

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Born on Friday, July 26, to the wife of Gus Simmons, of Kelly's Flat, a son.

J. L. Peacock, the Canadian horse buyer, is in this city today on business. It is understood that Mr. Peacock has decided to make New York his future home, and will shortly leave for that place.

Geo. Hunsberger, the 10-year old son of John Hunsberger, of Browning, and Joseph Zanda, a sheep shearer, who has been working in this vicinity for some time past, have been admitted to the Sanitarium for medical treatment.

G. W. Morrow, townsite agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway, has announced the purchase from H. O. Lyng of 160 acres of land on Highwood creek, to be used for townsite purposes. The purchase price has not been made public.

Word has been received here of the escape of a Blaine county prisoner from the train while being taken to the penitentiary a couple of days ago. It appears that Sheriff I. Neibauer, who was taking Joe Duffy, a convicted burglar, to Deer Lodge, fell asleep for a few moments just as the train pulled into Wolf Creek. The train stopped for a minute and the sheriff, who had been up all the night before, was awakened. He discovered that his prisoner had walked from the train. He immediately telegraphed descriptions of the man to the police of various cities of the state but as yet the fugitive has not been captured.

A Milwaukee dispatch of recent date gives the following account of the travels of a party who, about a year ago, built a houseboat in this city, and left via the Missouri river route for the east: Capt. "Geo. Smith, 80, and L. W. Smith, his brother, are visiting Ald. Henry Smith, a third brother, and renewing old acquaintances, after journeying 2,000 miles by houseboat from Fort Benton, Mont., to get back to the city they left 30 years ago. With a little flat bottom motor-propelled house scow, the aged men traveled from Fort Benton down the Missouri river; then into the Mississippi and Illinois, and via the Chicago drainage canal into Lake Michigan. The trip consumed little less than one year."

A well attended meeting of those interested in the holding of a county fair was held at the council rooms last evening, and was organized by the election of W. K. Harber, chairman, and H. F. Miller, secretary. It was the sense of the meeting that a fair should be held this fall, and it was decided that an exhibition should be held at the Baker opera house on the 13 and 14 of September. A committee composed of D. G. Lockwood, Jere Sullivan and J. Lee Sedgwick was appointed to look into the matter and ascertain the probable cost of holding the fair and to get up a program for the occasion. The committee was instructed to interview the county commissioners in regard to an apportionment in aid of the project, and also to call upon the citizens generally for financial help. The meeting was adjourned to August 7, at which time the committee will report progress.

From Monday's Daily.

Mrs. Austin Lynch, of Highwood, is under treatment at St. Clare hospital.

Miss Isabelle Morrow left yesterday on a visit with relatives at Nelhart, Mont.

Henry C. Hofeldt, of Lloyd, is among the business visitors in town.

F. W. Simero, of West Butte, arrived yesterday on a business visit of a few days.

Born, at the St. Clare hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwandt, of Lonetree, a daughter.

A. S. Lohman, the well known Chinook stockman, is with visiting Fort Benton friends.

Miss Lillian Sherman, of this city and Mrs. Matt Ness, of Chester, were received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

The little son of L. J. George, of this city, died this morning under pathetic circumstances. The little fellow was in good health yesterday when he went out with a fishing party, but during the trip he is supposed to have eaten some poison berries. The patient received medical attention as soon as he was taken sick, but the poison worked with fatal effect.

Three men who gave their names as James Brown, George Wilson and George Young were arrested Saturday evening on a charge of stealing several articles from Ward & Morrison's clothing store. They attracted suspicion by offering some new shoes for sale while in a saloon and upon being arrested other articles were found in their possession. The accused, who are strangers here, will have a hearing in Justice Kinder's court.

M. E. Milner, who recently sold to the Milwaukee railroad some land at Square Butte and Shonkin for townsite purposes, is among the visitors in town. Referring to the rumor that one of the new towns would be named

after himself, Mr. Milner declared there was nothing to the story, as he had urged upon the Milwaukee authorities the desirability and propriety of retaining local nomenclature that has become familiar from use since early days.

Rev. J. N. Chesnut officiated at a midnight marriage at the Grand Union hotel Saturday night, in which Edward H. Schmidt and Lorin Gervais, of Great Falls, were the principals. The bridal couple came here with a marriage license issued at Great Falls, which is not valid permit in Chouteau county, but through the courtesy of Mr. Boyle, clerk of the district court—to whom appeal for assistance was made—the necessary license was issued from his office and the wedding followed.

An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Frieleds, Mrs. D. G. Lockwood and George Frieleds Jr., of this city, narrowly escaped serious injury in an accident Saturday afternoon, a few miles from Great Falls. In trying to work the machine out of a deep rut it was overturned, Mrs. Frieleds being thrown twenty feet or more from the car, and the other occupants being caught underneath it. When rescued from this perilous position, it was found that Mrs. Lockwood was badly bruised on the arms and body, and the others escaped with minor scratches and bruises.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A petition for naturalization has been filed in the district court by Ida M. Anderson, a native of Sweden.

Mrs. Hans Anderson and baby daughter, who arrived today from Big Sandy, are under treatment at the Sanitarium.

J. A. Reed, who is in town from the Teton country, reports good crops in that locality. Some of the winter wheat will average thirty bushels per acre.

A disqualifying affidavit against Judge Uter was filed in the district court today in the suit of the First State bank of Chester vs. Jeannette Dunnigan.

The undersigned wishes to let contract for cutting and stacking 50 acres of alfalfa on his ranch twelve miles below town. Apply to John Muir, Fort Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. George wish to express their appreciation of the kindness and sympathy received from neighbors and friends during their recent bereavement.

The pole setting crew of the Great Falls Power company arrived here yesterday, and erected the necessary supports for connections with the power plant in this city. The work of setting the poles and stringing the wire east of this place is making good progress.

B. L. Powers, county attorney, went to Havre today, to consult with Col. Walker, federal immigration inspector, regarding trouble in a halfbreed camp near Virgelle. The offenders are alleged to belong to Canada, and the federal authorities will be asked to deport them to that country.

W. R. Leet, who returned today from visiting with friends at Chinook and Big Sandy, brings word of remarkably fine crop conditions in those localities. Mr. Leet inspected the Mackton coal mines while at Big Sandy, and expresses the opinion that they are the most valuable coal properties in Montana.

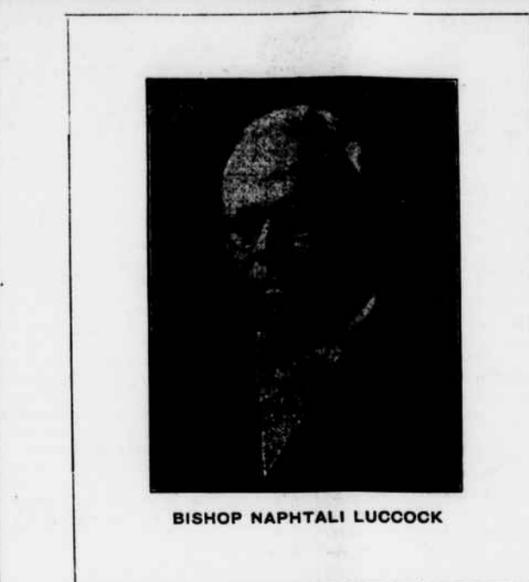
The three sneak thieves who were arrested Saturday evening, on a charge of stealing from Ward & Morrison's clothing store, were found guilty at a jury trial in Justice Kinder's court yesterday afternoon. The court sentenced George Wilson and George Young to thirty days in jail, and Jos. Brown ten days.

A mysterious horse stealing case at Carter, upon which the sheriff's office has been working the past week, was solved today. A telephone message from Carter reported that the missing horse had been found dead in a wash-out in a coulee near that place, the animal having apparently fallen into the hole and broken its neck.

A news item from Missoula reports the death of Moise Reeves, a Montana pioneer, who was about 84 years old. In 1853 he was an Indian trader at Fort Benton and served Governor Stephens as aide when the Bitter Root Indian treaty was made. While located at Colville, Wash., he discovered the placer mines at the mouth of the Pend d'Oreille river.

The big grain crops are encouraging the building of elevators at various places in northern Montana. It is announced that eight new structures, each with a capacity of 25,000 bushels, will be built by the Rocky Mountain Elevator company, the locations including the towns of Carter, Big Sandy and Box Elder. Additional elevator facilities will be provided at other points by other grain buying firms.

According to advices from Chouteau, the special election to vote upon the question of creating the new county of Toole may be postponed. Application has been made to the courts to compel the Teton county commissioners to give another hearing of protesting petitions. It is set up in the action that the loss of the strip



BISHOP NAPHTALI LUCCOCK

Bishop Luccock, one of the new bishops created at the general conference of the Methodist church held at Minneapolis in May, and whose residence has been established in Helena, is the first resident Methodist bishop for Montana. Bishop Luccock will preside at the North Montana conference to be held August 13-18 at Fort Benton, Mont.

from Hill county which it is proposed to include in the new county, would reduce the valuation of the established county to a point below five million dollars, provided for by the statute, to be left in the old county.

Starting Work On St. Mary.

Machinery that will be used in digging the St. Mary canal to divert water from the Hudson Bay drainage basin to irrigate the fertile Milk river valley is now being hauled to the line of the ditch where it will soon be throwing dirt, says the Helena Record. Supervising engineer H. N. Savage, who returned this morning from a trip of inspection over the Sun river, St. Mary storage unit, Blackfoot and Flathead projects, announced today that the reclamation service has received proposals and recommended the award of the work for the pressure forebay pipe for the power plant that will be built at the St. Mary river crossing of the St. Mary canal.

The building of the 80-mile road, and the construction of a hydro-electric plant generating 1,000 horsepower are the first steps necessary to get work under way on the storage dam, the diversion dam and other structures of the St. Mary unit. The canal will run northward on the west side of St. Mary river, crossing the river in two sets of U pipes. There is a sharp fall where the canal crosses the river. One half of the U pipe will be put in and at the bottom it will be connected with generators, the power being used in lieu of steam power during the work of construction.

Democratic State Convention.

It is announced that the democratic state convention will be held Thursday, August 29, at Great Falls, official notice to that effect being given by Chairman Stewart, of the state central committee. The business to be transacted includes the nomination of democratic candidates for the following offices:

- Four electors of president and vice president of the United States.
 - United States Senator.
 - Two representatives in congress.
 - A governor.
 - A lieutenant governor.
 - An associate justice of the supreme court.
 - A secretary of state.
 - An attorney general.
 - A state treasurer.
 - A state auditor.
 - A state superintendent of public instruction.
 - A railroad commissioner.
- Also to elect a democratic state central committee and transact all other business regularly coming or to come before the convention.
- The representation of the convention has been apportioned among the several counties of the state of Montana as follows: Each county shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate for every 75 votes, or a major fraction thereof, cast for Hon. Charles S. Hartman for congress in 1910, and, in addition thereto, each county shall be entitled to two delegates and two alternate delegates at large.
- The convention will be composed of 450 delegates. The apportionment gives Chouteau county 11 delegates, Hill county, six; Blaine county six, Valley county, 10 delegates.

Chinook Opinion: The county clerk officially received for record Monday contracts and subscriptions in connection with the Milk river project from the settlers in Blaine county. The filing has been delayed for some time because there were no funds to pay the filing fees. The Great Northern railway finally advanced the money for the purpose. The clerk's reception book shows the receipt of 328 documents for filing that day, the biggest day's run he has had.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY FAIR.

Display of Farm Products Will Be Made September 13-14.

Every resident of Chouteau county should have a personal interest in the county fair to be held in this city September 13 and 14. Every farmer is urged to contribute to the success of the fair—and to his own reputation as a successful farmer—by entering some of his products in competition with the exhibits made by his neighbors. The citizens of Fort Benton propose to do their share toward making the fair a creditable institution by providing the necessary accommodations and entertainment for the occasion.

County fairs are the farmers' shows and it is well for the farmers to make them the best of them. These exhibitions are great advertising mediums for the farmer. It is a place where he is afforded an opportunity to put his products before the public in their most attractive form. It is where the farmer can learn what the other man is producing, make his acquaintance and get practical points for his own good. Chouteau county farmers can produce just as good an article of grain or any other crop as their fellow citizens in other parts of Montana, and the county fair is the place to "show them" their ability in this direction. Occasionally there may be a crop of phenomenal excellence that is worthy of place in an international exposition, and its superiority can be best presented and determined by displaying it in competition with other local products.

From the exhibits at the county fair it is proposed to select a display of Chouteau county farm products for exhibition at the state fair in Helena. The various county exhibits at the state fair will probably furnish a fine display of Montana farm products for exhibition at eastern land shows, in which Chouteau county should be creditably represented.

Dry Farming Congress.

The next international dry farming congress will be held at Lethbridge, Canada on October 21 to 26, 1912. This is the seventh annual session, and the people of the province of Alberta, Canada, and the other northwestern provinces are planning to make it the best meeting so far held.

This congress is of particular interest to Montana, as it is being held just across the line—about 75 miles north of the Montana border. This district has been extensively advertised as a farming country.

At this congress there is also to be an exhibit of dry farm products, and some very large prizes are being hung up for competition. Those who would like to get a copy of the premium list can obtain the same by writing to Secretary John T. Burns, care of dry farming congress, Lethbridge, Canada.

In addition to the crops there are the following special prizes: A Rumled traction engine valued at \$2,500 for the best bushel of hard wheat. A Stewart sheaf loader valued at \$500 for the best sheaf of hard wheat. A Deering or McCormick binder for the best sheaf of oats. A corrugated 22-wheel packer for the best peck of flax. This machinery will be delivered all charges paid at the nearest railway station of the winner of the prize. These are prizes worth trying for by the Montana dry land farmer.

LIBBY, July 29.—Joseph A. Coram, who is behind the \$6,000,000 power project at Kootenai falls, 12 miles west of Libby, is here from Boston, and under his direction the first work in connection with the actual construction of the power plant has been started.

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