CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's Daily

Walter Morrison, of Floweree, is a business visitor in the city today.

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

Mrs. Harvey Phelps, who has been on a visit in the east for some time past, returned today.

Among the departures for the west this morning were D. G. Brown and W. K. Harber, who went to Helena on business.

It is announced that there will be a ball at the opera house on Friday, January 31. Good music and an enjoyable time is assured.

According to the records of the weather bureau station at Havre, the mean temperature during the year 1912 was about normal. The total precipitation for the twelve months was 12.28 inches, which is about 1½ inches less than the annual average.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stockmen's National bank, held yesterday afternoon, the following were elected as a board of directors: Chas. E. Duer, David G. Browne, Jno. V. Carroll, John Harris, Chas. Lepely, A. S. Lohman, M. E. Milner C. H. Merrill, W. K. Harber. At a directors meeting, the officers of the institution were re-elected.

The jury commission, composed of Jurgen Engellant, acting chairman of the board of county commissioners: Treasurer Leet and Assessor Crane, who have been engaged for a few days past in selecting the names of persons liable for jury duty for the ensuing year, completed their duties yesterday afternoon. The list which contains some 1,500 names is now in the hands of the clerk of the court to be put in shape for insertion in the jury boxes.

H. A. Davee, superintendent of public instruction, has issued a call to all county superintendents to meet in Helena on January 23, for the purpose of considering some changes in the school laws of Montana, and for the further purpose of drafting a bill for presentation at the present legislative assembly. In his letter to the superintendents Mr. Davee suggests that all be prepared to outline their ideas of required legislation, so that no time may be lost in embodying these ideas in the proposed bill.

The Northwest Montana Progressive Agricultural and Horticultural society is the name of a new organization of farmers which is announced to meet at Big Sandy on January 18th. A fine program has been planned, which includes several prominent speakers who are authority on dry land farming. The organization will not be solely for the purpose of exchanging views on farming and fruit growing, but for the securing of better markets and lower freight rates and adopting the best methods of preparing products for market.

From Thursday's Daily.

Patrick Egan and Mrs. Will Smith, of this city were received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

A marriage reported from Great Falls is that of Theodore C. Kruse and Miss Mary Mayer, both of Carter.

Mrs. J. E. Epperson, who was summoned to St. Paul a couple of weeks ago by the death of her mother, returned home this morning.

J. O. Villars, who has been employed as draughtsman during the transcribing of the Chouteau county records, left this morning for Great Falls, from whence he will leave in a few days for his home at Wilmington, Ohio.

J. J. Hess, who has been located here several years as trainmaster for the Great Northern, has been transferred to Whitefish, with jurisdiction over the Kalispell division, says the Great Falls Leader. Fred Wear, formerly yardsman here, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hess. The family of the latter will remain here until February 1, and will then establish a home in Whitefish. Miss Ethel Hess will leave shortly for Notre Dame university.

A fatal accident was reported about noon today from Capt. Stevens' ranch, about three miles west of this city, the victim being Oscar Peterson, who at the time of the accident was operating a corn shredder. It is impossible at this writing to learn the particulars of the sad occurrence further than that Peterson was in some way caught in the driving belt of the machine and crushed to death by being drawn against a pulley. Coroner Wilford was notified of the accident and immediately left for the scene.

From Friday's Daily

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelly, of this city, a son.

H. G. Stevens, of Big Sandy, was among today's arrivals.

A. L. Lewis, of Floweree, is visiting with friends in this city.

Frank Laird, who has extensive ranch and livestock interests in the Sweet Grass hills arrived today on a business visit.

Arrivals from the Shonkin report an unusually heavy snowfall in that locality. The snow is about eighteen inches deep on the level.

David G. Browne and wife returned last night from Helena, where they took part in the public reception in honor of Senator Walsh.

J. A. Wright and Frank Baker, of Chester, who are engaged in the mercantile business at that place, are among the visitors in town.

G. J. Bonine, president of the Hill County Abstract company, arrived from Havre today to look after his business interests in this vicinity.

Local weather conditions took a peculiar turn last night, according to the government thermometer in charge of Jere Sullivan. At eight o'clock last evening a temperature of 23 below was recorded, but during the night the mercury moved upward about 16 degrees.

A suit has been brought in the district court by Emma Flatness against Margaret Card, to secure possession of a tract of land near Big Sandy. The complaint alleges plaintiff filed on the land as a desert claim about two years ago, and that defendant is in illegal possession of the property.

Assessor Fenton Exonerated.

HAVRE, Jan. 15.—Judge David J. Goss, the newly elected justice of the peace, rendered Monday at 11 a. m. his verdict in the case of the state against James H. Fenton, in which he reviewed the evidence and ordered Fenton's bondsmen dismissed, stating there was nothing in the evidence whatever justifying him to bind Fenton over to the district court.

The case was tried last week and the court room was packed with interested spectators. Mr. Fenton is now assessor of Hill county. He was deputy during the past six months under Assessor A. E. Randall, who is the prosecuting witness and testified that a poor tax receipt book containing receipts to the value of $100 was stolen from his desk in his office. He swore to the complaint against Fenton, accusing him of grand larceny. County Attorney Griggs prosecuted the case and Attorney J. K. Bramble was the defendant's attorney.

Taking everything into consideration there was not a scintilla of evidence of any nature or description that would have even a tendency to establish the fact that any offense had been committed by Fenton and nothing whatever to connect him with the commission of the offense. There were no facts presented that would show or from which one might infer an intent on his part to do wrong. There was needless squandering of the taxpayer's money in permitting the complainant to air his imaginary grievances in court at the expense of the county.

Profits In Feeding Livestock.

BILLINGS, Jan. 14.—A shipment of 210 fat steers from the C. M. Bair ranch was started from this city yesterday morning for the market in Portland. The animals averaged more than 1,400 pounds and the price received is said to have been about six cents per pound or approximately $85 per head.

Feeding operations are being carried on on a comparatively large scale in the yards of the sugar company and 3,000 steers and 15,000 sheep are being fattened. Last season 6,000 cattle and 9,000 sheep were fed in these yards and the records show that among the items of expense were $50,000 for alfalfa and $50,000 for beet pulp and molases.

An idea of the profits in the industry as far as the cattle are concerned, may be secured by comparing original cost and that of finishing the animals, with the price received for those just shipped.

It was stated that about $50 per head was paid for the steers when they went on feed and that the average cost of fattening them is about $20, this depending upon the condition of the steer when he went into the pens also the length of time he remained. This, however, is ordinarily about 100 days.

From this it will be seen that the total cost of the steer when ready for market, based upon the figures mentioned, is about $75, and if sold at the price paid for the Bair cattle, the net profit is at least $10.

As one firm is owner of the 3,000 cattle it is apparent that it will net about $30,000 within the next few weeks for animals which have been in their possession less than four months.

Claims Million For Husband

NEW YORK, Jan 16.—A flood of petitions for damage through the loss of the steamer Titanic includes one from Mrs. Irene Wallace Harris, who claims $1,000,000 for the loss of her husband, Henry B. Harris, the theatrical manager. This is the heaviest of the 279 claims filed so far. Mrs. Futrelle of Scictuate, Mass., asked $300,000 compensation for the loss of her husband, Jacques Futrelle, author. The claim of Mrs. Lilly B. Millet, widow of Francis D. Millet, artist, is $100,000.

The total claims amount to more than $10,000,000. The White Star line, owner of the ship, contends its liability is limited under the United States statutes to less than $100,000, the value of recovered wreckage and passage money.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

DILLON, Jan. 13.—The lifeless body of Charles S. Ballenger, for many years one of the well-known druggists of this city, was found in his apartments in the Burfiend block late yesterday evening. Death had come suddenly as Ballenger's body was found stretched out on the floor of his room. Mr. Ballenger was a native of Michigan.

LEWISTOWN, Jan. 14.—After a full hearing in the case of the the Bright hotel, cited to show cause why its license should not be revoked for violating the 1 o'clock closing ordinance on New Year's morning, the case was ordered taken to the police court and a charge of keeping the bar open was entered and a fine of $300 was imposed.

BOZEMAN, Jan. 14.—Harry L. Summers has received a telegram here from W. H. Child and Charles Anceney at Minneapolis that they have purchased the famous Browndale herd of pure bred Shorthorns at Browndale, Minn., of H. F. Brown and are shipping them to Bozeman. At Des Moines, Ia., they recently completed the purchase of 30 pure bred Shorthorn bulls and 35 pure bred cows and the total shipment they will bring back with them will be 150 head.

BUTTE, Jan. 13.—The Butte chamber of commerce tonight went on record as unquestionably endorsing the proposed consolidation of Montana greater institutions of learning. In futherance of the scheme for a "greater university," a resolution introduced by former Lieut. Governor Allen was adopted, and it calls upon other commercial bodies throughout the state to follow in the wake of the Butte organization.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the Great Falls National bank, held yesterday evening, Robert S. Ford declined re-election as head of the institution, and the honor was conferred upon his son, Lee M. Ford. The retiring president has served over 22 consecutive years, and, in a statement to the directors, said he preferred to turn over the management of the financial institution to men of fewer years.

HAMILTON, Jan. 14.—Struck by a flying log, Charles Olsen, for 20 years a resident of the Bitter Root valley, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon at the Latchem & Rooney sawmill, on Little Sleeping Child creek, and died on the road to the Hamilton hospital. Olsen was working on a log chute and was struck by a log which jumped the chute, breaking both his arms cutting and bruising his face and head and breaking his hip. Death was due to a ruptured blood vessel.

ANACONDA, Jan. 14.—The hearing of J. W. Stack, formerly one of the foremen at the Amalgamated smelter here, charged with extortion from those working under him, was begun today before Justice of the Peace Pringle. The evidence is being taken through an interpreter. It is alleged that Stack received monthly from $10 to $20 from Austrians and other foreigners who held their positions through his grace. Other foremen, it is said, are involved, the practice being common to hold up hundreds of the foreignors monthly as the price of their jobs.

ANACONDA, Jan. 15.—Electrical equipment for the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad, the first steam railroad in the United States to undergo electrification, has begun to arrive. Portions of engines reached Anaconda and the engines proper will be on the ground shortly. Seventeen are expected and they will be of the 75-ton articulated type of 2,400 volts, direct current. The engines have none of the locomotive appearance and look more like box cars in design. These engines will have sufficient capacity to develop tractive power of 25,000 pounds at 15 miles an hour. Two of the engines will be for the passenger service and 15 for the freight.

Canal Contracts Awarded.

HELENA, Jan. 14.—Contracts for the earthwork on the Vandalia south canal in the Glasgow division of the Milk river project have been awarded, according to a telegram received by Supervising Engineer H. N. Savage from Washington. The successful contractors were J. E. Hilton and Charles Wilhite & Co. The work covered by the contracts involves the expenditure of approximately $200,000. Construction will be started in the spring.

This is the last of the big contracts on the main canal work to be let in the immediate future in the Malta and Glasgow divisions of the Milk River project.

The Vandalia south canal will divert water from the Milk river on the south side midway between Hindsdale and Vandalia, and will carry it a distance of 45 miles, past Vandalia, Tampico, Paisley and Glasgow to Nashua. It will cover upwards of 25,000 acres of first class irrigable land.

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