CITY AND STATE.

From Thursday's Daily.

Walter Morrison, of Floweree, is among the business visitors in town.

M. C. Morrow and wife, of Cascade, are visiting with relatives in this city.

Hans Lehfeldt, of Big Sandy, arrived today on a short business visit.

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

H. J. O'Hanlon, the well known Chinook merchant, was among the Christmas visitors in town.

A petition for naturalization was filed in the district court today by John Stone, a native of Sweden.

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

A marriage license has been issued at Great Falls to W. Randall, of Big Sandy, and Anna L. Kampner, of Lytle.

Ennis Scholtz, of Carter and Mrs. L. J. George, of this city, were received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

Word has been received from San Diego, Cal., announcing the marriage of William Culbertson, formerly of this city, and Ruth Kellogg White, of San Diego.

There will be a joint installation of the officers-elect of the order of Eastern Star and A. F. and A. M. No. 25 at the Masonic hall tomorrow evening, Friday, December 27.

Rex Adams has been received at St. Clare hospital for medical treatment. P. H. Morrisey, who has been a patient at St. Clare's, returned to his home at Big Sandy last evening.

Among the Christmas weddings in Great Falls were those of Otto Painter, of Hawarden, and Helen Myquist, of Stockett; and Vernon Sheldon, of Tunis, a former resident of this city, and Anna Milbizer, of Great Falls.

Among the pleasant features of yesterday's celebration of Christmas were the family reunions among residents of Fort Benton and vicinity. Relatives and friends exchanged greeting with many former residents who are now located in other parts of the country.

As an illustration of mild weather conditions in this vicinity, pansies are in bloom in the A. W. Merrifield garden near the court house. Another proof that fall weather prevails during the Christmas season is the presence of a flock of wild ducks on the Missouri river just below town.

From Friday's Daily

See us for toys. Benton Drug company.—Adv.

Otto Maurer and wife, of Great Falls, are among the visitors in town.

H. L. Williams, of Virgelle, arrived today on a business visit of a few days.

A marriage license was issued today to Ray Lappler and Esther Parker, both of Big Sandy.

Mrs. Otto Soeberg was taken to St. Clare hospital today, to receive treatment for an attack of pneumonia.

A. J. Hendricks, of Helena, a deputy sheriff of Lewis and Clark county, arrived today on official business.

Peter Burnett left yesterday for Rochester, Minn., to receive treatment in the Mayo Bros. hospital at that place.

R. W. Sheppard and wife were among today's arrivals from the west, and are registered at the Choteau house.

The opening day of the picture show, with good music and singing, in the Baker opera house, is almost here.—Adv.

Mrs. J. E. Epperson received word by telegraph today announcing the death of her mother in St. Paul, and will leave for that city tonight to attend the funeral services.

Jonathan Bateman and Maria V. Heydt, two well known residents of the Shonkin, secured a marriage license yesterday in the office of the clerk of the district court. Miss Heydt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Heydt, and has a wide acquaintance in the Shonkin country.

The Great Northern Railway company is going to construct 67 miles of new railroad in Valley county, to be known as the Bainville-Northwest line, according to a resolution filed with the secretary of state. It will extend from Poplar northward through the Fort Peck Indian reservation.

Montana Coal Lands Reserved.

Withdrawals by the federal government of Montana land believed to be valuable for its coal and phosphate or else for its power site possibilities, aggregated 17,441,128 acres December 1, according to the annual report of the secretary of the interior Fisher. Coal lands withdrawn from entry in Montana have been given a minimum valuation of $86,000,000.

The secretary says investments in Montana reclamation projects to June 30, last, were:

Huntley, $889,956, Milk River, $1,004,309; Sun River, $863,581; Lower Yellowstone, $3,004,709. Indian projects; Blackfeet, $143,503, Flathead, $152,625; Fort Peck, $10,113.

As to Indian irrigation works he refers to the $15,000 appropriation by congress for Fort Belknap and says that work is under way by reclamation service in co-operation with the Indian bureau in the following reservations: Flathead, $200,000, Blackfeet and Fort Peck, $100,000 each.

The Fort Belknap and Crow projects are practically completed.

WANT MORE FUNDS

Estimate of State Disbursements Exceeds Prospective Income.

HELENA, Dec. 24.—If the state educational institutions receive the appropriations in 1913 and 1914 that they have requested for betterments of the maintenance the disbursements of the state will exceed its income by $1,061,037, according to an estimate submitted to the state board of education by State Accountant George B. Conway. The excess of disbursements, if the state institutions are given only their estimated actual requirements, over the income, will be $317,183, according to the same report. The estimated 1913 and 1914 requirements are $3,520,385, while the apparent income for those years is only $3,211,292.

"There will be money available to maintain the institutions, to suffice them for their fair needs, and to keep them in fair running order," Governor Norris told the board of education: "but there will not be nearly enough money to fill their demands. The requests for appropriations for their maintenance and improvement have increased at a much greater rate than has the attendance of students."

The governor then called attention to the fact that 200 feble minded children are crying for admission to the school at Boulder; that from 75 to 100 orphans are begging admission to the state orphans' home, but their requests cannot be heeded, because there is no money for them. In conclusion, Governor Norris said he believed the board was wasting time in paring down the requests of the heads of the institutions, and observed he had never yet seen a legislature that paid any attention, either to the recommendations of a state board, or those of the governor.

After some discussion the board proceeded to hear reports of committees on the needs of the various schools.

No Women Convicts

DEER LODGE, Dec. 24.—If there are women in Montana who ought to be in the state prison and not there, Warden Frank Conley of the Deer Lodge penitentiary wants them. For the first time in 23 years there is not a woman in the prison. The remaining two were given Christmas presents yesterday when Warden Conley called them to his office and told them their time had been served.

The penitentiary has a new cell house, of whom Warden Conley is proud, and, strange as it may seem, the convicts are proud of it, too, for they built it. Not alone did they hew the stone and mix the concrete and set the forms and bars and install the locking devices, but prisoners actually drew the plans and designed the building, made the specifications and considered the bids for material.

The new sell house would have cost the state about $250,000 if it had been designed by an architect at regular rates and contracts let for its construction. As it is, it stands the state but $80,000, and every bit of it has passed the most rigid inspection both as to labor and materials. The new building which will hold about 350 prisoners, has all the modern improvements, is sanitary and convenient for the guards the whole locking device being controlled by electricity from the central office of the building.

Terms of Court For 1913.

CHOUTEAU COUNTY
Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, November 25

HILL COUNTY
Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, April 29.
Tuesday, June 3.
Tuesday, October 28

BLAINE COUNTY
Tuesday, January 14.
Tuesday, March 25.
Thursday, May 1.
Tuesday, October 7.

VALLEY COUNTY
Thursday, January 30.
Wednesday, April 16.
Tuesday, June 17.
Thursday, September 25.

Most Precious Christmas Gift.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Of all of the two and a half million people in Chicago, Olsen Cannero, a boy of 19 years, probably is the recipient of the most valuable Chrismas present. His gift is the recovery of his eyesight. He had been blind since he was two years old.

"I looked upon my mother's features for the first time today," he said, "And oh, such beauty. I asked myself if it were true. I realized that I could see—no one knows such joy."

Light Restored.

"There are many more women living than I used to think."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. Before I married I used to think my wife was the only woman in the world."

PASSED HONEYMOON IN AMAZONIAN JUNGLES

New Yorker and Bride Met With Many Adventures.

Theodore Morgan, a retired steel man, returned recently to New York from his wedding trip, which lasted fifteen weeks, during which he and his bride traveled 10,000 miles by land and sea, says the New York Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were married in New York and sailed thence for Para. After arrival at Para Mr. Morgan said they ascended the Amazon river for 3,000 miles, and also went in canoes up the Rio Negro and the Madero in Brazil, but their principal feat during the stay in South America was the trip to the Kaieteur falls, in British Guiana. The falls are 250 miles inland from the coast port of Georgetown, Demerara.

"After buying all our stores to take with us on the trip, which was scheduled to last two weeks," said Mr. Morgan, "we started up the Essequibo river in canoes with ten negroes to act as porters and fourteen Indians to handle the canoes. On reaching the junction

KILLING THE AMAZON SNAKES.

of the Essequibo and Potaro rivers we ascended the latter to the Kaieteur falls, which are located near its source. The river journey was interrupted by many rapids, where the canoes were left and the stores and equipment carried round over the portage to the farther side of the rapids. Fresh canoes were then hired from the Indians.

"Some of these portages were ten miles long, and we had to walk through the dense tropical forest and jungle. We were protected from wild animals by four native hunters, who wore very little clothing and were armed with bows and arrows and huge clubs made of ironwood. These they used for killing snakes, which are very plentiful. Our hunters killed four in one day measuring ten feet each.

"As we were walking over one of the portages I saw a huge boa constrictor fully twenty feet long swim across the river and climb a palm tree on the other side, where he made fast and watched us. I got my gun to fire at the monster as its head swung to and fro from the branch of the tall palm, but I did not shoot it, as the gun would not go off.

"The Kaieteur falls are 844 feet high, the highest in the world, and are 400 feet wide. Victoria Nyanza falls, in Rhodesia, are only 500 feet high. It was a magnificent sight and well worth the tedious journey. We slept in native rest houses at the different portages and were only once in real danger. That was one morning when an angry tiger passed close to our caravan. We could hear his roars, which started the natives singing. That drove the beast away. The chief Indian guide said to me: 'Tiger no like music. He go away.' Judging from what I heard of the native talent, the animal showed good sense."

Elephant Holds Up Mail Coach.

An attack by a wild elephant on the Mullaittion-Vilankulum mail coach, in the northern province of Ceylon, is reported in advices from Colombo. Appearing suddenly from the jungle, the elephant killed the driver with one blow of its trunk and then smashed the coach against a telegraph pole. Passengers who were thrown out of the vehicle hid themselves in a nearby culvert, from which the enraged beast tried in vain to dislodge them. When the animal disappeared into the jungle the frightened travelers climbed a tree, where they remained throughout the night.

Fell Into His Rat Traps.

Anthony Hassil, a peddler of rat traps, presented a peculiar case to the Rochester (N. Y.) police not long ago. Hassil carries his stock in trade upon his back and trades traps for intoxicating liquors. A policeman found him inextricably mixed with traps. The officer was unable to extricate him, and a call was sent for a hospital ambulance. At the hospital the surgeons had a hard time in removing the traps. The man was badly bruised and cut.

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