34 township 31 north range 17 east; thence west one mile to the southwest corner of said section 34; thence south seven miles to the southwest corner of section 3 township 29 north range 17 east; thence west 1½ miles to the quarter section corner on the north boundary of section 8 township 29 north range 17 east; thence south on lines of public surveys five miles to the quarter section corner on the south boundary of section 32 township 29 north range 17 east; thence east about one mile to the northwest corner of section 3 township 28 north range 17 east; thence south on lines of public surveys to the standard corner of sections 33 and 34 township 25 north range 17 east; thence west on lines of public surveys to the closing corner of sections 3 and 4 township 24 north range 17 east; thence south on lines of public surveys to the center of the main channel of the Missouri river.

The county commissioners have designated June 19 as the date on which a hearing will be given to residents of the proposed new county who object to its creation. The board also, in conformity with the provisions of the statute, made an order that the petitioners give a bond in the sum of \$2,500, to protect the county in the matter of election expenses in the event that the proposition fails to receive the support of 35 per cent of the voters.

LOBSTER FAMINE BRINGS THE LANGOUSTE INTO VIEW

French Shellfish May Tempt New York Appetites.

That portion of New York's population which preys on lobsters—meaning, of course, the well known and succulent crustacean which appears in the dictionary under the alias Homarus americanus—are shocked at news that there is to be a famine. There was no wall of agony from the Tenderloin, but an attitude of stunned credulity, as the fact was spread around that the crop is short this year and not only must the prices go up, but the lobsters themselves will be hard to get at any price.

The shortage began in Boston, which is considered the fountainhead of supply, and, although it has been growing gradually for months, did not break over New York until later. Then the cruel fact that the market price of lobster has advanced from 25 to 36 cents a pound became known.

The average lobster weighs nearly two pounds, costing about 70 cents in the market. Places where a broiled specimen is served for \$1 have a margin of only 30 cents, and this is not enough to suit them, they assert.

Broadway restaurants have planned no action, except a possible raise in prices, but the stringency has become so great that at least one has arranged to ship in a quantity of the langouste, or immense lobster, which grows in French waters. "This specimen," said this restaurant's manager, "is new in New York. It is much more delicious than the native lobster and usually weighs about eight pounds. Of course it would be impossible to serve a whole one for one or two persons, so we plan to cut one up in portions, four to the lobster, and charge about \$1 each."

Blank forms for making annual reports of corporations on sale at the River Press office.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Shelby News: Sam Potter last week purchased a bunch of 2,500 yearling wethers, at a price around \$3 25 per head. He will ship out most of his old bunch this fall and these youngsters will take their place to some extent.

Chinook Opinion: Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the erection of a large flour mill in Chinook this summer. Herman Fenske from North Dakota, who recently settled on a homestead north of town and who is an experienced miller, has decided to build and operate a mill at this point.

Culbertson Republican: Reports came in from the hills north of here that many people are killing off the harmless bull snakes which thrive thereabouts. These snakes are harmless and are invaluable on the farm for they destroy gophers and field mice galore and the farmers ask that the persons who have been killing them to let them help destroy the pests.

Havre Promoter: E. P. Spink, who came here several weeks ago from Fargo, N. Dak. to take charge of the press rooms of the Promoter, has launched into the newspaper rooms for himself. His new field of operation will be the new town of Carter on the Montana Central about thirty miles this side of Great Falls. Mr. Spink left the last part of the week with his wife and daughter for his new home.

Harlem News: County Surveyor Merrifield was in Harlem again this week completing the work of viewing the new roads that will be constructed leading into Harlem during the summer. P. M. Bosley of this city and E. C. Miller of Snake Creek were also viewers on this new road, and the work they did this week completes that part of it. The commissioners at their June meeting will now proceed with the actual work.

Conrad Observer: Figured in dollars and cents, who can measure the wealth that came down in the rain. We can't. You can't, and nobody else can. The finding of a gold mine or some equal by valuable discovery is hailed with delight, while the coming of a rain storm is but natural in the passing of time. Yet it endows the country of today with peace and happiness in glowing prospects of a golden harvest.

Poplar Standard: A large area will be put in crop this year on the reservation. Several outfits are breaking with traction engines. Along the Great Northern Ry. between Poplar and Blair one engine has been at work ever since spring opened up. Tracts of twenty-five, forty and fifty acres are being broken and seeded principally to fax. Old ground is being sown to wheat and oats. The Indian is fast following in the footsteps of his white brother.

Glasgow News: Quite a sensation was created Sunday when the report was received in this city from Saco that a plan that Sheriff Stevens had been working for the past six weeks or two months to entrap the stock rustlers in that vicinity, had proved successful, and that Deputy Sheriff Kimmel and Deputy Stock Inspector Shaw had caught Forest Crutchfield and Melvin (Jones) Erickson in the act of dressing a yearling belonging to the Bateman Switzer outfit.

VIRTUE.

Virtue is a rough way, but proves at night a bed of down.—Wotton.

Virtue dwells at the head of a river to which we cannot get but by rowing against the stream.—Fetham.

This is the tax a man must pay to his virtues—they hold up a torch to his vices and render those frailties notorious in him which would have passed without observation in another.—Colton.

What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others.—Confucius.

FOUND A NEW LANGUAGE.

Aleas Indians of Oregon Use Gender in the Verb.

Professor Lee Frachtenburg of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, who has just completed a study of the Aleas tribe of Indians in Lincoln county and the Umpquas in Curry county, Ore., says the Aleas have a language distinct from the other fifty-seven basic tongues of the American Indians.

He says it is one of the twelve known languages using gender in the verb—that is, the same action by a male and female is designated by a different term. This peculiarity is shared by the language of certain inhabitants of northern Asia, those of a small section of southern Asia and by the Kaffirs of South Africa.

Bronx Zoo Enlarged. Bronx park, New York, has added largely to its zoological collection during the last year. There are now 5,170 animals there.



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