

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's daily. J. W. Stevens, of Plentywood, is among the visitors in town.

Len Morrow left today for the Boulder hot springs, on a visit of about two weeks.

M. C. Deitrich, superintendent of the Teton County high school, arrived today from Choteau with his basketball boys.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today by Daniel J. McIsaac, of Carter.

Mrs. Luther Carter, of Clear Lake, and the little son of Mrs. S. Larson, of Hawarden, were received at the Sanitarium today for treatment.

The fancy dress ball given by the ladies of the Catholic church last evening was a great success in every respect. There was a large attendance and many comical as well as artistic costumes were displayed. The music was furnished by Pinkerton's orchestra.

Miss Georgia Chave, Latin teacher in the county high school, leaves tonight for Tomahawk, Wis., in response to news of the serious sickness of her father. During the absence of Miss Chave, her work will be taken up by Superintendent Lenning and Mr. Luce.

Word was received today by C. M. Luce that the Great Falls high school basketball team has accepted the challenge of the Chouteau county boys, and will arrange a game for Friday evening, February 27, to be played in Great Falls. This date is the day following the game with the Conrad team in this city. A large delegation of local residents will probably accompany the Chouteau county team to Great Falls.

From Tuesday's daily. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Deck, of this city, a son.

Milk and cream delivered daily. Mrs. Carrie Morrow.—Adv.

Mrs. A. Olson, of Plentywood, is the guest of Miss Upham, of this city.

C. L. Kelley and John Baack, of Carter, are among the visitors in town.

J. Abernethy Jr., of Carter, returned today from a business visit in Butte.

Chris Ruhe, a well known resident of the Bear Paw country, arrived today from Warrick, on a business visit.

John Speed Smith, of Seattle, is representing the federal government in the examination of applicants for naturalization in the district court.

Suit has been brought in the district court by Ed. Reichelt against Oliver Valleaux, to recover an alleged indebtedness of about \$500.

Mrs. Giddings, wife of R. C. Giddings, cashier of the Stockmen's National bank, arrived from Missoula yesterday, on a visit of a few days.

LaBarre & Thompson have just received a carload of extra fine, well broken and gentle Percheron mares. Can be seen at Benton stables.—Adv.

E. A. Hinslar, an expert jeweler who recently arrived from North Yakima, Wash., has accepted a position with the Benton Drug and Jewelry company.

D. C. Peet, of Hawarden, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Clare hospital is reported to be making progress toward recovery.

Lenten services will be held in St. Paul's church Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. The Venerable Archdeacon Hooker will preach next Sunday.

Mrs. F. Hills and Lee Ives, of Big Sandy; Mrs. O. Stuner and baby; of Highwood; and Master Charles Talbot, of Teton, have been received at St. Clare hospital for treatment.

Edward Goyette, a former well known resident of this city but now residing at Masog, Canada, in a letter to friends here states that he has been an invalid the past four months and is still barely able to get around.

Oscar Anderson, of Big Sandy, a young man against whom a charge of insanity is made by relatives, was under examination by a board of physicians in the district court Saturday afternoon. A report will be made in due course.

Attorney E. D. Harnden arrived today from Big Sandy, on justice court business. Mr. Harnden reports that a large number of farmers are becoming interested in the Big Sandy Farmers' Elevator company, which was recently incorporated.

An information against Charles C. Samson, charging assault in the first degree, was filed in the district court today by H. S. McGinley, county attorney. The defendant is said to have been implicated in a cutting scrape at Big Sandy, about two months ago.

J. Lee Sedgwick, county clerk, reports an increase in the number of applicants for registration. Some of the applicants find their names are already on the official register, as the original registration is continued on the books unless the citizen changes his residence or fails to vote at a general election.

The February term of district court opened today, the sessions being devoted to the hearing of applications for naturalization. Eleven applicants acquired the rights of citizenship at the morning session, papers being issued to the following: J. E. Carlson, Adolph Reimer, Mary J. Hughes, David J. Smith, Fred Hartman, John Nortunen, A. Menghini, G. Menghini, Jno. Abernethy, Katem Weregog and Fred Brown.

The basketball team of the Chouteau county high school added to its record of success Saturday evening by defeating the Teton county high school team, in a game played in the opera house. The score was 32 to 24 in favor of the Chouteau county boys, this being the seventh consecutive game in which they were victors. It was a fast and furious game throughout, the visitors having the best of it during the first half, but the Chouteau county quintet made good later and outplayed their opponents to the finish.

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Declare War On Gophers

A news item from Judith Gap says the gopher pest is one that agricultural Montana will have to reckon with if the raising of grain is going to be continued at a profit. It is said that a gopher will destroy a bushel of grain each year and as they breed frequently it will not be long until they overrun the country.

The Judith Gap business men took it upon themselves last year to inaugurate a day for the paying of bounty for gopher tails, and on June 27 nearly 11,000 tails were redeemed at 1 cent each. This year the business men have set May 15 as "Gopher Day," and it is understood that 2 cents per tail will be paid on that day for all delivered. This will be an added incentive to the destruction of the pests before they can have damaged the growing crops to much extent.

The campaign will begin as soon as the little animal appears from his winter quarters and will be continued until May 15. Poison will be used in wheat as a bait and later trapping and shooting will be the means adopted for extermination.

Where Prize Grain is Raised

The announcement that F. C. Sumner, of Clyde Park, won 24 of the 29 prizes awarded to Montana grain exhibitors at the National Corn show at Dallas, Tex., makes that part of Montana a locality of general interest. The Clyde Park country is about twenty miles north of Livingston, in Park county.

A few years ago this section was unknown as a farming community—unknown except to a very few pioneers who were engaged in wheat growing long before the Northern Pacific railroad company built its Shields river branch in 1909. In recent years, however, the Shields river valley farmers have come into distinct prominence.

In 1912 Turkey Red wheat grown in this valley carried off the first prize of \$5,000 at the Minneapolis Land exposition for the best wheat grown in the American Northwest. Other grain and forage exhibits from that section also won awards at that and other national exhibitions. Last year the products of the Shields river valley won high honors at the state fair. Wherever shown grain and forage crops of that section have won awards in the face of competition however keen.

The first settlers in the Shields river country were stockmen. Later grain was grown on the bench lands. Farmers began to develop these about 25 years ago. Some of the best of the early grain farms were located on the Rock Creek bench by men who filed under the homestead laws and purchased other lands from the Northern Pacific railroad company at \$1.25 an acre.

Clyde Park was on the map a quarter of a century ago, but then it had only a school house, blacksmith shop, and perhaps a church. When the Northern Pacific built its branch, 23 miles up the Shields river, Clyde Park developed into an enterprising town. It now has about 600 people, and is the trading point for a large and prosperous section.

All the government land in the Shields river valley was taken up years ago. Irrigated lands may be had there at prices ranging from \$30 to \$100 an acre. Some of the high priced lands have produced large yields of seed peas. The seed growing industry is each year growing in importance there.

Local Grain Quotations

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price per unit. Includes items like No. 1 Northern, No. 1 Hard Montana, No. 2 Hard Montana, No. 3 Hard Montana, No. 1 Oats, No. 1 Flax.

Enforce Pure Food Law

Helena, Feb. 19.—How merchants of Montana can compel the wholesalers and manufacturers to live up to the pure food law and weights and measures act is outlined in a bulletin being sent out by the department of weights and measures. Something of the same system has been adopted in other states and with marked success. Manufacturers have been very prompt then to conform to the laws in every particular, sending goods of a lower standard to those states having no such laws or else not enforcing them. The bulletin says:

"In order that the commodities and articles of merchandise shipped into this state may comply more fully with the requirements of the pure food and weights and measures laws of this state, this department makes the following suggestion:

"That there be either printed upon your order blanks or stamped thereon by means of a rubber stamp, a note carrying language something like the following:

"The acceptance of this order is a guarantee that all merchandise shipped to us will comply with the pure food and weights and measures laws of the state of Montana. Goods not complying will not be accepted and we incur no liability therefor."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges

Conrad Observer: There is talk of removing the town of Fowler from its present location to a site three miles further south. This will place the town on a level location where it will be easy of access.

Big Sandy Mountaineer: The locators about town report this week that the influx of settlers has already started and that they are receiving inquiries daily about parties wanting to come west and take up a free home stead.

Carter Chronotype: The Teton river rural telephone was connected with the line extending from Carter on Wednesday and the residents of the benefited neighborhood are most jubilant over the convenience afforded by this modern necessity to farm living.

Carter Herald: Some miscreant broke into Miss Sadie Carr's cottage during her absence in Dakota and helped themselves to some valuable bed clothing and other things. This is becoming too common during the past winter and an example should be made of the parties when caught.

Choteau Montanian: It is reported that Hon. S. F. Ralston, former state senator from Teton county, now a resident of the Flathead country, has been recommended by the entire Montana delegation in congress for the position of superintendent of Glacier National Park, and it is expected that his appointment will be made at an early date.

Box Elder Press: County Commissioner Ever Nielson shipped ten hogs to Havre on Tuesday of this week each one weighing over 200 pounds dressed. He has ninety more which he will butcher and dispose of at short intervals. A large percentage of the feed of these hogs was alfalfa and they were fattened for the market at a minimum cost.

Shelby News: A plan to open the eastern portion of Blackfoot reservation, ranges 7 and 8, is approved by the council. This would include all of the Two Medicine irrigation project and the choice agricultural land, leaving for the present the western portion for the stock industry. Delegates to Washington are Jas. A. Perrine, C. Buck, Malcolm Clarke, Levi Burd.

Havre Democrat: A. M. Keith, a well known farmer of Alma, has filed suit in the district court against Ladimer F. Chadek to recover the sum of one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars for maliciously shooting five horses on or about July 29, 1912. Chadek has served a sentence of one year in the penitentiary for killing these horses. The plaintiff sues for \$850.00 actual damages and \$500.00 exemplary damages.

Havre Plaindealer: Hill county oats recently secured a high rating at the hands of the state agricultural college at Bozeman. Ed. McCandlish, who has a ranch 15 miles northwest of Havre, sent a sample of seed oats grown on his ranch to the college for a test. The grain was of the Swedish variety and ran 99.4 per cent., the finding of one flax seed alone preventing a perfect score. In the germination test, the sample sent by Mr. McCandlish ran 100 per cent.

Chinook Opinion: A flowing artesian well on the north bench is the promising result of the efforts of L. H. Boyer on his homestead 18 miles north of Chinook, in section 31, of 36-18. After digging a forty foot four foot hole into the hard clay, he determined to drill and set to work with a drilling outfit at the bottom of the forty foot hole. After drilling 85 feet he struck a flow of water that came up the eight inch pipe in a solid stream so rapidly that he and his assistant had hard work reaching the surface before the water covered them.

Geraldine Review: O. A. Bergeson of Leet & Bergeson is preaching alfalfa to the farmers of this section and has received so much encouragement that it is evident his missionary work will bear fruit upon a large scale. Mr. Bergeson hails from Chinook, a section where the finest alfalfa in the state is grown and believes the record made there can be duplicated in the Geraldine country. And what is more to the point, and nearer to our hearts and pocketbooks, he has noticed that the Chinookers who go in for alfalfa have become the most independent citizens of the region in a worldly sense.

Pink Tea Declared Illegal

Butte, Feb. 20.—County Attorney McCaffrey has rendered an opinion to the county commissioners that the proposed pink tea to be given Saturday in the offices of the commissioners to the women of Butte as they enter the court house to register for the approaching school election will be a violation of the corrupt practices act passed by the last legislature. The county attorney further states that if the tea is held as planned, and complaints are made to him, he will prosecute the women promoting the tea and those accepting a drink.

Fergus Fugitive Surrenders

Lewistown, Feb. 17.—Under Sheriff L. P. Slater had the surprise of his life today when Ernest Hurt, who escaped from the county jail some 13 years ago, when Mr. Slater was sheriff, walked into the office and surrendered himself. Hurt, who at the time was about 20 years of age, had pleaded guilty to grand larceny and Judge Cheadle gave him one year. The county jail then in use was a rickety affair and Hurt escaped next day. He

went to Idaho, married and has ever since engaged in farming.

For twelve years he says he was constantly haunted by the fear of an officer coming for him and after the death of his wife his conscience troubled him and he was impelled to return and surrender. Judge Roy Ayres and the officers are much interested in this very unusual case and will use their efforts to save the man from prison, so that he may return home to his little daughter and continue the life of industry he has been leading for so many years.

Plan Monument to Carter

Helena, Feb. 21.—The movement for the erection of a monument to Senator T. H. Carter took definite form here today. In response to a call issued some time ago by Governor Stewart, 100 men from all parts of Montana met at the Placer Hotel today and organized by electing Governor Stewart chairman of the organization and Nathan Godfrey of Helena secretary. A committee of seven, of which Governor Stewart will be a member, will be named later by the governor, and this committee will have full power to carry out the object of the organization.

Governor Stewart referred to the fact that Senator Carter was a good fighter, but he was also a fair fighter, and that when the fighting was over it was ended for all time, as far as he was concerned. "There is a motto of fraternal organization," added the governor, "that I believe most fittingly applies to this meeting: 'The faults of our brothers, we write upon the sands, their virtues on the tablets of love and memory.' " It was upon motion of former Governor Norris that the committee of seven now be appointed and that Governor Stewart be a member of the committee.

Progressives Oppose Fusion

Helena, Feb. 22.—After a six-hour session the meeting of the progressive state central committee ended at an early hour this morning with plans outlined to conduct an energetic campaign in the state.

Resolutions were adopted against amalgamation with any other political party and the executive committee was invested with plenary power to remove any committeeman who even broaches or thinks of such a thing.

A Fallon county citizen who held a proxy which he claimed was regular and which the committee asserted was not exactly valid was denied a seat at a quiet, informal meeting yesterday afternoon because a resolution was found on his person declaring for amalgamation with the republicans. He admitted he intended to offer it if given a seat.

California Ravaged by Storm

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—Three days of unprecedented rainfall brought six southern California counties to a condition of complete prostration today. There was no street car service or railway line in service. High winds off the ocean prostrated wires and for hours today Los Angeles and surrounding territory within a radius of 200 miles, were without power or telephone service.

Five men and women have lost their lives in the flood. Great damage has been done by the storm waters which is the most menacing in the recorded history of the southern end of the state.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Chouteau County Fair association will be held at the city hall Tuesday, March 3, 1914, at 8:00 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

Cows Wanted on Shares

Wanted on shares, about 40 cows to increase, or 100 head of young stock to raise. Abundant summer and winter feed. Address: W. D. HAWKINS, Big Sandy, Mont.

Ewes For Sale

About 1200 head of ewes for sale, two to five years old, bred to lamb first week in May. For particulars address: H. W. RAYS, Lloyd, Mont.

Situation on Ranch

A young man, 24 years of age, wants situation on ranch or farm. Address: Fred Kaufman, 1514 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

Notice for Publication

United States Land office at Great Falls, Montana, February 20, 1914. Notice is hereby given that ALFRED F. BURNS, of Virgelle, Montana, who, on January 7, 1911, made homestead entry serial No. 61978, for 8 1/2 section 26 township 25 north, range 12 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Herbert D. Schmidt, U. S. commissioner, at his office, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 8th day of April, 1914.

Notice for Publication

United States Land office at Great Falls, Montana, February 20, 1914. Notice is hereby given that EDGAR W. BETTERMAN, of Loma, Montana, who, on August 7, 1912, made homestead entry serial No. 62660, for 8 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 17, and lot 2, section 20, township 25 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Herbert D. Schmidt, U. S. commissioner, at his office, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 8th day of April, 1914.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

Fifty-two copies of the Weekly River Press for \$2.00 spot cash, or its equivalent in bankable paper. Goods will be delivered in regular weekly installments during the twelve months following receipt of remittance. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address: THE RIVER PRESS, Fort Benton, Mont.

Advertisement for The Stockmen's National Bank of Fort Benton, Montana. Includes text: 'The Oldest and Largest Bank in Northern Montana', 'Capital, Surplus and Profits over - \$450,000.00', and lists of Officers and Directors.

Advertisement for The Fort Benton Sanitarium. Includes text: 'Newly furnished throughout, with full up-to-date equipment', 'Graduate nurses and modern medical and surgical treatment', and 'Rates from \$8.00 per week up, according to accommodations'.

Advertisement for Missouri River Lumber Co. Includes text: 'LUMBER', 'Anything in Lumber that You Want Quick', and 'MISSOURI RIVER LUMBER CO. FORT BENTON, MONT.'

Advertisement for Davis Bros. & Morger. Includes text: 'DAVIS BROS. & MORGER', 'GENERAL MERCHANTS', and 'THE PROMPT DELIVERY STORE'.

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