

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.  
O. R. Olsen, of Big Sandy, was among today's arrivals.

W. F. McLeish, of Geyser, is visiting with friends in this city.

I. F. Churchill, of Loma, is visiting with old time Fort Benton friends.

Among today's out of town visitors are J. F. Jensen and W. Coffield and wife, of Hawarden.

Miss Lillian Lepper left today for Choteau, to take a position in the Teton county clerk's office.

The county commissioners were in session today, road matters and other business calling for attention.

A petition for naturalization was filed in the district court today by Albert Hoge, of Hawarden, who is a native of Germany.

About twenty-five members of the Epworth league took a sleigh ride to the Geo. W. Tope ranch last evening, and enjoyed an oyster supper and other entertainment that had been prepared for the occasion.

Two strangers who give their names as Tom O'Brien and Jack Casey were received at the county jail today, to serve a sentence of thirty days each for vagrancy. The prisoners were committed by Justice Kinder.

Night traffic over the Missouri bridge has been made more safe by the installation of five incandescent lights by which drivers of vehicles can see the roadway some distance ahead. Heretofore there has been complaint about the inefficiency of the former lighting arrangements.

Jos. A. Baker, of Highwood, who is among the visitors in town, is reminded by prevailing weather conditions that an unusually early snow storm struck the Highwood country about thirty years ago. Mr. Baker fixes the date at about August 7, when a heavy snowfall beat down the standing grain and made it extremely difficult to harvest the crop. Chas. H. Boyle was also a resident of Highwood at that time, and he also remembers the unseasonable experience.

From Monday's Daily.  
Aug. Heydt, of Shonkin, is visiting with friends in this city.

R. E. Baker, of Flowerie, is among the business visitors in town.

Last night brought the lowest temperature of the season in this part of Montana, the government thermometer registering 34 below zero.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk of the district court today to James L. Hill, of Stanley, N. Dak., and Elizabeth Van Tassel, of this city.

A. A. Juneau, one of the oldest residents of this vicinity, left yesterday for Helena, and will probably make his home with his daughter in that city.

At the annual meeting of the Olmstead Traction Engine company, held in Great Falls a few days ago, Dr. E. M. Porter and Chas. H. Green, of this city, and H. A. Nottingham, of Shonkin, were among the board of directors elected for the ensuing year.

Chas. H. Boyle, whose term as clerk of the district court ended last week, left today for Washington, D. C., where he will make his future home. Mr. Boyle has been a resident of Chouteau county over thirty years, and his departure is regretted by a large number of old-time friends.

The Chouteau county jury commission, consisting of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the assessor and the county treasurer, was in session today. The commission is required to select from last year's tax roll the names of taxpayers who will be subject to call for service as trial jurors in the district court.

There was a well attended meeting of the Commercial club Saturday evening, in the Choteau house sample room, several matters of interest to the general community receiving attention. Hon. T. C. Power, who was present at the meeting, related some of his observations regarding the settlement of western states during the past forty years, and remarked that Montana is the only state in which the first settlers had made a success from the start.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Mrs. V. E. Goings, of Clear Lake was among today's arrivals.

E. A. Besette, of Kenilworth, is visiting with friends in this city.

Louis Markstead, of Virgelle, was received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

A new postoffice has been ordered established at Miller, Hill county, with James B. Miller as postmaster.

There will be a public dance, with music by the Cahalan orchestra, Friday evening, January 17, for the benefit of the opera house scenery fund.

The name of Putney has been given to a new townsite on the former Allen Gray ranch, which has been platted by Milwaukee railway officials. It was originally planned to name the town Putney.

Officers of corporations are reminded that the Montana statutes require the filing of annual statements in the county clerk's office before January

20. Printed forms can be obtained at the River Press office.

There was keen rivalry among several local residents today as to who could shovel the largest quantity of snow, and for a while the atmosphere along Front street resembled the trail of a rotary snow plow. The contest closed with the honors fairly divided.

G. C. Ihmsen, chairman of the board of county commissioners, left last night for Philadelphia, Pa., in response to news of the sickness of Mrs. Ihmsen, who is visiting in that city. Commissioner Jurgen Engellans is acting for Mr. Ihmsen in compiling a jury list of taxpayers.

As a result of a peculiar astronomical situation, next Easter Day will be the earliest in years, and it will not be so early again for some hundred years. It comes this time on March 23. The fixing of the date each year is based upon the changing phases of the moon. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the moon, upon or next after the 21st day of March.

Public School Roll of Honor.

The following students of the Fort Benton schools made the highest standings in their respective classes during the last school month:

- 1A. Bernice Fisher, first, 96 2-7 per cent. Basham Overfield, second, 94 1-7 per cent.
- 1B. Merlin Tiedale, first, 89 1/2 per cent. Virginia Goettlich, second, 86 1/2 per cent.
- 2. Dorothea Thomas, first, 95 1/2 per cent. Mary Cahalin, second, 95 5-6 per cent.
- 3. First section, Eunice Crawford, first, 93 6-7 per cent. Alice Overfield, second, 93 4-7 per cent.
- 3. Second section, Winifred Joyce, first, 95 3-8 per cent. Artie Maze, second, 92 5-8 per cent.
- 4. Martha Lehman, first, 96 1/2 per cent. Marion Townsend, second, 93 3-8 per cent.
- 5. Blanche Bentzon, first, 96 2-7 per cent. Rose Haglan, second, 95 per cent.
- 6. Edith Ragland, first, 97 1/2 per cent. Alex de Lorimer, second, 95 1/2 per cent.
- 7. Marguerite de Lorimer, first, 93 6-7 per cent. Natalie Townsend, second, 91 7-9 per cent.
- 8. Mary Rowe, first, 94 3-7 per cent. Irene Ragland, second, 91 1-7 per cent.
- 9. Ada Thorpe, first, 94 1/2 per cent. Robert Russell, second, 94 per cent.
- 10. Irene Jacoby, first, 98 1-5 per cent. Fieta Isham, second, 95 1/2 per cent.
- 11. Minnie Ludtke, first, 93 5-6 per cent. Clinton Stranahan, second, 91 3-5 per cent.
- 12. Harriet Lee, first, 94 2-5 per cent. Lois Russell, second, 90 1/2 per cent.

Representative King Gets Busy.

Hon. W. R. King, one of Chouteau county's representatives in the state legislature, is said to be one of the busiest members of that body of lawmakers. During the first week of the session Mr. King gave notice of the introduction of bills relating to the following subjects:

Permitting towns, cities and counties to maintain and operate the business of undertaker and embalmer and to acquire and own the necessary equipment, goods and supplies for same.

For licensing and regulation of the business of undertaker and embalmer. An act to indemnify persons wrongfully punished by the state.

To amend section 3 of article 12 of the constitution having reference to the taxation of mines and mining claims.

To establish a bureau of legislation and publicity whose duty it shall be to collect, digest and classify data; to suggest, prepare and adapt laws to meet present and future conditions and for the publication of same.

To amend section 2082, relating to the definition of the character of a legal fence.

To establish a co-operative rural credit system for the purpose of obtaining money for agricultural purposes at lower interest and better terms.

To create a bureau of co-operation, distribution and publicity for the purpose of collecting data, formulating plans, organizing, teaching and assisting in co-operative distribution of products of field and factory and to provide means therefor.

Local Grain Quotations.

Tuesday, January 14.	
No. 1 Turkey red	62c.
No. 2 "	60c.
No. 1 Northern	63c.
No. 1 Flax	98c.

Consolidating State Institutions.

The proposed consolidation of Montana's educational institutions is likely to become involved in a game of politics, according to the legislative correspondent of the Missoulian. His observations on the subject appear in that newspaper in these remarks: Indications are slowly but surely multiplying that point to a failure for any attempt to use the scheme for consolidation of the state educational institutions as a bait to be tossed about the legislature as a distraction from the real work cut out for that body. In fact, it is quite certain that an

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Have Plaindealer: Ralph Skylead, son of Olaf and Mrs. Skylead, of this city, received an appointment to a West Point cadetship, through Hon. Chas. N. Pray and left this week for Washington, D. C.

Shelby News: Ben Berg, who has been with the St. Mary's reclamation project for several months, returned to Shelby a few days ago and will spend the winter here. It is thought it will require at least four years yet to complete this work.

Conrad Observer: Something of a mystery surrounds the shooting on Tuesday of Louis Lenore, a saloon keeper at Dupuyer. He was shot through the right knee and was brought to the Conrad hospital for treatment. The bone is badly shattered and if the leg is saved, he will be a cripple.

Big Sandy Mountaineer: At a business meeting of the stockholders in the Mackton Mining company which was held Monday, it was decided to close the mine down for a time at least until further arrangements can be made. Just what the plans are for the future cannot be given at this time but there is no doubt that it will be opened as soon as the owners complete their plans.

Chinook Opinion: The sale of unsold lots in the original townsite of Chinook Saturday brought out a crowd. The 200 lots put up at auction included almost the whole of the remaining unsold portion of the townsite except some of the lots outside of the dike. The lots were eagerly sought and the sale of about 200 lots on the edge of town brought the school district about \$4102.

Conrad Observer: Eleven head of thoroughbred Whitefaced Hereford cattle were this week brought in on sleighs from the Flying U ranch for shipment to the National Livestock show to be held next month in Denver Colorado. The cattle are beauties and must be seen to be appreciated. Geo. B. Sim, manager of the ranch will accompany the stock.

Shelby News: Trains for the past week have been running with much irregularity and some days they were entirely annulled. This has been on account of the big storms in the mountains, accompanied by thaws which caused small avalanches and buried the track. Snow in some sections has been as deep as fourteen feet. Trains are now running on schedule time.

Chinook Opinion: A meeting to hurry work on the distributing systems of the upper valley was held at Savoy Friday evening. The non-vested water right owners and some of the members of the lower ditch companies are not satisfied with the prospect of further dickering with the government as to terms and the result of the meeting was a signing of a petition by the owners of about 25,000 acres of land in which they ask the government to come in and build their distributing canals without any restrictions or hindrances, the reclamation service to decide on plans and methods and go ahead with the work without any interference from the settlers just as they are doing on the lower project.

Feeding Sheep For Market.

Lewistown Argus.  
Fred Warren, of Utica, is perhaps the first man preparing to take advantage on a large scale of the advancing price of mutton. The market is as high now as it has ever been, mutton being the last to feel the increased prices which beef began to feel years ago.

Mr. Warren will make his beginning on 7,000 sheep which he has already begun to feed for market. The feed will be largely ground wheat and alfalfa. During the fattening the sheep will be carefully protected, being under shelter all the time. About 2,000 of sheep are in superior condition, but they will be fed about fifty days before they are sent to market. The remainder of the 7,000 will be marketed as fast as they get into prime condition. Mr. Warren's decision was perhaps hastened by the liberties the high wind on Monday and Tuesday took with his hay. On his ranch are forty-seven hay stacks, running from ten to 150 tons to the stack; perhaps a trifle of 2,500 tons. The wind took the top off every stack. The loss is not a severe one, but Mr. Warren prefers to see the hay represented in fat mutton rather than as samples of Judith basin products to the settlers of North Dakota.

An Exception.

Ascum—He's particularly pleasant when you get him in a reminiscent mood, don't you think? Burgess—Not always. He was in just such a mood the other day and recalled a loan of \$5 he had made to me.—Exchange.

The Thistle Nuisance

Extracts from the Revised Codes of Montana, 1907.  
Section 8872. Permitting thistles to go to seed. Any person or persons owning any lands within this state, or occupying or having control of any lands, whether within the plat of towns, villages or cities, or otherwise, within this state, knowingly permitting or suffering any Canadian, Scotch Bull or Russian thistle or thistles to go to seed upon any land or lands thus owned, occupied or under control of such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of supporting and maintaining a common nuisance, and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, of the offense, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty nor less than five dollars.  
Section 8873. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners, road supervisors and other persons or persons having control of public highways, streets or alleys where any such thistles or thistles may be found growing or standing to immediately destroy, or cause same to be destroyed, and pay therefor at the same rate that is stipred, and any person or persons who are paid for road labor. The person or persons, or corporation owning, occupying or having control of such lands shall be liable in a civil action for the amount so charged against them and costs of suit.  
The Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau County, Montana.  
G. C. IHMSEN, Chairman.  
Dated January 11, 1913.

Estray Taken Up

I have in my field one bay horse, weight about 900, branded on left shoulder. Party owning can have same by proving property and paying expenses incurred.  
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early and earnest move will be made to dispose of the matter for the session by referring it to a strong commission for investigation and to report to the governor later on, but in ample time for widespread discussion by the people before the legislature of 1915 shall convene.

The resolution upon this subject will very probably include the personnel of the commission, which will also be authorized to recommend a location for the consolidated institutions, the whole matter of consolidation and location to be voted on by the people at the general election in 1915.

It may be of interest to other cities in the state to know that Helena is already being groomed as an entry in case the consolidation scheme goes through. That Fort Harrison will be definitely abandoned is now a certainty, and when that has been done a movement will be set on foot to have the federal government cede the grounds to the state for public purposes. That much accomplished, the way will have been paved for an easy victory for Helena as the "University city"—so the local boosters for consolidation point out; among themselves.

Farmers' Week at Bozeman.

Rates of fare and a third for the round trip from all points in Montana to Bozeman for the Farmers' Week, January 22-30, have been granted by all the railroads operating in the state. Tickets may be purchased January 18 to 24, with a final return limit of February 3.

Those who desire to take advantage of these rates to attend the Farmers' Week conventions and short courses should take receipt from the local agent when purchasing ticket. This when duly counter-signed at Bozeman will enable the purchaser to return for one-third fare.

P. G. Olden of Iowa, Joe Wing of Ohio, Mrs. Alice Peloubet Norton of Chicago University, and L. R. Alderman of Oregon, are among the speakers. Oregon, Iowa, better roads, cooperation, good seed, farm homes, recreation and health, the country church, horticulture, and dairying are the daily themes.

For program and particulars address F. S. Cooley, Bozeman, Mont.

Electric Power For Railways.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 9.—In a telegram received in the city today from New York from John D. Ryan, president of the Great Falls Power company, that official makes the statement that within a few years 10,000 miles of railway in the mountain and coast states will be electrified by power furnished by various plants within the territory. The statement follows the announcement from Washington of the granting to that company of rights for transmission of power for the electrification of the Milwaukee lines through Montana and Idaho and shows that the plan is to be carried to an extent heretofore undreamed of.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—It is estimated the total cost of electrification of the 450 miles of main line by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company will be in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000.

It is understood that the General Electric company is to receive the contract for the work, as the company has had experts in the field for some time past, looking over the situation in an endeavor to arrive at an estimate of the total cost that will be involved in connection with the work. The power is to be obtained from Great Falls, Madison Falls, Thompson Falls and other minor sources, all of which power projects are now incorporated and under the direct supervision of the Montana Power company.

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