

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Theo. Thompson, of Clear Lake, is among today's out of town visitors.

G. W. Roberts arrived from Chinoek today, on a short business visit.

Charles Ames, of Genou, who has a homestead in that vicinity, was among today's arrivals.

Oscar Johnston and Martin Connolly left yesterday for Cascade, on a business visit of a few days.

P. H. Hersey, publisher of the Box Elder Press, was among the arrivals on today's delayed westbound train.

Reuben Johnson, of Harlem, and Frank Colgate, of this city, have been received at St. Clare hospital for treatment.

B. D. Ogden, an old time resident of the Bear Paw country, arrived from Box Elder today on a visit with friends in this vicinity.

Capt. Geo. H. Stevens, state senator from Chouteau county, arrived from Helena today. Captain Stevens reports an immense amount of work accumulating in the legislative assembly, among which are a number of meritorious measures that will probably be enacted into law.

D. L. Blackstone, county attorney of Blaine county, arrived today on official business. Mr. Blackstone brings word that the sale of Blaine county bonds a few days ago attracted a large number of bids, the First National bank, of Butte, making the most desirable offer. The total issue of \$130,000 was sold to the Butte institution at a premium of \$4,323.

A news item from Billings says a number of farmers in that vicinity have organized a Potato Growers association. One of the principal objects will be to cultivate tubers of high quality, that feature to receive more attention than that of large yields, and a committee was chosen to investigate and recommend not to exceed two varieties which are peculiarly adapted to this climate, and the growers pledged themselves to plant only those indorsed by the committee.

From Monday's Daily.

Hilmen C. Lyng, of Geysler, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

M. P. Sigworth and family, of Hawarden, were among today's arrivals.

Charles Murray and Thos. L. Sheehy, of Big Sandy, are among the business visitors in town.

The westbound train arrived here on time this morning, an incident so unusual that it was bulletined at the postoffice.

Mrs. MacWhite, of Bozeman, arrived yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. Greenwood, of Big Sandy, who is under treatment at the Sanitarium.

Miss Flanagan, county superintendent, announces that the next teachers' examination will be held Friday and Saturday, February 28 and March 1.

Lost, a brown Japanese mink muff, between Fort Benton and Nine Mile or in town.—Reward for return to River Press office or LaBarre's stables.—Adv.

P. Burnett returned yesterday from Rochester, Minn., where he underwent a severe surgical operation at the Mayo Bros. hospital. He has not yet fully recovered from its effect.

Arrangements are being made by the Nine Mile Grange to give a masquerade ball Friday evening, February 21. If weather conditions are favorable, a large attendance is assured.

The residents of Nine Mile and vicinity are preparing to install a local telephone system, an outfit of seventeen instruments having been received by C. W. Vaughan today for the parties interested in the project. It is expected that the Nine Mile telephones will ultimately be connected with the Highwood line, and have communication with outside points.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mrs. Oe Everson, of Big Sandy, was taken to the Sanitarium today for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Frank Fish, of Highwood, has been received at St. Clare hospital for medical treatment.

The members of St. Paul's Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Jno. S. Culbertson on Thursday afternoon, February 13. Among the signs of the approach of spring is the announcement that registration for the school district elections will close March 25. The school elections take place the first Saturday in April.

H. A. Davee, state superintendent of public instruction, announces that the February teachers' examination in theory and art of teaching will be based on O'Shea's "Everyday Problems in Teaching," which can be procured at the book stores.

The organization of farmers' granges is reported from various parts of northern Montana, residents of Chester and vicinity being among those who have recently decided to cooperate. The Chester grange organized with Louis Barzee as master, and Frank Lowe as secretary.

Word was received today announcing the death of Mrs. Gus Senieur, formerly of this city, at her home in

Helena. Mrs. Senieur was a resident of Fort Benton for nearly thirty years, removing to Helena about five years ago, and had a large number of friends here who will sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

The local authorities are searching for parties who were responsible for a dynamite explosion in the upper part of town about midnight. There was no damage to property, but the explosion caused alarm among residents of the locality, and punishment awaits the reckless individual who indulged in that dangerous form of amusement.

A Washington dispatch announces that the president has sent to the senate the nomination of Geo. W. Crane for re-appointment as postmaster at Fort Benton. Mr. Crane's present term will expire in a few days, but it is expected his re-appointment will be blocked in the senate by the plans that have prevented the confirmation of several hundred nominations that were recently made.

A new departure in the matter of encouraging development of local industries is reported from Hamilton, in the Bitter Root valley, where it is proposed to establish a creamery. The business men are offering to furnish milk cows to the farmers on credit, on condition that a co-operative creamery be established. A similar plan is said to have been adopted at Lewistown.

Electric Power For Milwaukee Road.

Plans for the use of electric power on the Milwaukee railroad have been made public by officials of the company. There will be seven stationary power plants, at least, generating electricity by water power at Great Falls, Helena, Madison River, Big Hole and Thompson Falls, near the western border of Montana. All these will be connected in circuit, contributing their power to a single reservoir. Electricity will be conveyed to motors by means of a trolley system. Power will be purchased from the producing company, the railroad having nothing to do with construction and installation of power plants.

The Milwaukee probably will have fifty electric locomotives to begin the service, specially designed to meet needs of the situation. These must pull a maximum freight tonnage of 2100 tons up a 1 per cent grade. On heavy grades helpers will be added. The locomotives will be limited in design to a speed of 30 miles per hour up grade and 25 miles per hour down grade for passenger motors, and 15 miles per hour for freights.

Isolated Tract Sales.

Regulations governing the sale of isolated tracts have been amended in two important particulars by the commissioner of the land office, according to instructions received by officials of western land offices.

Hereafter applicants must deposit with the receiver an amount equal to the value of the land based upon the minimum price fixed for public lands, which will be \$1 25 an acre or if within railroad limits \$2 50 an acre, upon making the application.

Hereafter also lands will be open to entry until the day of the sale, even after application has been made for their sale as isolated tracts.

Butte Is Wonderful Camp.

Over a billion dollars worth of copper, silver and gold has been produced by Butte mines during the past thirty years, according to an article in the Mining and Engineering world. In a general review of the American mining industry, the article makes this reference to the Butte district:

"Since 1880, when the Anaconda mine was opened as a silver property but quickly developed into a copper producer, the mines of Butte have yielded an estimated total of 7,000,000,000 pounds of copper, having a gross value of \$980,000,000, based on an average price of 14 cents a pound. The Butte ores carry 2 1/2 cents in silver and gold for each pound of copper, giving a value of gold and silver to the copper ores mined since 1880 of \$175,000,000, and a total value of copper, silver and gold of \$1,155,000,000."

"In 1912 the Butte mines produced 321,115,170 pounds of copper against 270,987,699 in 1911. While the copper production of 1912 marked a new high record, a greater reserve was created than was known in the Butte mines in years."

ANACONDA, Feb. 6.—John Sheehy, first copper refiner in Montana, 76 years of age and a resident of Anaconda for more than a score of years, is dead. Mr. Sheehy came to Anaconda 21 years ago as superintendent of the refinery then in course of construction.

Terms of Court For 1913.

- CHOUTEAU COUNTY
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, November 25
- HILL COUNTY
Tuesday, April 29
Tuesday, June 3
Tuesday, October 28
- BLAINE COUNTY
Tuesday, March 25
Thursday, May 1
Tuesday, October 7
- VALLEY COUNTY
Wednesday, April 16
Tuesday, June 17
Thursday, September 25

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Conrad Independent: A movement is on foot for the creation of a new county in the northern portion of Teton county. The lines as proposed are practically the same as outlined last summer in the proposed Pondera county, and the new commonwealth, if it comes into being will bear the name Pondera.

Big Sandy Mountaineer: Frank Hadlock received word Monday of the death of his father, who succumbed to apoplexy at his old home in Chicago. The elder Mr. Hadlock took a leave of absence and left Big Sandy shortly before the first of the year and his untimely end will be heard of with much regret and shock to his friends on the prairie.

Conrad Observer: W. E. Lothridge of the famous Wenatchee, Washington, valley was in Conrad this week and purchased Carey act land. As is well known the Wenatchee valley is a rich agricultural and fruit district and the fact that men are coming from that section and purchasing the Carey act lands in a good omen. It shows that the watered land is in demand.

Chinoek Opinion: The county commissioners were in session Tuesday to settle up with the transcribers. The accounts were all adjusted except the disputed claim of H. T. Grimm that he should draw pay for Sundays. The commissioners have refused to allow this claim and he insists that he is entitled to it under his contract. The transcribing cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000.

Lewistown Argus: Marion Burke left Sunday for a cattle buying trip in Minnesota and Iowa. As soon as the season opens he will ship in several cars of Holsteins, Short-horns and Red Polled cows and at least a half car of bulls. Of the many cars of graded and full-blood Holsteins he shipped in last year he has left only those he needs for dairy purposes.

Chinoek Opinion: Thos. Walker of this place died at the state asylum last month. Walker was sent over there from here in December on account of a suicidal mania that he had developed in the town jail. He endeavored to kill himself in various ways and finally attempted to beat his brains out against the iron bars of the county jail cells where it became necessary to confine him. He was in a very serious condition when taken to the asylum.

Culbertson Republican: A compromise was reached this week between the promulgators of the Phillips county bill and the people of the proposed new Sheridan county, whereby the date of enactment of the Phillips county bill, in case it becomes a law, has been set for April 15th, which will give the new county of Sheridan ample time to organize after the election and get their papers filed. This will set at rest the fear that the passing of the Phillips county bill would invalidate the Sheridan county division election.

Glasgow News: Wednesday the Skidoo from Williston brought a man to Glasgow who had been picked up near Wolf Point in a badly frozen condition. When found his feet and hands were so badly frozen that if he recovers at all they will have to be amputated. He says his name is Walter Rolo, and his home is in Dunbar, Wis., that he was coming west on a freight Tuesday night and the last thing he remembers was about midnight when he fell off. The fall rendered him unconscious and he lay all night in the cold, and the next day succeeded in flagging the Skidoo and was thus brought to this city and taken to the Central hospital where he is now in a critical condition.

Want Pledges Fulfilled.

HELENA, Feb. 10.—With five weeks of the legislative session past, the assembly has yet to enact several measures embodied in the state democratic platform. Gov. S. V. Stewart, anxious that the pledges made be fulfilled, has sent an urgent request to the members of both houses that from now until the end of the session greater attention be paid the platform promises of the democrats. The coming week will be devoted almost altogether to these bills.

The senate held a half hour's session this afternoon, but during that time managed to pass seven bills, including the two house bills defining the term "communicable diseases," and increasing the age of consent also the senate bills establishing a game preserve at the head of Sun River canyon; Steven's bill allowing voters living outside of incorporated cities to vote at the polling place nearest their place of residence; and the Abbott bill relating to reduced or free transportation on railroads.

Two Million Acres Surveyed

HELENA, Feb. 7.—According to J. Scott Harrison, assistant supervisor of government surveys, with headquarters in Helena, there were surveyed in Montana last year 2,135,808 acres of government land. The greater part of this land was situated in the

eastern counties of Montana. This was because a deficiency of funds did not allow work in the western section. The surveys in the eastern part were under a special appropriation made in 1910.

The work was done last season at a cost of 2.8 cents per acre, or \$8 85 per mile. This was saving over the previous season, which cost 3.37 cents per acre for the survey of 2,188,800 acres which were surveyed.

Both of these cost items were reckoned without including the metal corner posts, which have been such a decided success. The corner posts average \$1.50 apiece. The preparation of the field notes for filing averages fifty cents a mile.

ESTRAY FUND SHORTAGE.

Investigating Committee Makes Final Report To Governor.

HELENA, Feb. 6.—The legislative committee appointed two years ago to investigate the office of the secretary of the state board of livestock commissioners made its final report to the governor today. One of the conclusions in the report is that "a conspiracy was entered into between S. W. Langhorne, Jr., Ray C. Clements and Mark Good, with possibly other persons, to procure, by means of forging the name of the payee to checks, a large sum of money out of the estray fund."

The defalcation of Langhorne in 1909 and 1910 is fixed by the report at \$19,540. It is recommended that civil actions be instituted to recover the moneys wrongfully taken from the estray fund. Efforts have been made to arrest Clements and Good, says the report, but they have been fruitless. It is recommended that the effort to apprehend them be not abandoned.

The report sharply criticizes former stock boards for their handling of the estray monies. It says: "We are forced to the conclusion that discrimination has been shown by those entrusted with the settlement of such claims and in many cases the owner did not receive pay for his estray. In our judgment, many cases have been decided against the only claimant for the money, without any proper justification for the action of those handling the estray funds."

The strictures passed upon the partial report of the investigating committee, made public early in November, by D. W. Raymond, secretary of the board of stock commissioners at present; and by John T. Murphy of this city, a former president of the stock board, are remarked upon in the final report, and answers made to them.

Human Head In Alcohol.

BUTTE, Feb. 8.—Alcohol or alcoholic beverages of any shape or form are strictly taboo by certain railroad men of Butte, who went through an experience yesterday that made their hair stand on end and their stomachs feel as though the buttons had dropped out. They are forever cured of a desire for anything stronger than soda water, and the mere thought of alcohol will take their appetites away for several weeks.

Several weeks ago a keg of alcohol went astray. The consignee could not be located. The keg was left in a freight house and the crews about began to tap it, until finally the contents had been entirely consumed. Today a prominent physician, who had been searching for the keg, found it in the freight house and while the crew gathered about to enjoy what they considered a good joke, the physician took the top off the keg and lifted out a head, which had been sent him for scientific purposes.

The guilty railroaders took one hurried glance at the object in the doctor's hand and then hastily left the premises, as their stomachs refused to retain their noon day meals after the men learned they had been drinking alcohol which was used to preserve the head of a man. It was a most salutary lesson, and wholesale liquor dealers who ship over this road in the future can feel certain that none of their liquor will be touched after it reaches Butte.

Horses For Sale.

Three work teams for sale; range from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. Well broke and gentle. Can be seen at ranch 17 miles southeast of town. CHESTER C. SMITH, Fort Benton.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office at Lewistown, Montana, February 6, 1913.
Notice is hereby given that JOHN NARY, of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on March 22, 1911, made homestead entry No. 03478, for NE 1/4, SE 1/4, section 22, T. 21 N., R. 10 W., N. 1/4, S. 1/4, section 23, township 21 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Geo. D. Patterson, clerk of the district court, at his office, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 15th day of March, 1913.
Claimant names as witnesses: Herman Englund, Fred Hansen, Oscar Johnson, Joe Jones, all of Hawarden, Montana.
C. E. MCKOIN, Register.

Have 0361. Great Falls 0012675. Non Coal Land.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office at Havre, Montana, February 4, 1913.
Notice is hereby given that JOHN E. GWYNN, of Loma, Montana, who, on February 15, 1910, made homestead entry No. 03610, for NE 1/4, section 28, township 20 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Havre, Montana, on the 25th day of March, 1913.
Claimant names as witnesses: William Collins, August Johnson, Ernest W. Day, E. Theo. Eastland, all of Loma, Mont.
M. W. HUTCHINSON, Register.

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