

"Merry Christmas"



CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

E. E. Sterly, of Big Sandy, was among the arrivals today.

Valmord Bessette, of Kankakee, is visiting with friends in this city.

Frank McGowan and Elmer E. Briggs, of Highwood, are among the business visitors in town.

J. O. Patterson and family and Mil-Gover leave tonight for Baltimore, Md., on a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. John S. Culbertson returned today from a visit of several weeks with friends in Minneapolis, Minn.

The ladies' auxiliary of St. Paul's church announce the postponement of their chicken supper to a later date.

The public dance at the opera house last evening was fairly well attended, and realized proceeds that will be set apart for a new scenery fund.

Hans Tetley, who was seriously injured in a runaway accident near Carter, was received at the Sanitarium yesterday. The patient is suffering from concussion of the brain.

A delegation of local Elks returned last evening from Great Falls, where they attended the dedicatory exercises of the new Elks hall in that city. They report a very hospitable reception by their Great Falls friends.

W. J. Jackson, an aged resident of this city who has been suffering from consumption, died last evening from that disease. He had been unable to work for some time past, and received assistance from the county authorities.

The county commissioners were in session today, to receive bids for building concrete approaches to the Missouri river bridge. The contract was awarded to O. E. Peppard, of Missoula, whose bid for the work was \$1,050.

From Monday's Daily.

Floyd Brown, of Clear Lake, is among the visitors in town.

C. M. Russell and B. V. Brent, of Hawarden, are among today's out of town visitors.

Mrs. John Frye, of Gildford, who is suffering from appendicitis, was received at the Sanitarium yesterday for treatment.

Mrs. J. H. Rice and two sons left for the west yesterday, and will be joined by Col. Rice at Helena. From the latter place they will go to California for the winter.

C. W. Vaughn, of Nine Mile, who is in town today, announces that O. E. Young, state master, will attend the meeting of the Nine Mile grange Friday evening, December 20.

A press dispatch from Riverside, Cal., announces the death of William D. Barclay, a well known western railroad man. Mr. Barclay will be remembered as the originator of the narrow gauge line from Lethbridge to Great Falls.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Toys arrived today. Benton Drug Company.—Adv.

O. B. Crane and wife, of Havre, arriving with relatives to this city.

J. F. Daoust, county surveyor of Hill county, arrived today on official business.

The Exlund photo studio will be open Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22.—Adv.

A petition for naturalization was filed in the district court today by P. Nilson, of Lonetree.

John Harris left yesterday for Helena, to attend a meeting of the state board of stock commissioners.

For ground feed of all kinds, see C. W. Vaughn or leave orders with LaBarre. Custom work done.—Adv.

George J. Sherman, of Havre, a Great Northern railway employe, was received at the Sanitarium today for treatment.

It is reported from Chinook that Bruce Glenn has accepted an appointment as deputy for Sheriff I. A. Neilson, of Blaine county.

At an election of officers by the River and Harbor congress recently held in Washington, Hon. F. E. Strahaban of this city, was chosen as vice president to represent Montana.

W. R. Leet, county treasurer, reports an unusually small delinquent tax list for the past year. The delinquent taxes amount to only \$4,032, out of a total of about \$116,000 charged on the tax roll.

A transcript on appeal in the suit of Thos. J. O'Hanlon and Henry J. O'Hanlon vs. the Ruby Gulch Mining company, was received today by the clerk of the district court. The plaintiff's appeal against an order granting a new trial of the case.

The identity of the stranger found dead near Square butte is established by an envelope found in one of his pockets, bearing the name of Ben Balanger. Coroner Wilford has learned that the man has relatives in Butte and Seattle, and is trying to communicate with them by telegraph.

At the regular meeting of the local Masonic lodge the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Muir, W. M.; E. L. Crane, S. N.; C. M. Donaldson, J. N.; J. N. Chenuit, secretary; J. S. Brown, treasurer. The elective and appointive officers will be installed on St. John the Evangelist day.

A sentence of eight years was imposed upon Grover Booth, of Zortman, who pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the district court for Blaine county. Booth is the young man who killed his cousin, Lillian Booth, in what was alleged to be a fake holdup, the accused persisting in the claim that the shooting was accidental.

Havre Promoter: Edward Griffin, a young man about 24 years of age, son of J. C. Griffin, the well known rancher of the Bear Paw mountains, died very suddenly Tuesday at the ranch of Frank Schwartz, 12 miles south of Havre. It is reported that death resulted from lock jaw.

Meeting of The Commercial Club.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club, held at the city hall Saturday evening, C. W. Morrison was re-elected president of the organization and H. F. Miller, secretary and treasurer. An executive committee was chosen, to consist of Messrs. David G. Browne, L. D. Sharp, F. A. Flanagan, Jos. S. Brown and J. J. McGraw, with the president and secretary of an ex officio members.

An extended discussion was had regarding railway developments in this locality, and it was decided to send a committee to the Milwaukee and Soo headquarters to tender such cooperation as may be desired. The committee entrusted with this mission was named, the delegation consisting of Hon. T. C. Power, David G. Browne, John Harris, C. W. Morrison and Major T. A. Cummings. The committee proposes to leave for St. Paul and Chicago in a few days, and hopes to be able to make a satisfactory report before New Year's.

BILLINGS, Dec. 15.—Farmers of the adjacent country are at present engaged in hauling alfalfa hay to the city in large quantities, where it is being sold at \$9 per ton. They declare that the demand is particularly strong and that they will continue the delivery as long as the roads continue good and the supply holds out. The forage is offered in the stack at \$5 per ton and a considerable quantity was disposed of earlier in the season to stock men who are wintering an immense number of cattle and sheep in this vicinity.

Fine Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office

HOLIDAY GREETING

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS

We wish you Happiness and Prosperity in the fullest measure, attended by continued friendship between us throughout the year 1913.

DAVIS BROS. & MORGER

GENERAL MERCHANTS

FORT BENTON, - MONTANA

Death of Pioneer Geologist.

Advice from Great Falls announce the death of Professor O. C. Mortson, Montana's pioneer geologist, who was a resident of this city in the early eighties and had many old-time friends in this part of the state. Death was due to an attack of paralysis.

Mr. Mortson, who was about seventy years old, came to Montana in 1872, locating at Fort Benton, and for a number of years was an employe of the government, engaged upon surveys and the drafting of maps of the territory. From his entrance into the territory he has been enthusiastically engaged in the gathering of fossils, which work he continued until the last year or so. His collection, which is very highly valued, was recently presented by Mr. Mortson to the Great Falls public library and will ever stand as a monument to him.

Professor Mortson was deeply interested in the mineral deposits of the state, sending his first collection to the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia. He was in charge of Montana's mineral display at the world's fair at Chicago, and his collection was exhibited at New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland.

Professor Mortson was considerably of a recluse and for many years he lived alone and unattended in a little cottage in the center of the city, where he cooked his own meals and seldom received callers. It was in this cottage where he was found unconscious Thanksgiving day by a neighbor who called to bring him a Thanksgiving dinner. Knowing he was in the house and being unable to obtain any reply to his knocks, the friend called the police, who forced the door, finding the aged man unconscious upon his bed. He had been ill for some months and it is supposed he had sustained a paralytic stroke.

Stranger Found Dead.

Word was received by telephone Saturday evening that the dead body of an unknown man had been found near Square butte, and Coroner W. F. Wilford went to that locality Sunday to investigate the matter. The coroner was accompanied by Dr. J. F. Murphy, Chas. Crawford, under sheriff and other public officials.

The party returned Sunday evening with the report that no identification of the remains could be made. The body was accidentally discovered Friday evening in a field near the Milner ranch some distance from the road, and about a quarter of a mile from the railway grade. The man apparently died some time Thursday, and as there were no marks of violence, death is assumed to have been due to natural causes.

The body was that of a man about thirty years old, weight 140 pounds, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, with brown hair, sandy beard and cropped mustache. He wore a maroon sweater and brown striped overalls, but had no hat or cap, and his appearance indicated he was a laborer. The body will be brought here for burial.

Big Sales of State Lands.

According to the biennial report of State Land Register F. H. Ray, filed with Governor Norris, over four million dollars worth of land was sold in 1911 and 1912, the total acreage being 268,000. The sales this year alone exceed the total sales for seventeen years, from 1892 to 1908. Extracts from the report are as follows:

The cash receipts totalling over \$2,000,000 during 1911-12, far exceed any two prior years, while the 1912 receipts, \$1,306,892, are nearly a half a million dollars more than 1907, the highest previous record, when 30 per cent cash payments instead of only 15 per cent, as now, was required on sales.

Fine Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office

PERSONAL SERVICE

The officers of this bank often have opportunities to perform personal service for its depositors.

Frequently proposed investments are laid before them, and depositors are often given information and advice which saves them from serious loss.

The business enterprises of our customers have conservative co-operation.

Your personal interests will be well served when you connect yourself as a depositor with—

The Stockmen's National Bank

Of FORT BENTON, MONTANA

THE OLDEST AND LARGEST BANK
IN NORTHERN MONTANA

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$450,000.00

OFFICERS:
DAVID G. BROWNE, President J. V. CARROLL, Vice President
M. W. TOBEY, Cashier

Board of Directors:
Chas. E. Duer John Harris M. E. Miller
David G. Browne Chas. Lepley C. H. Merrill
Jno. V. Carroll A. S. Lohman Jos. Hirschberg

INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS.

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING FOR MEN

We have anticipated your wants and bought large stocks of Sheep-lined and Fur Overcoats. Prices range from \$5.00 to \$12.50 the suit for sheep-lined, and \$20.00 upward for fur.

A very complete line of Sweaters, \$1.00 to \$8.50.

Big line of Wool Underwear in union and two-piece suits, \$1.25 to \$6.00 the suit.

Oregon City and California Flannel Shirts, \$1.25 to \$4.00 each.

Wool Socks, big variety, 25c to 60c the pair.

Gloves and Mittens, lined and unlined, 60c to \$3.50.

Complete line of Winter Caps, 50c to \$3.00.

Blankets, \$1.25 to \$9.00.



CAPPS
100%
PURE WOOL
CLOTHES

GOLD SEAL AND SQUARE DEAL OVERSHOES

Best that money will buy.
Cheapest in the end.

WE FEATURE CAPPS CLOTHING

They are heavy weight and 100% pure wool, and guaranteed not to fade. They sell from \$12.00 to \$25.00 the suit. Overcoats, \$15.00 to \$25.00.

Complete line of MEN'S WORK AND DRESS SHOES, \$2.25 to \$6.00. We sell the best School Shoes made for boys.

We prepay express on Mail Orders.

WARD & MORRISON

FORT BENTON, MONTANA

LET US HELP YOU

If you are planning on building a home, or a barn, or any other structure this season, and are figuring on what the material will cost you, come in and let us help you figure it. We are accustomed to that sort of work, and can tell you in a little while just how much it will cost you. Even if you're not going to build right away, we'll be glad to make you an estimate on your bill.

But don't wait until you want a big bill of lumber. We will be very pleased to have your little orders, for one, or two, or more pieces, and will always make the price just right.

MISSOURI RIVER LUMBER CO.
Phone 67