

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's daily. J. P. Mansfield, of Knerville, is among the business visitors in town. W. F. McLeish, of Geysler, arrived today on a visit with Fort Benton friends.

Miss MacHale, superintendent of Hill county schools, is visiting with friends in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Schwandt, of Lonetree, has been received at St. Clare hospital for surgical treatment.

The body of the late John C. Griffin was shipped today to Havre where the funeral services will be held.

C. C. Grant, a well known resident of this city, underwent an operation at the Sanitarium today for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris and family returned today from Highwood, where they have been spending the summer months.

Mrs. Allan Gray, of Highwood, was taken to the Sanitarium today, to receive treatment for a bad attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Mrs. C. A. Wilson, who has been visiting with friends in this city for the past week, left today for her home in Great Falls.

Miss Lolo Walker, of Attica, Ohio, who recently arrived from the east, has accepted a position in the county high school as teacher in the commercial department.

Petitions for naturalization were filed in the district court today by Katen Wergo and Michael Mitrisen, of Big Sandy. The applicants are natives of Austria.

The case of the State of Montana against J. C. Knight, of Big Sandy, has been appealed to the district court. At a hearing in Justice Ragan's court, the defendant was bound over to the district court on a charge of assault.

Coroner W. F. Wilford left today for the Goosebill country in response to news of the sudden death of a man named Anderson. There is no information as to the cause of death, but it is supposed to have been due to natural causes.

M. K. Voorhis, of Lonetree, was arrested last evening and taken to the county jail, on a charge of assaulting L. T. Bishop. The defendant is alleged to have stabbed his victim in the breast, without any provocation for the attack—the only excuse being that he was under the influence of liquor.

Clayton J. Tremper is under the care of a physician at St. Clare hospital, and James Gostas and Peter Soles are in the county jail as the result of a shooting scrape at Tunis last night. Tremper suffered a bad wound in the leg, the bone being shattered, and it is feared he may not recover. The shooting is said to have been done by Gostas during a quarrel over the possession of a gun, and Peter Soles is alleged to have taken part in the fracas. The two defendants are Greek workmen employed on the railroad reservoir at Tunis. Under sheriff Wilson went to Tunis last night, in response to news of the trouble, and placed the accused under arrest.

From Tuesday's daily. W. A. Daniels and wife, of Lonetree, were among today's arrivals.

W. D. Welch and wife, of Geraldine, are among the visitors in town.

W. P. Sullivan, of Square Butte, is visiting with Fort Benton friends.

M. A. Savage and wife returned yesterday from an eastern visit of several weeks.

Jos. A. Baker and wife arrived from Highwood yesterday, on a visit with friends in this city.

Nate R. Salsbury, of Chicago, an intimate friend and business associate of the late M. E. Milner, was among yesterday's arrivals. Mr. Salsbury is attending to business relating to the Milner estate.

Word has been received from Kalispell announcing the marriage of Charles O. Lowe, formerly of this city, and Mrs. Lillian Barber, of Minneapolis. The wedding took place Thursday, at Kalispell.

The public schools opened this morning with a large enrollment of pupils that is expected to increase before the end of the week. It has been decided to close the schools in the afternoon Thursday and Friday, to enable the children to attend the county fair.

As a preliminary to the Chouteau county fair racing program, there were two matched races at the fair grounds yesterday afternoon, in which horses owned by Ed. Kelly and William Cecil were the winners. There was an exhibition race by "Dolly Dimple," who paced a mile in 2:21.

Harvey Johnson, who recently pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary, appeared in the district court for sentence this afternoon. Judge Tattan sentenced the defendant to one year in the state prison, the sentence being suspended on recommendation of the county attorney and others.

In an opinion by Attorney General D. M. Kelly, it is held that claims for diseased horses and cattle that have been slaughtered by the state, are to be paid in the order in which they are presented, without regard to the time the animals were slaughtered. The query was propounded by State Auditor William Keating.

At a meeting of the Commercial club, held Saturday evening, arrange-

ments were made for the free transportation of county fair visitors from the depot to any part of the city. The Commercial club will also endeavor to secure room accommodations for all visitors, and requests the co-operation of citizens who have rooms that can be used for this purpose.

A news item from Harlem says several hundred tons of valuable hay went up in smoke on the Poole and Farnum ranches Friday afternoon when a prairie fire, started by a spark from a locomotive and fanned by a stiff wind, swept over the places. All efforts to check the fire were unavailing and the ranchers had to stand by and watch their stocks of newly-cut hay catch fire and burn up one after the other.

Miss Flanagan, county superintendent of schools, wishes to call the attention of all those interested in the improvement of school facilities to the meeting of trustees of the various districts to be held Saturday, September 13, beginning at 9:00 a. m. State Superintendent H. A. Davee and Prof. J. H. Holst, of the Bozeman Agricultural college, will address the trustees upon subjects of interest, and will be glad to confer with them on any questions which may arise. Miss Flanagan wishes to urge a good representative attendance at this meeting.

From Monday's daily. R. H. Averill and wife, of Flowerree, are among the visitors in town.

Girl wanted for general house work. Apply to Mrs. A. E. McLeish.—Adv.

Furnished house of five rooms for rent. Apply at Benton State Bank.—Adv.

Mrs. H. D. Wickhorst, of this city, was taken to the Sanitarium today for surgical treatment.

The Elkhead photo studio will be open Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14.—Adv.

C. C. Mack and W. M. Williamson, of Big Sandy are among the visitors attending district court.

A Washington news item announces the appointment of Michael Pohold as postmaster at Highwood.

Chas. H. Green left today for Hilger, Ferguson county, to attend the shipment of Shonkin association cattle. The trip is being made by automobile.

A fine exhibit of draft horses promises to be an attractive feature of the Chouteau county fair. Several entries have already been made, and it is understood there will be others from distant parts of the county.

The September term of district court opened today, the hearing of applications for citizenship being the principal business transacted. There are about forty applications on file with the clerk of the court.

The citizens of Havre are considering a proposition to drill and explore for natural gas in that locality, and will raise a fund of \$15,000 for that purpose. Expert authorities believe the natural gas belt extends to northern Montana.

Chinook Day-crat: Louie Kehr was a Chinook visitor Saturday, superintending the loading and shipment of 7,000 head of sheep to North Dakota. The sheep will be unloaded at Pope and fed on the stubble in that locality for some time before being shipped to market.

This part of Montana was represented at the meeting of Montana pioneers in Missoula by W. T. Morrow and W. O. Dexter, of this city, and H. O. Lyng, of Highwood. The members of the delegation were delighted with their visit, and express appreciation of the generous hospitality extended by the citizens of Missoula.

County Fair Reception Committee

A reception committee to welcome visitors to the Chouteau county fair has been appointed by C. W. Morrison, president of the Commercial club the members of the committee being as follows:

- G. C. Ihmsen, chairman.
- David G. Browne
- Dr. J. V. Carroll
- Mayor C. H. Green
- D. G. Lockwood
- H. LaBarre
- Thos. Larkin
- Dr. E. M. Porter
- L. D. Sharp
- F. A. Flanagan
- John Harris
- F. E. Stranahan
- H. J. Wackerlin
- Geo. H. Stevens
- J. O. Patterson
- Dr. J. F. Murphy
- W. F. Wilford
- Chas. Lepley
- A. E. McLeish

The committee will be on duty during the three days of the fair, and will endeavor in every way possible to make it a pleasant occasion for all visitors.

Death of John C. Griffin

After a long period of suffering from cancer of the stomach, death came to the relief of John C. Griffin, a well known resident of the Bear Paw country, Friday afternoon. Mr. Griffin was admitted to the Sanitarium a few days ago for treatment, but nothing could be done to check the progress of the disease. An operation that was performed about two years ago gave only temporary relief.

Mr. Griffin had been a resident of the Bear Paw country south of Havre, about 25 years, and had an extensive acquaintance in that locality and in other parts of northern Montana. The bereaved family will receive the sympathy of a large number of friends.

SCHOOL WORK BEGINS.

Large Enrollment Expected During The Coming Year.

The Fort Benton city schools and the county high school opened for the school year Monday morning. The enrollment for the first day was two hundred—fifty of whom entered the county high school. Many have not come in from their ranches yet, but it is urgently requested by the school officials that all children enter not later than this week so no advantage may be gained by those who are always on time with their enrollment. It is a great handicap not only to the children entering late but to those who have entered early because the teachers have to lose time in bringing the late comers up to the grade of those who entered early.

There were few changes in the teaching force of the local schools this year. Miss Lola Walker of Ohio was selected as teacher of the commercial department in place of Miss Amy Amidon who resigned. Miss Walker is a graduate of the business department of the Tri-State Normal at Angalo, Indiana, and has done post graduate work in Valparaiso University and the Oberlin, Ohio, Business College. During the last two years she has taught in a business and normal college in Faribault, Minnesota.

The corps of teachers for next year is as follows: J. W. Lenning, superintendent, science and mathematics; C. M. Luce, principal, history and English; Miss Georgia Chave, Latin and German; Miss Lola Walker, commercial subjects; Miss Grace Hixson, eighth grade; Miss Elizabeth Milliken sixth and seventh grades; Miss Edith Browning, fifth grade, Miss Mary E. Frenzel, third and fourth grades; Miss Mary E. Daniels, second and third grades; Miss Verna M. Parks, primary.

The county high school will be located in the district school building for this year, but it is hoped a new high school building will be erected in time for next year's work. There are many changes and additions to the courses now given that are desired, but the room for installing the new courses is lacking. After the high school building is completed, the present building will be used for grade work only and the board of trustees are considering adoption of courses in manual training for the boys, and cooking and sewing for the girls.

This work is being given in all up-to-date schools in the country and the trend of educational improvement is all in this direction. This work is begun with the children in the lower grades and carried through all the grades—including the high school. Colleges and universities give credit for this work in their entrance requirements. The people of Fort Benton will agree that the adoption of the commercial department has been one of the best things ever put into our schools because many girls and boys are now holding good positions with no training in typewriting and stenography except what they received in our city high school. The school officials desire to extend this industrial training so as to teach girls to cook and sew and boys to handle tools and do ordinary work in wood and iron. The leading educational writers now advocate that there is as much culture value in making a beautiful piece of furniture as in learning a Latin ode by Horace. Then, too, it helps them in the struggle of making a living after they leave school.

The trustees of the district have renovated the school building by painting and kalsomining the inside walls and the rooms are clean, sanitary and pleasing to the sight. It is hoped that every parent and patron will co-operate with the teachers in trying to make the present school year successful in every way.

Local Grain Quotations Tuesday, Sept. 9.

No. 1 Turkey red	65c
No. 2 Turkey red	63c
No. 1 Northern	67c
No. 1 Oats, per cwt.	90c
No. 1 Flax	\$1.24

Good Results From Fallowing A most conclusive illustration of the efficiency of summer fallowing as a crop producer, was shown by the comparison of two exhibits of winter wheat, taken from Noah Evans' farm, south of town, says the Lewistown Argus. A dozen heads were included in each of these two bunches, the first of which was taken from land into which the seed had been disked. These heads are all at least a half inch shorter than any one of the heads in the second exhibit, which was taken from summer fallowed land. Mr. Evans estimates that the grain from the summer fallowed tract will average from 40 to 45 bushels per acre, and that the disked-in crop will average from seven to ten bushels less per acre.

Northern Montana Fairs

The season for northern Montana fairs opens this week, and will be in progress several days. These institutions are becoming more popular every year, the variety and number of exhibits and the attendance of visitors showing a most gratifying increase. The northern Montana fair dates are:

- Hill county, at Havre, September 9 to 12 inclusive.
- Chouteau county, at Fort Benton, September 11 to 13.
- Valley county, at Glasgow, September 10 to 13.
- Blaine county, at Chinook, September 16 to 18.

In each case a selection of the county exhibits will be sent to the state fair to be held in Helena, September 22 to 27.

Wethers for Sale

An outfit of about 1600 wethers for sale, two to four years. Address W. K. HARBER, Fort Benton.

Preparations for County Fair

Good progress is being made in the preparations for the Chouteau county fair, according to reports made to the board of directors at their meeting Friday evening. The additional buildings for livestock and poultry exhibits

have been completed, and other accommodations are being provided by the committees in charge of this work. There is no definite information as to the number of entries that will be made in the several departments, but it is proposed to provide ample room for the exhibits that are expected.

The directors have been advised that the superintendents of three departments would be unable to give their work proper attention, and the following were appointed to fill the vacancies: J. O. Patterson, superintendent of the cattle department; J. P. Williams, superintendent of the swine department; Mrs. Rudolph, superintendent of the cooking department.

The proposition to have a baby show as a feature of the county fair was discussed by the directors, and was finally abandoned. It was the opinion of the board that proper arrangements for a baby show could not be made at so late a date, as it would not give sufficient time to notify parents in distant parts of the county.

The program of entertainment includes band concerts each day of the fair, and a free public dance each evening—features that will contribute to the enjoyment of the visitors. Arrangements are also in progress for a baseball game Saturday, the last day of the fair, the Big Sandy team having expressed a desire to play the Fort Benton team on that occasion.

Much Food is Adulterated

In spite of the pure food laws of Montana 37 per cent of the 514 samples of milk, cream, butter, candy, soft drinks, ice cream, extracts, water canned vegetables and other foods tested out in the food and drug laboratories of the state, were adulterated, according to the August bulletin of the state board of health.

Samples of these foods and drinks were taken in factories and dairies in cities all over Montana, and are representative of the conditions of the entire state. Only a little over one-half of all the food and drinks examined were standard or above, while the remainder were adulterated or misbranded.

The large percentage of adulterations in milk and cream is due to the fact that, during July, a crusade was waged against restaurant keepers and dairies of Butte, and 11 convictions followed. In every case a heavy fine was taxed to the offenders. An examination of samples of milk showed that they had been preserved with formaldehyde, a deadly poison.

Urged to Raise Pigs

Great Falls, Sept. 5.—Raising pigs by the school children in the rural districts as a means for teaching language, arithmetic, scientific information in animal industry and instill it in the boys and girls for use in after years as well as provide home grown pork for sandwiches because of increased interest in hog raising was advocated today by State Superintendent H. A. Davee before the teachers of Chouteau, Cascade and Teton counties, here in institute. It met with general approval, as outlined by Superintendent Davee. He said it might not be profitable everywhere and conditions would have to determine, but he believed such work would stimulate a line of industry in Montana which the state sadly needs in raising its own pork at home.

To Test Validity of Contract

A writ of mandate has been issued by the district court directing the board of commissioners to advertise and let to some resident practicing physician a contract for medical attendance upon the indigent sick and infirm residents of Chouteau county. Application for the writ was made by H. S. McInley, county attorney, about three months ago.

According to allegations made in the petition for the writ, a contract made by a former board of commissioners last December is void for the reason that it applied only to attendance upon the indigent sick at St. Clare hospital, whereas the statute requires that the services be rendered to all indigent sick and infirm, in any part of the county.

It is alleged in the petition that the contract in dispute names the sum of one dollar as the consideration for such medical services during the year 1913, but that other and greater sums have been paid to the contracting physician for services rendered at places other than the hospital named in the contract. It is further alleged that the county attorney advised the commissioners on several occasions that the contract made by their predecessors was defective and void. Let his advice was disregarded.

The hearing on the writ is set for September 27. The outcome of the proceedings will be of general interest, as it will determine what a county medical contract should cover, as to the services to be performed.

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