A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

WITH every purchase of **$5.00** worth of merchandise in Power's clothing department until Christmas Eve, the purchaser will receive a **50c.** Tie in a neat Christmas box.

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily

Mrs. Chas. Valle, of Big Sandy, was among the arrivals today.

Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.—Adv.

A. E. Randall, of Havre, assessor of Hill county, arrived today on official business.

B. V. Brent and Albert Taylor, of Hawarden, are among the business visitors in town.

Miss Vivian Gould, of Eureka, Kas., is the guest of Mrs. G. L. Overfield, of this city.

Miss Alice Boyle, of Havre, and Mrs. T. Miya, of this city, were received at the Sanitarium today for treatment.

H. O. Lyng, of Highwood, who is mong the visitors in town, reports a three-inch snowfall yesterday in the Highwood country.

Among the successful applicants at a law examination before the supreme court last week, was Vernon E. Lewis, formerly of this city.

T. E. Lowery, salesman for the Rumely power farming machinery, is interviewing local residents who are interested in such utilities.

An inquiry into the mental condition of Marion E. Stewart, of Carter, was held in the district court today by a commission of physicians. The patient was committed to the Warm Springs asylum.

Joseph Oker, deputy register of state lands, calls attention to the prevailing opinion that a squatter has prior right to title of state land upon which he has settled. In his statement Mr. Oker contradicts this and declares that the act of squatting on a government homestead gives the squatter no prior rights over any other settler who may bid on the land at public auction. In many sections of the state, particularly eastern and northern Montana, settlers are squatting on state lands believing that this gives them preference purchase rights.

From Thursday's Daily.

J. A. Rose, of Havre, treasurer of Hill county, is among the visitors in town.

Jere Sullivan and wife left today for California, on a visit of several weeks.

C. D. Forgey arrived today from Big Sandy, on a visit with friends in this city.

B. T. Zachary and W. C. Montgomery, of Carter, are in town today on a business visit.

Among the arrivals today were Paul H. Schwartz, of Big Sandy, and Byron Schwartz, of Gildford.

W. C. Byers, the well known local blacksmith, was received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

W. P. Wren, of Great Falls, a former resident of this city, is renewing acquaintance with old-time Fort Benton friends.

At a meeting of the Old Fort Improvement society, held last evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Miss May G. Flanagan, president; Mrs. Geo. W. Frields, vice president; Mrs. John Ward, secretary; Mrs. Jere Sullivan, treasurer.

Frank Palmer, who has a homestead located about three miles east of town and who has been hauling water to his ranch for several months, has quit that unpleasant part of the business. He started digging a well in a depression near his house and struck a spring of good water at less than three feet below the surface.

The authorities of Hill county have been investigating the mysterious death of a stranger in the railroad yards at Havre, the victim being identified as Joseph J. Dupuis, of St. Peters. There was a ghastly wound in the forehead, and it was suspected there had been foul play, but no proof to that effect has been discovered. The unfortunate is supposed to have fallen off a train.

From Friday's Daily

See Power's clothing department for Christmas suggestions—Adv.

S. B. Bell and wife, of Shonkin, are among the visitors in town.

See Lockwood's display of Christmas presents of every description.—Adv.

O. E. Peppard, the Missoula bridge contractor, is among the business in town.

C. N. Frisbee, of Floweree, and B. F. Nye, of Carter, were among today's arrivals.

Any man's or boy's cloth overcoat at 20 per cent discount at Power's clothing department.—Adv.

Oats for sale. I can furnish good feed oats in carload lots. Write for prices. P. J. Anderson, Conrad, Mont.—Adv.

Mothers, we are selling boys' suits and overcoats at 20 per cent off, this price until Christmas. T. C. Power & Bro. Ltd.—Adv.

For a few days only, D. G. Lockwood will have on display an asortment of loose diamonds. Come in and get our prices.—Adv.

J. J. Sullivan and James Wilson arrived today from the Milwaukee railway camp on Highwood, and are the guests of friends in this city.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Tobias Schreiber, a native of Germany.

Suit has been brought in the district court by Fred Mitchell against the Minneapolis Threshing company, to recover on a promissory note to the amount of $460.

D. G. Lockwood has purchased T. C. Power & Bro.'s entire stock of watches and rings, and in order to reduce stock will sell these goods at a discount of 25 per cent.—Adv.

Miss Hortense Chesnutt was the recipient of a kitchen shower given by the Caesar club last evening. The guests were entertained in true Caesar fashion, and a picnic supper was served during the evening.

At a recent meeting of directors of the Stockmen's National bank a dividend of ten per cent. for the past six months was declared, payable to stockholders January 8, 1913. This distribution of profits, with the dividend paid last July, makes 18 per cent. on the capital stock of the institution during the past twelve months.

Great Falls Leader: Word was received today that the engineers prosecuting the Soo line survey from the Cut Bank district, had effected a crossing of the Milwaukee line about fifteen miles south of Fort Benton, a distance of probably 34 miles from this city. The party in charge of this work is exceptionally large and well equipped and is making rapid progress in the direction of Great Falls.

Montana News Brieflets.

HELENA, Dec. 10.—James A. Shoemaker tendered his resignation as secretery of the Montana State fair, to take effect December 31, to the board of directors. It was accepted and A. J. Breitenstein, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Missoula for the last three years, was elected to fill the unexpired term which ends March 1, 1915. Mr. Shoemaker has accepted a position with the Great Northern Railway company.

KALISPELL, Dec. 10.—George W. Burton, self-confessed slayer of Fred Long, who was shot to death at his ranch near Whitefish, September 25, was sentenced to a term of thirty years in the penitentiary at hard labor by Judge Erickson yesterday. Burton killed Long, for whom he had cherished an enmity, when the latter grappled with him following an altercation at the Long ranch, whither Burton had gone after dark. Burton pleaded self-defense.

MISSOULA, Dec. 11.—William Vanstone, aged 45, died here from the effects of eating a wienerwurst impregnated with strychnine. Vanslone had filled the sausage with strychnine with the idea of feeding it to a dog. He placed it on a table with several unloaded sausages. Presently he ate one of the sausages. He was alone in the house and was not found for 12 hours, during which time he suffered excruciating pain.

BUTTE, Dec. 11.—Sixty men from three mine shifts are fighting fire which has been burning in the west Stewart mine at Butte. The fire was discovered about ten o'clock yesterday morning in a raise between the 1,700 and the 1,500 foot levels, some 600 feet east of the crosscut. Bulkheading material has been lowered into the mine and held in readiness should mine officials find such measures necessary.

NEW TOWN OF SHONKIN.

Miwaukee Railway Secures Milner Ranch For Townsite.

Rumors of the sale of the Milner Cattle company's Shonkin ranch to the Milwaukee railway for townsite purposes are confirmed by M. E. Milner, who is among the visitors in town. The transaction has been pending several weeks, and has just been closed at a conference between Mr. Milner and the officials of the railway company.

The sale of this well equipped and attractively located property is an important incident in local history as a striking illustration of the change in conditions that is in progress. The price paid for this property is also a feature of general interest, as it establishes a basis of value for other lands that may be similar in character and approximately as desirable in location.

The old-time owners of the Milner ranch were naturally reluctant to dispose of their holdings but realized that the purpose for which it was originally acquired and improved no longer exists. The cattle business in that immediate vicinity has been displaced by the farming industry, and lands adapted to agriculture are more valuable for that purpose than for grazing livestock.

Mr. Milner came to Fort Benton in 1879 by the Missouri river route, and was accompanied by J. M. Boardman, hunting and adventure being the purpose of their trip. The freedom of western life, however, appealed to them to such an extent that they stayed through the winter and the following spring built a log cabin on what has since been the Shonkin ranch. This cabin remains today, incorporated in the handsome residence of pioneer style which adorns the property. The surroundings have been improved from time to time, and visitors whose business calls them to all parts of the state regard the Milner ranch as one of the best improved and most attractive in Montana.

In 1882, Mr. Milner incorporated his business for the purpose of admitting two of his eastern friends, the firm name becoming the Milner Cattle company. In 1890, Mr. Boardman retired from the business and Mr. Milner proceeded to enlarge and extend its operations until it became one of the few really big cattle outfits in northern Montana, its largest herds being on the Milk river range.

Mr. Milner, with keen business foresight, accumulated a number of large ranches for the accommodation of his business as the public domain passed into the possession of homesteaders. The building of the Milwaukee railway through three of them has caused him to change his business plans, and regarding the building of the track through his home ranch as a vandal invasion, he entered into negotiations for its sale to the railway people who from the first desired it for a townsite. It is understood that a special price was paid for the townsite area and $40 per acre for the remainder. The entire tract comprises 1,654 acres.

According to a statement made by a railroad official, it is intended to make Shonkin the most attractive town on the Milwaukee route through this part of Montana. A complete water and electric light system can be developed there, and bungalows and other accommodations for tourists will be built. The Milner ranch residence and its other buildings will be converted into a country club of the highest class, a purpose for which they are adapted without alteration. About a hundred acres of the most scenic portion of the premises will be maintained as a park and club grounds—a feature that will contribute to the attractiveness of the town.

Urges New Montana Laws.

HELENA, Dec. 10.—The imperative need of the amendment and revision of Montana's water right laws is urged in the biennial report of state engineer A. W. Mahon. He also recommends a large appropriation to defray the cost of stream measurements, and asks for $6,000 in 1913, and $7,500 in 1914, the work to be done in co-operation with the United States geological survey, as at present. Referring to road laws, Mr. Mahon says: "Many states have adopted a policy of state control of supervision of public highways, while others, profiting by the experience and excellent results obtained by this form of road administration, are seriously considering the enactment of laws. To the engineer, the economy and efficiency of such a plan becomes at once apparent, and I recommend such a change in our laws to your serious consideration, and that of the legislature."

HELENA, Dec. 10.—Hereafter residents of Montana not residents of this judicial district, who wish to be divorced, will have to go elsewhere, Judge J. M. Clements putting into effect a new rule today, under the provision of which he will refuse to try divorce actions, the parties to which live in other judicial districts. For several years the residents of Great Falls and other northern counties have been coming to Helena to have the bonds of matrimony released.

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