

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

W. H. Thomas, of Highwood, is among the business visitors in town. Attorney C. R. Stranahan arrived from Havre today, on a short business visit.

H. S. Magraw and W. M. Buckler, of the state examiner's office, arrived from Helena today on official business.

C. D. Forgey, a former resident of this city, arrived from Big Sandy today on a visit with Fort Benton friends.

A decree of divorce was entered in the district court today in the suit of Alta J. Frost against Albert L. Frost, in which the complaint charged desertion.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Jacob Geng, of Big Sandy, a former resident of Canada.

Joe Sullivan received word today from Dubuque, Ia., announcing the death of Mrs. M. A. McQuillan, the aged mother of the late Mrs. Sullivan. Mrs. McQuillan visited here several years ago, and had a number of old time friends in this city.

In the district court today, Jake Bishop and Fred Johnson entered pleas of guilty to a charge of assault, and each of the defendants was fined \$500. In accordance with the provisions of the new parole law, the court suspended sentence and the defendants were given their liberty on probation.

According to advices from Conrad, the Teton county commissioners have named June 25 as the date for holding a special election to vote upon the question of forming the new county of Pondera. The proposition to create the new county of Toots from the northeastern part of Teton county is to be submitted to the voters on the same date.

At a meeting of Fort Benton citizens held last evening, it was decided to assist in the work of providing relief for victims of the Ohio floods, and Mayor Chas. E. Green appointed George Wackerlin and George W. Crane, Jr., a committee to solicit subscriptions. The money will be sent to the Red Cross organization for proper disbursement.

From Monday's Daily.

Found, a small purse. Owner can recover at the Benton State bank.

A daughter was born today Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Simmons, of Sample flat.

O. G. Osnes, the well known Kuerstville stockman, is visiting with friends in this city.

Frank Hadley arrived from Great Falls yesterday, on a visit with friends in this city.

Born, at the Sanitarium, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Helms, of Clear Lake, a daughter.

Mrs. W. S. Chemidlin, who has been visiting here for a few days, left for Great Falls last evening.

Among the signs of spring in evidence today is the arrival of robins, these welcome visitors having appeared this morning.

Jurgen Eggellant, who arrived yesterday from his ranch near Evarson, reports improved range conditions after a spell of real winter in that locality.

The arrivals from the east today included a large number of men who will be employed on Milwaukee railroad work southeast of town. Several wagons left for that locality during the day.

Mrs. Wm. Jacobson, of Big Sandy, who was taken to St. Clare hospital a few days ago to receive treatment for serious stomach trouble, died Saturday night from that ailment. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

An exceptionally strong company presenting "Graustark" has been chosen by the United Play company, and particular attention has been given the scenic equipment. The play will be presented at the opera house Friday, April 4. Tickets on sale at Lockwood's.

A dispatch from Washington announces that Congressman Thos. Stout has recommended the appointment of several postmasters in his district, the list including Charles Lepley, of this city; Harry S. Green, of Big Sandy; and J. A. Wright, of Chester. It is expected that the appointments will be made and confirmed soon after congress meets in special session on April 7.

There was a quick response by Fort Benton citizens to an invitation to contribute to a relief fund for the Ohio flood sufferers. A subscription paper was circulated Saturday afternoon by George Wackerlin and Geo. W. Crane, Jr., and in about two hours the sum of \$225.50 was collected. Mayor Chas. E. Green remitted this amount today to the Red Cross society, to assist in the relief work of that organization.

From Tuesday's Daily.

E. Lundeen, of Big Sandy, is among the visitors in town.

W. C. Montgomery, of Carter, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.

Miss Eva Russell left today for

Lewistown to attend the state Sunday school convention in that city.

Miss K. Sutherland and Geo. Streit, of this city, were received at St. Clare hospital yesterday for medical treatment.

A petition for naturalization has been filed in the district court by Jno. W. Larson, who is a native of Denmark.

R. W. Main, a former resident of the Milk river valley who ran a store at Yantic about twenty years ago, is visiting with old time friends in this city. Mr. Main is now located at Polson, in Flathead county.

The duties of the sheriff's office now include the punching of wolf and coyote scalps for bounty purposes, a new law providing to that effect. The scalps must be presented during the first ten days of the month.

Local residents who formerly lived at Bluffton, Ind., are in receipt of word that Bluffton and neighboring towns were swept by a big flood a few days ago. The property damage was serious but there was no loss of life.

Among the arrivals at the Great Northern depot the past two days were several carloads of settlers' effects, with a number of milch cows and other livestock. The owners are moving out to their ranches with heavily loaded wagons.

A news item from Havre reports over 1,300 homestead filings in the Havre land office during the month of March, a large proportion of the entries being in the country north of Chinook and Harlem. It was a record month for homestead filings in the Havre land district.

The postoffice department announces that the stamped envelope factory at Dayton, Ohio, has been temporarily closed on account of damage from recent floods, and orders for special-request envelopes cannot be filled. The department advises that such work be done by local printers.

Exceptional interest is being shown in the forthcoming production of "Graustark," which the United Play Co. will present at the opera house Friday, April 4. Although the production is one of the very best seen in this city regular prices will prevail. Tickets on sale at Lockwood's drug store.

According to the Lewistown Argus, the latest county division plan is one for a new county to be formed from a large slice of the west side of Fergus, with portions of Cascade, Chouteau and Meagher. It is claimed that a considerable portion of the west side, including the rich and populous Denton section, is strongly opposed to the project. Stanford aspires to be the county seat.

A Malta special to the Great Falls Tribune reports that two men, Ray Watson and Luther Breshears, were killed while digging a well at a ranch about forty miles north of Malta. They had been blasting rock in the well, and descending into the excavation before the gas had escaped were suffocated by the poisonous fumes.

Citizens' Party Primaries

A large number of voters attended the citizens' party primaries that were held in each ward Thursday evening, this feature indicating general interest in matters pertaining to the city government. The business for which the primaries were called was the nomination of a candidate for alderman in each ward, the selection of delegates to the city convention, and the appointment of ward committees for the ensuing year.

In the first ward, Jerre J. Sullivan was nominated as the citizens' party candidate for alderman. Delegates to city convention—Ezra L. Crane, George Wackerlin, John S. Culbertson. Ward committee—James Bartley, H. D. Wickhorst, O. J. Wackerlin.

In the second ward, S. F. Allen received the nomination for alderman. Delegates to the city convention—H. LaBarre, S. F. Allen, W. R. Leet. Ward committee—C. W. Morrison, Geo. W. Crane, D. G. Lockwood.

In the third ward, John J. McGraw was nominated for alderman. Delegates to city convention—Grant Sharp, Charles Lepley, Hans Rudolph. Ward committee—F. E. Stranahan, W. K. Harber, L. D. Sharp.

The city convention, to nominate candidates for treasurer and police magistrate, will be held tomorrow evening.

Nominated by Citizens' Party.

The city convention of the citizens' party was held Saturday evening at the city hall, with a full representation of delegates from each ward. The convention organized with James Bartley as chairman, and Ezra L. Crane, secretary.

The business before the convention was the nomination of candidates for city treasurer and police magistrate. The renomination of the present incumbents—F. A. Flanagan, city treasurer, and William Kinder, police magistrate—was made by unanimous vote, no other candidates being proposed.

The only other business transacted by the convention was the appointment of a city committee consisting of George Wackerlin, of the first ward; R. S. Culbertson, of the second ward; W. K. Harber, of the third ward.

Public School Roll of Honor.

The following students of the Fort Benton public schools received the highest standing in their respective classes during the last school month: 1B. Merin Thedale, first, 93 1-3 per cent. Virginia Gostlich, second, 90 1-2 per cent.

1A. Basham Overfield, first, 97 1-7 per cent. Mabel Shepherd and Charline Sullivan, second, 97 per cent.

2. Stanley Allen, first, 97 1-2 per cent. Ike Huesberger, second, 97 per cent.

3. First section. Alice Overfield, first, 96 1-7 per cent. Ralph Uhl, and Eunice Crawford, second, 94 6-7 per cent.

3. Section two. Winifred Joyce and Gertrude Wallace, first, 96 1-4 per cent. John Harris second, 94 per cent.

4. Walter Meyer and Isabel McLeish, first, 95 per cent. Marion Townsend and Raymond Curtis, second, 94 5-8 per cent.

5. Blanche Benson, first, 97 1 8 per cent. Dorothy Ragland, second, 93 3 4 per cent.

6. Edith Ragland, first 96 4-9 per cent. Arthur McLeish, second 95 8 9 per cent.

7. Marguerite de Lorimer, first, 92 2-9 per cent. May Sheldon, second 91 2-9 per cent.

8. Mary Rowe, first, 95 1-7 per cent. Irene Ragland, second, 94 4-7 per cent.

9. Idabel Ragland, first, 92 3 4 per cent. Robert Russell, second 92 1-4 per cent.

10. Irene Jacoby, first, 97 per cent. Irene Chancellor, second, 95 1 4 per cent.

11. Clinton Stranahan, first 94 per cent. Minnie Ludtke, second, 93 2-3 per cent.

12. Harriet Lee, first, 95 per cent. Gladys Barseh, second, 94 1-2 per cent. J. W. LENNING, Supt.

Committed Suicide By Poison.

Edmund Bradford, a stranger who arrived here Saturday night, died in his room at the Chouteau house Monday evening from the effects of poison that he had taken with suicidal intent. The condition of the unfortunate man was discovered early in the evening and a physician was summoned, but efforts to administer an emetic were resisted by the patient and death soon ended his suffering.

From papers found on the person of the suicide it appears that his former home was at Fredericksburg Va., and that he came here from Seattle to work with a Milwaukee survey crew near the Brady-Collins ranch. It was discovered also that he had served with the Fourteenth Infantry at Fort Harrison, Mont., and secured his discharge about three years ago. The discharge papers indicate that he was about 31 years of age.

The cause for suicide is a mystery, the victim of the tragedy having given no reason for taking his own life, and it is assumed he became despondent over matters about which no information has been obtained. A brief memorandum requested that notice of his death be sent to relatives in Florida, and Coroner W. F. Wilford has wired to the address for instructions as to disposition of the body.

Preparing For County Fair.

The initial preparations for the Chouteau county fair of 1913 were made at a meeting of members of the fair association Friday evening, when a board of directors for the ensuing year was elected. The board consists of H. F. Miller, J. Lee Sedgwick, F. A. Flanagan, George Wackerlin, W. K. Harber, O. F. Tate and Oscar Johnston, and will have general charge of the arrangements.

The directors organized by electing J. Lee Sedgwick, president; Oscar Johnston, vice president; F. A. Flanagan, treasurer; H. F. Miller, secretary.

A preliminary premium list will be issued at an early date, for the information of farmers who may desire to raise exhibits for the various departments.

Blaine County Criminal Cases.

The jury term of district court for Blaine county will include the trial of several criminal cases, the dates for which have been set as follows:

Harry H. Asher, on a charge of grand larceny, April 15.

William Albrecht, grand larceny, April 17.

Thomas Casey, assault, April 18.

Samuel W. Bradley, appeal from justice court, April 19.

Thomas Gilhuly, grand larceny, April 21.

Loren Tolbert, grand larceny, April 22.

C. E. Knapp, fraudulent entry on books, April 25.

For Milk River Project

A Washington dispatch announces that the reclamation service has advertised for bids for the construction of 22 miles of the St. Mary canal, Milk river project, involving the excavation of about 1,200,000 yards of material. The canal extends along the St. Mary river from the lower St. Mary lake to the north fork of the Milk river in the northwest portion of the Blackfoot reservation. The remaining seven miles of the canal are being built by government forces. The St. Mary feature will be finished

in about two years and a half, it is estimated, the same time when the ditches and canals in the Milk river valley are completed.

The reclamation service also contemplates the construction of two storage reservoirs in the Glacier park, one at the Sherburne lakes and the other at McDermott lakes. The cost of this project, including the canal, the two Glacier park reservoirs, and the St. Mary lakes reservoir, is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Funds For School Districts.

An apportionment of the amount received from the state school income fund has been made by Miss Flanagan, county superintendent, each school district in Chouteau county receiving its share at the rate of \$4.00 per capita for each child of school age. The apportionment follows:

Table with columns: No. District, Children, Amount. Lists districts like Fort Benton, Upper Highwood, Clear Lake, etc., with corresponding child counts and amounts.

Local Grain Quotations.

Table with columns: Tuesday, April 1. Lists grain types like No. 1 Turkey red, No. 2, No. 1 Northern, No. 1 Flax with their respective prices.

Direct Legislation League.

The organization of a Montana Direct Legislation league was effected Friday evening at a meeting held in Helena, of which former Senator Dixon was chairman. The movement was initiated by a number of citizens who believe the legislative assembly failed to enact several laws that are necessary for the public welfare, and which should be submitted to popular vote.

In addressing the meeting, Mr. Dixon endorsed heartily the ideas upon which the conference was based, and urged moderation and wisdom in the choice of the measures to be submitted to the people by means of the initiative.

There was extended discussion of the work to be done by the new organization, and it was finally decided to initiate measures relating to the following subjects:

1. A bill to regulate the use of water for power and irrigation purposes.

2. A bill for a license tax on metals produced in the state.

3. A bill to enable cities to levy a special tax for the installation and ownership of electric lighting plants.

4. A bill to locate permanently all existing state institutions at the points where such institutions are now located, until such location shall be changed by a vote of the people.

5. A bill to permit the loaning of state funds on first mortgages on improved farm lands.

Committees were appointed to draft each of these initiative measures, and to submit them at a meeting of the league to be held on Thursday of the state fair week in Helena.

An executive committee, consisting of a member from each county, was chosen. The Chouteau county member is Leslie Naylor; Hill county, H. B. Weldy; Blaine county, T. M. Everett.

It is the purpose of the officers of the newly organized non-partisan direct legislation league to hold a meeting at an early date, at which steps will be taken looking to the carrying forward of a campaign for the forming of county branches to co-operate with the parent organization.

A Japanese Costume Party.

The Young Men's Club of the Catholic church announces a Japanese Costume Party to be given on Monday evening, April 14, at the Baker opera house.

The decorations will be in keeping with the character of the party. The committee desires that those attending appear in Japanese costume. Kimonos may be successfully worn by both ladies and gentlemen. Good music will be provided by musicians from Great Falls and vicinity. Tickets for the dance will be \$1.50 a couple.

Supper will be served in the armory at a nominal charge. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and see the fun. A few surprises have been planned. COMMITTEE.

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