

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.

Hans Lehfeld, of Big Sandy, is visiting with friends in this city. Albert Kleinspell and wife, of Carter, are among the visitors in town. Fred Thompson, of Loma, was received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.

Judge Tattan returned today from an official visit to Havre and Chinook, where district court has been in session the past week.

A. Lepice, of the Teton, was received at St. Clare hospital yesterday for medical treatment. John Kelly and Foster Smith were also admitted yesterday.

The author of a picturesque map of northern Montana, which appears in the Great Falls Leader, overlooked the fact that the counties of Hill and Blaine are subdivisions of this part of the state.

The property known as the Rouse ranch, on the Teton, was sold by the sheriff today under foreclosure proceedings in the suit of I. C. Heusen against B. L. Russell and others. The property sold for \$4,655.80.

William Coates, of this city, has a collection of historical relics that includes the rifle used by Sitting Bull when that noted Indian warrior was killed at the Pine Ridge agency in the winter of 1890. It is an old-fashioned muzzle loading gun of 50-caliber, and was found by a man named George Martin in 1892. Mr. Coates secured possession of the old firearm and stored it at Fort Assiniboine where it remained until recently when it was sent to him here.

The Japanese kimono dance and entertainments given by the Catholic ladies last evening was a success in every particular. The opera house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and Japanese parasols and lanterns, and the gay costumes of the dancers added to the oriental effect. Jere J. Sullivan and his troupe of Japanese children and singers appeared in a series of clever songs and dances that charmed the audience. A luncheon was served in the armory about midnight.

From Monday's Daily.

Lee S. Kapp, of Carter, is among the visitors in town.

W. I. Trackwell, of Floweree, is in town today, on a short business visit.

Andrew Elderman, of Big Sandy, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. C. C. Roper, of Havre, arrived yesterday on a visit with friends in this city.

Clement Cormellier was received at St. Clare hospital today, for medical treatment.

James Sherry and his mother, former residents of this city, arrived here Saturday evening from Seattle.

Miss Melvina Jacobson, of this city, returned last evening from Boulder Hot Springs, where she has been taking treatment.

Mrs. Otto Soeberg, who has been visiting with friends in Spokane for several weeks, has returned to her home in this city.

Ernest C. Leaming and wife, of Chicago, arrived today on a visit with old-time friends in this vicinity. Mr. Leaming was a resident of this city in the early eighties.

George W. Tyler, of Seattle, special agent of the federal immigration bureau, arrived yesterday on official business. Mr. Tyler is giving attention to naturalization matters in the district court.

The May term of district court will open tomorrow, the principal business of the first two days of the term being the hearing of applications for naturalization. There are 22 such applications on file.

L. C. Sanger arrived from Big Sandy yesterday to receive attention for a badly crushed hand, which was caught in the machinery of a gasoline plowing outfit. He is under treatment at St. Clare hospital.

The friends of B. L. Powers, former county attorney of Chouteau county, will regret to learn that he is seriously sick. Frank Powers, of Canton, Mont., and Jake Powers, of Great Falls, brothers of the patient, arrived yesterday in response to news of his condition.

Miss Flanagan, county superintendent of schools, announces that the following were the successful applicants at the recent examination for teachers' certificates: Miss Myrtle Baker and Miss Gertrude Seney, of Floweree; Miss Carrie Shurman and Miss Antoinette Will, of Big Sandy; Miss Mabel Macdonald, of Genou. Second grade certificates have been issued in each case.

From Tuesday's Daily.

House for rent. Apply at Benton Drug company.—Adv.

V. F. Blankenbaker, of Virgelle, was among today's arrivals.

Attorney W. S. Towner, of Great Falls, arrived today on district court business.

I. N. Fleenor arrived from Big Sandy today, on a visit with friends in this city.

The Eklund photo studio will be open Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 21.—Adv.

Lost, an all black Irish setter dog. Reward for return to Dr. Jas. F. Murphy.—Adv.

Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Pryor, Okla., who arrived a few days ago, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. N. P. Olson, of Teton.

A marriage license has been issued by the clerk of the district court to Jno. H. Christnach and Alice E. Steyart, both of Carter.

Ever Nielsen and wife, of Box Elder, were among today's arrivals. Mr. Nielsen, who is chairman of the Hill county commissioners, is attending to business relating to the county records.

According to returns received by the state board of health, the population of Montana was increased by 788 births during the month of March. The returns also record 436 deaths during the month.

B. W. Bailor, of Carter, reports a large increase in the area of land under cultivation in that locality. There are about a dozen large steam plowing outfits at work, and a number of gas tractors of smaller capacity.

A party of Missouri river tourists, consisting of Mr. Monk and family, of Great Falls, left Sunday on a trip that may extend to St. Louis. They are traveling in a 25-foot motor boat that is equipped with supplies for a long journey.

Ralph Bligham, the entertainer gave a clever program of story, song and music at the opera house last evening that was enjoyed by a large audience. This was the last number of the local lyceum course, which was so much appreciated that it is hoped arrangements will be made for another course next season.

A dispatch from Butte reports that Harry Drum, formerly of this city, was the victim of a holdup in Butte last night, and was fatally wounded by one of the highwaymen. Mr. Drum was in the employ of a local business firm about eight years ago, and since leaving here secured a position in the federal court at Butte.

Otto Maurer, who is among the visitors in town, is having a controversy with the Great Northern Express company that may be referred to the state railroad commission. The company claims that its point of delivery is at its office in town, and that it cannot make delivery at the depot; and Mr. Maurer contends that, under such conditions, there should be no charge for transfer.

Eight applications for naturalization were granted in the district court today at the morning session, the applicants being W. J. Graham, Phoebe Jenkinson, W. E. Schultz, Louis Hufso, John Stone, Albert Hoge, S. Lagerholm and Fred Krumsich. Three applications were denied by the court because of failure to comply with all the requirements.

A local business firm has gathered data upon the grain crop of this vicinity that are believed to be approximately correct. The exhibit shows the shipment of over 120,000 bushels of wheat and 29,000 bushels of flax, with about 15,000 bushels of last season's crops remaining in storage. The acreage under cultivation this year indicates a large increase in the crop of the coming season.

An automobile party had an unpleasant experience at Wolf Point last week. Their machine was driven on to the ferry at too high a speed and before the brakes worked the auto went over the apron into about four feet of water. The passengers were rescued, one of them losing a wallet containing about \$300, and the machine was hauled out by block and tackle and taken to Glasgow for repairs.

A \$200,000 Cattle Deal

Several local stockmen are interested in a cattle transaction that involves the payment of about \$200,000 by the purchaser. The sale includes most of the cattle owned by members of the Shonkin Stock association whose herds range east of Arrow creek, in the Musselshell country. The purchase was made by a representative of the Hansen Packing company, of Butte, the price being \$55 per head for all classes of cattle from yearlings up.

The exact number of cattle included in the sale will not be known until delivery is made, but it is believed the total will aggregate about 4,000 head. The purchaser will receive the stock as it is gathered by the roundup from time to time, and this work may extend over a period of two years as the herds are scattered over a large expanse of territory.

Among the stockmen who are parties to this transaction are George L. Overfield, Dr. J. V. Carroll, Major T. A. Cummings, the Green Cattle company, the O'Hanlon company, Malcolm Morrow, A. O. DeLorimer and James Bartley, all of this city. The sale practically winds up the affairs of the Shonkin Stock association which was organized by a number of local stockmen about thirty years ago, and who have marketed millions of dollars worth of beef during the existence of the association.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.

Big Sandy Mountaineer: The proposition for a new \$15,000 district school building voted on yesterday at the school house in Big Sandy carried to a man, the vote being 64 to 0 in favor of bonding the district for the above amount.

Malta Enterprise: Chas. Whitcomb is having a cyanide mill erected on his mining property out on Beaver creek, five miles from the Ruby Gulch mine. The mill will have a capacity of 250 tons per day when completed and will be strictly up to date in every respect.

Harlem News: Immigrant cars have been unloaded here every day for the past three weeks, sometimes three or four a day. A feature of those who have arrived here of late is that they bring with them a bunch of dairy cows and horses and machinery enough to go into the business of farming right.

Havre Plaindealer: Frank Harris of Bingham, yesterday appeared before Judge Tattan on a charge of selling mortgaged property. Through his attorney, F. A. Carrol, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Judge Tattan suspended sentence and Harris will be at liberty so long as he observes the contract of the parole—good behavior.

Chinook Opinion: Miss Short, county superintendent is giving out seed corn for the Blaine county fair's corn contest for the boys and girls in the Blaine county schools. A small package of home grown dent corn is given to each child that signifies their intention of engaging in the contest. Directions for growing corn in this section are printed on the package.

Conrad Observer: A. W. Peterson who returned yesterday from a business trip to Litchfield, Minnesota, said that farming was well advanced in Minnesota, but that passing through Dakota he saw water standing in the fields, and in one instance saw wild ducks in the water. He saw shocks of grain standing in the fields of water and in one high and dry field he saw a threshing machine at work threshing last year's crop.

Bingham Review: Someone has estimated that there are 70 steam, gas and oil power breaking outfits operating in the territory tributary to Bingham. There is no way to form an accurate estimate, but it is a certainty that they have unloaded here in great numbers during the past three months, and the present season should see most of our prairie turned over. There is fear among the plowmen that there will be a shortage of oil and gasoline.

Glasgow Independent: The American Loan and Live-stock company has shipped to Vandavia and unloaded three trainloads of range cattle within the last two or three weeks. These cattle were purchased in Oklahoma, Texas and other southwestern states, shipped into Montana last fall and wintered in the southern part of the state. They are being put on the range south of Vandavia and Hinsdale where that company has turned loose several trainloads during the past two years.

Local Grain Quotations.

Tuesday, May 6.	
No. 1 Turkey red	65c.
No. 2 " "	63c.
No. 1 Northern	65c.
No. 1 Flax	90c.

Free Tests of Flax Seed

The department of agronomy at the state agricultural college at Bozeman, has sent out a warning to commercial clubs, banks and chambers of commerce all over the state, urging them to induce farmers to test their flax seed this spring before planting.

It is claimed that many crops of flax were badly damaged by the rains last year, and after the drizzling it received, it is not likely to grow well. It is claimed, too, that much of such seed is apt to be badly diseased.

The department offers to test all seed free of charge, and urges farmers who want to raise a good crop to send to the experts at the state agricultural college samples of the seed they expect to sow. They are asked to send in an envelope two tablespoons of seed, directed to Montana Experiment Station, agronomy department, Bozeman, Montana. After testing a report will be mailed to the sender.

Farmers are urged not to plant flax seed without treating it with a mixture of one pint of formalin to 40 gallons of water. This mixture should be sprayed on the flax at rate of one-half gallon to a bushel. This precaution is necessary, the department claims, because there is some disease in all flax, which causes it to blight and break off.

Issues Potato Bulletin.

A new bulletin on potatoes being sent out by the South Dakota experiment station demonstrates the advantage of using large seed pieces rather than small ones in planting. The potato grower who plants selected tubers rather than culls is likely to secure as much as 20 to 28 per cent greater crop than the grower who is

not careful in seed selection. The professors in the agronomy department of the college carefully worked out all the tests made in the bulletin in last summer's crop, even to the hoeing of the potatoes. Billed in a few words the bulletin states that planting large seed potatoes:

1. Produced a higher yield of potatoes per acre.
2. Produced larger potatoes.
3. Produced potatoes of more uniform type—and gives the figures to prove it.

All farmers and others interested in the production of good potatoes are invited to send for the new potato bulletin No. 140, which is written by Dr. A. N. Hume, agronomist. Address Director Experiment station, Brookings, South Dakota.

Employ Agricultural Expert.

At a meeting of the Lewistown chamber of commerce last week it was decided to engage Carl Peterson, an expert farmer and stockman, to take charge of the field work in Fergus county.

Mr. Peterson's duties will be to study agriculture in Fergus county, take cognizance of conditions here, disseminate information and demonstrate improved methods of better farming and stock growing. The chamber of commerce will pay the sum of \$125 per month to Peterson, who will work in co-operation with the state college and the governmental experiment work. The college will furnish an automobile for Peterson's use and bear any other expenses in connection with his work. Later on it may be arranged so that the county commissioners will assist in paying the salary of Peterson, so as to relieve the Lewistown chamber of some of the burden of expense.

Bids For Sun River Project

GREAT FALLS, May 1.—For the construction of about 45 miles of the main canal of the Sun River irrigation project, and of two tunnels aggregating about three-fourths of a mile in length proposals were opened in the reclamation service headquarters here yesterday. Bids were submitted by four of the largest contracting concerns in the country.

Only two of the bidders submitted figures on all six of the schedules and the proposal of MacArthur Bros. was the lowest on each of the six schedules aggregating \$858,610: The only other complete bid was that of Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins, which was totaled \$960,997.50. The proposals were transmitted to the Washington office for final consideration, but it is very probable that the contract will be awarded to the MacArthur company, as its bid is understood to be very close to the engineers' estimates.

The Sun river diversion dam and a tunnel to be 1,100 feet in length, from which water will pass into the canal covered by today's bidding, are now under construction by government force account. Bids which were received at Browning Monday for the construction of 25 miles of the St. Mary's canal were transmitted here today.

Irrigation By Electric Power.

HELENA, May 3.—The formal completion of the first unit of 8,000 acres under the Prickly Pear valley pumping project of the Montana Reservoir and Irrigation company was announced today. Many people motored into the valley to be shown over the works. The pumps were started May 1, and will be prepared to furnish water in any quantity to landowners all during the season at the contract price of \$1.75 an acre foot. The company maintains the ditches, and landowners are under no expense save to maintain their own laterals.

Water is distributed to lands on the north and western slopes of the valley through three ditches of a total length of 26 miles. It is piped into the ditches from a pumping plant on the shore of Hauer lake, at the rate of 100 cubic feet per second.

Contracts with land owners in the valley near East Helena are now being signed for the reclamation of the second unit of 12,000 acres, and when the project is completed, between 40,000 and 50,000 acres of land will be reclaimed. It is asserted the water rate on this project is the lowest in the United States.

Good Advice To Farmers

KALISPELL, May 5.—"The shameful waste of straw in many parts of the valley is unwarrantable," says John C. Shaw, agricultural expert for the chamber of commerce, in addressing the farmers in his campaign to curtail the waste of by products on the farm. Mr. Shaw declared that the farmer who burns his straw will soon have none to burn, and that supplemented with grain and roots, straw makes an excellent feed for dry cows, colts and young cattle.

Mr. Shaw also urged the provision of adequate shelter for farm stock and the housing of machinery, declaring the investment incident thereto would return a handsome profit in savings. More general feeding of grain for fattening purposes was also urged as a most profitable method of making the returns from that product satisfactory.

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