

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's daily.

W. E. Silverthorn, a well known resident of Lewistown, is visiting with friends in this vicinity.

A petition for naturalization has been filed in the district court by Anna C. Furst, of Big Sandy, who is a native of Germany.

Archdeacon Hooker, of Helena, will preach in St. Paul's church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public for these services.

An order was made in the district court today committing Oscar Anderson, of Big Sandy, to the Warm Springs asylum, as recommended in the report of the board of physicians.

There will be a meeting of the ladies of the Altar society of the Catholic church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. H. LaBarre. A good attendance is desired.

Joe Streng, representing the wool firm of Elsenman Bros., and W. E. Maier, representing Hecht, Leibmann & Co., were interviewing local sheepmen today on the subject of contracting their wool clips. It is understood that Mr. Streng has made contracts with Ed. Reichelt, of this city, and Walter Brown, of Box Elder, but the price is not definitely known.

A peculiar experience in digging wells is reported by C. C. Ross, who has a ranch near O'Hanlon coulee, about ten miles east of town. During the past two years Mr. Ross has dug 6 wells that varied from 18 to 72 feet in depth, but was unable to find water. The seventh attempt, however, was successful. At a depth of twelve feet he struck a layer of cement rock that was about four feet thick, and after blasting this rock with dynamite Mr. Ross was rewarded with a bountiful supply of water from the gravel below. The location of this well is not more than a hundred yards from the place where the other well digging work was done.

A big crowd of local residents went to Great Falls yesterday to witness the basketball game between the Chouteau county boys and the Great Falls high school team, which took place last evening in the gymnasium of the Great Falls high school. The electric city athletes outclassed the visitors in both weight and skill, the score being in their favor to the tune of 36 to 14. It was a fast and furious game from start to finish, several fouls being called on each side. The spectators were given a fine exhibition of basketball, however, and the Fort Benton bunch enjoyed the trip although the result of the game was not exactly what they desired.

From Monday's daily.

I. V. James, of Tonia, is among the business visitors in town.

H. W. Greisbach and George Christopherson, of Loma, are among the visitors in town.

G. J. Bonine arrived from Havre yesterday, to attend to business matters in which he is interested.

A. L. Sutherland, who holds the office of U. S. Commissioner at Colony Bay, arrived yesterday on land business.

According to the monthly report of Superintendent Largent, the public schools of Great Falls have an enrollment of 3,433 pupils.

A. L. Jaqueth, the KallsPELL civil engineer, arrived today to consult with the city authorities regarding proposed public improvements.

Geo. W. Lovinger and several other residents of Virgelle arrived today to give testimony in a land contest case affecting a homestead in that vicinity.

A small flock of geese that had evidently wintered in this vicinity started on their flight north yesterday, the weather conditions convincing them that the arrival of spring is not far distant.

J. O. Patterson reports that about forty men are employed in the work of building the Milwaukee railroad depot and water tanks at Lostlake, about sixteen miles south of town. The station appears on the railroad map under the name of Montague.

Pleas of not guilty were entered by three defendants in criminal cases who were arraigned in the district court today. The defendants were Frank Hadlock and E. L. Sutton, who are accused of forgery; and Joseph Moody, charged with murder in the first degree.

J. F. Harrington, the Missoula bridge contractor who has been making extensive repairs on the Missouri river bridge, is among the visitors in town. The work included replanking the bridge and replacing wooden beams with steel, and is practically completed. The bridge will be in good shape for the heavy traffic that crosses during the spring and summer months.

The county commissioners met today for the regular March term, with all members of the board present. The work of the term includes the appointment of road supervisors and a large amount of other business. At its session today the board received an application for a saloon license at Big Sandy against which a protest was filed, and a hearing of the matter was set for Saturday, March 7.

A news item from Havre says work on the boring of the gas wells which is being carried on by the Stoner-Lockwood-Wheeler Co., has been at a standstill for the past three weeks, owing to the breaking of an essential piece of machinery. Mr. Duffield, who is in charge of the work for the company says that the well is down 900 feet and the drilling would proceed

uninterruptedly from now on until it is determined absolutely whether the Havre field is oil or gas bearing.

From Tuesday's daily.

C. C. Mack visited today from Big Sandy, on an arrival with Fort Benton friends.

The Eklund photo studio will be open Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8.—Adv.

Mrs. J. C. Elliott, of Big Sandy, has been received at St. Clare hospital for treatment.

Pat Connolly and C. C. Smith, of Shonkin, are among the business visitors in town.

Mrs. David G. Browne returned today from a visit of several weeks in Washington, D. C.

O. A. Bergeson arrived last evening from Geraldine, the trip being made by automobile over soft roads.

James G. Thain and E. E. Briggs, of Highwood, arrived today to consult with the county commissioners regarding road matters.

Testimony in the Furlong-Milliken land contest case was given yesterday at a hearing before H. D. Schmidt, U. S. commissioner. The proceedings affect the right to a homestead entry near Virgelle.

The first trainload of livestock to be shipped over the Great Falls and Lewistown branch of the Milwaukee railway was taken east last week, the shipment consisting of fourteen cars of sheep and one of hogs.

The city council was in session until a late hour last night, matters connected with the proposed sewerage system being the principal subject of discussion. The council decided to make a contract with A. L. Jaqueth for the engineering and supervision of the work.

Among the business before the county commissioners today was the appointment of judges and clerks for the high school bond election. An extensive plan of road work for the present year was also a subject of discussion, in which several visiting taxpayers participated.

A dispatch from Havre says a franchise was secured by the Havre Natural Gas company at a special election held in that city yesterday, at which a small vote was polled. The company is supplying for gas, and hopes to secure a supply that can be used in Havre for heating and other purposes.

The report of the weather bureau station at Havre shows a mean temperature of eight degrees for last month, compared with the normal of 15 degrees for February. The precipitation during the month was 1.04 inches, which is about twice as much as the amount usually recorded in former seasons.

The advance bulletin of the 1914 premium list of the Montana State Fair has recently been issued, and a copy may be secured free by anyone interested if a postcard request is mailed to the secretary, A. J. Breitenstein, Helena, Montana. The dates of the fair this year are September 21st to 26th, inclusive.

According to advices from Dillon, several wool sales have been made in Beaverhead county the past week, the prices in most cases being about 16 cents per pound. A number of contracts have been made in northern Montana the past few days, but very little information regarding prices can be obtained. It is believed, however, that 15 to 17 cents was about the range of values.

The county high school basketball team left today for Bozeman to take part in the state tournament that will begin Thursday at the agricultural college. The team consists of Earl Morger, captain, Russell Williams, Howell Harris, Jere Reichelt, Frank Stillman and Roy Hunsberger. The boys were accompanied by Wm. Jacobs, their coach, and John Green as mascot, and Prof. C. M. Luce will join them Thursday at Bozeman.

Restricts Number of Saloons

Butte, Feb. 27.—No more liquor licenses will be issued in Butte or Silver Bow county until there is a substantial increase in population. In 1911 the state legislature passed a law making it unlawful for a city or county to issue more than one liquor license for each 500 inhabitants. This law did not affect the licenses in existence at that time. Since then it has been possible to enter the liquor business only through the purchase of a license.

The records show that there are 246 saloons in Silver Bow county. Of this number 150 are located in the city. The annual city liquor license is \$300 and the yearly county license is \$600. In addition each saloonkeeper must take out a federal license, the price of which is \$25. Under the state law no more licenses may be taken out until the number of saloons shall approximate one for each 500 inhabitants. According to the number of saloons now operating here under the act Butte should have a population of 75,000 and Silver Bow county 122,000.

Conrad Observer: If Teton county don't some day have a lot of good roads, it will not be for the want of motive power. This week the county received the three large Pioneer traction engines recently ordered by the board of county commissioners.

One was unloaded at Shelby, one at Conrad and the other at Choteau. The commissioners have also ordered road graders and these will probably be distributed at convenient points in the county. It is understood that the commissioners will this summer put into practice a scheme of road building whereby good roads will be the result.

MUST TELL ASSESSOR

State Department Wants Information About Farm Products

In addition to listing various classes of property that are subject to taxation, county assessors in all parts of Montana are now required to collect statistics for the state bureau of publicity. This work is imposed upon assessors by a state law which is now in effect, and the assessor who fails to attend to the matter is subject to the penalties provided.

Suitable blanks upon which farmers must make returns have been furnished by the state authorities, the taxpayer being required to report under the following items: Name of farmer, location of farm, operated by tenant or owner, acres and bushels of wheat, flax, barley, corn, oats, peas, potatoes, sugar beets, number of acres of hay and alfalfa land and number of tons cut, number of beaves, calves, sheep and hogs sold or slaughtered last year.

None of this information can very well be used by county assessors for purposes of assessment, as all of it, except the land relates to property that has been disposed of before returns are made.

As all taxable property becomes subject to assessment on the first Monday in March, preparations for the work are being made by Assessor E. L. Crane, who has fixed the following valuations for the current year in Chouteau county:

Range horses not less than \$35 per head; work and driving horses \$50 and up; cayuse stock \$25 to \$35 per head.

Thoroughbred cattle not less than \$40 per head; dairy cows not less than \$35; common milk cows not less than \$25; three-year-old steers not less than \$35; beef steers \$45 and up; range and stock cattle \$25 per head. Coming two \$20, and coming yearlings \$15 per head.

Sheep will be assessed at not less than \$2.00 and lambs \$1.50 per head. Bucks at not less than \$5.00 per head. Goats not less than \$2.00, and hogs at not less than \$5.00 per head.

The valuation of land will be as follows: First-class hay and grain lands under irrigation not less than \$12 per acre. Second-class hay and grain land not subject to irrigation, not less than \$7.00 per acre. All other lands, such as waste and grazing lands, fenced or unfenced, not less than \$4.00 per acre.

The county assessor will be assisted in his work by George Graham as office deputy, and several field men who will be assigned to their respective districts. The field men will be Thos. L. Sheehy and James Vig, of Big Sandy; R. A. Quarles, of Marias; W. G. Morrow, of Shonkin; Frank Kelley of south of Teton county; Albert Taylor, of Hawarden. The assessment work throughout Chouteau county will begin as soon as weather conditions permit.

Election of School Trustees

Instructions regarding the election of school trustees are being sent to the clerk of each district by Miss Flanagan, county superintendent, in the form of a circular letter in which the principal features of the new law are quoted. The circular says in part:

An annual election of school trustees shall be held in each school district in the state on the first Saturday in April, in each year, at the district school house, if there be one, and if there be none, at a place designated by the board of trustees.

In districts of the second and third class, the names of all candidates for membership on the school board must be received and filed by the clerk and posted at each polling place at least five days next preceding the election. Any five qualified electors of the district may file with the clerk the nominations of as many persons as are to be elected to the school board at the ensuing election.

In districts of the second and third classes, the election of school trustees shall be held and conducted under the supervision of the board of school trustees. The clerk of the school district must not less than fifteen days before the election registered under this act, post notices in three public places in said district, and in incorporated cities in each ward, which notices must specify the time and place of election, and the hours during which the polls will be open. The trustees must appoint by an order entered in their records three qualified electors of said district, to act as judges at such election, and the clerk of the district shall notify them by mail of their appointment. If the judges named are not present at the time for opening the polls, the electors present may appoint judges, and the judges so appointed shall designate one of their number to act as clerk. The polls must be open from 2:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Every citizen of the United States who has resided in the State of Montana for one year, and thirty days in the school district next preceding the election, may vote thereat. Women of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who are citizens of the United States, and who have resided in the state of Montana one year, and in the school district for thirty days next preceding the day of the election, may vote thereat. In school districts of the third class, electors who are otherwise qualified shall not be required to register to vote at school elections in school districts of the third class. The school trustees shall meet annually the third Saturday in April, and organize by choosing one of their number chairman, and a competent person, not a member of the board, as clerk. The chairman shall preside at all the meetings of the board, and

shall perform such duties as usually pertain to such officer, and in accordance with the customary rules of order.

Local Grain Quotations

Tuesday, March 3, 1914

No. 1 Northern	70c
No. 1 Hard Montana	68c
No. 2 Hard Montana	66c
No. 3 Hard Montana	63c
No. 1 Oats, per cwt	\$1.15
No. 1 Flax	\$1.27

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges

Chinook Democrat: Martin Nicholas was this week released from the county jail, the charge of rape against him being dismissed, with the understanding that he leave town and county. The authorities did not believe they had sufficient evidence to convict him.

Conrad Independent: A number of the wool growers in this community have signed contracts for the sale of their 1914 clip. The prices ranged from 14 to 16 cents per pound, and it is understood that the higher figure was obtained by most of the growers in this vicinity.

Havre Democrat: Five suits were filed in the district court against the Great Northern railway company this week. The actions are all for delay in the shipment of livestock. William Williamson wants \$3,000.00; Ed. Lawler wants \$950.00; Ella Denson wants \$2,800.00; and John Thompson wants \$3,000.00.

Big Sandy Mountaineer: J. J. Comer shipped two cars of wheat to the Spokane market the first of the week. The two cars contained 1400 bushels of grain which was raised by Mr. Comer last season. He has in about 130 acres of winter wheat this year and says it is his intention to put in more than twice that much next year.

Carter Chronotype: The Antelope Telephone Co., held a meeting in the Freeze school house Friday and elected the following officers: Geo. M. Howell, president and manager; I. A. Crisp, vice president, and M. E. Howell, secretary-treasurer. The company will have about 16 members when the line is completed; the supplies already have been ordered.

Glasgow News: Glasgow has a new flour mill, and it is turning out a fine grade of flour from Valley county grown hard wheat. The mill was started up the fore part of the week under the direction of Mr. W. W. Clark, of Billings, the state representative of the Anglo-American Milling Co., of Owensboro, Ky., who put out the "Marvel" mill machinery.

Havre Plaindealer: The office of Clerk of the Court Geo. W. Glass, in this city, beat the offices of the entire country in the number of applicants for citizenship and the new citizens made, during the year 1913. The Havre office had 244 petitions for naturalization, 608 declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States, and at the close of the year had 400 applications pending.

Conrad Observer: The farmers of the Porter bench country have organized and are preparing to take concerted action in killing off the gophers this spring. The organization for the killing of these pests was completed last week and every farmer in the district was taxed a small amount to purchase strychnine, which will be used together with wheat, and is said to be sure death to the gophers.

Galata Journal: In one district in North Dakota, farmers are feeding Russian thistles to their stock. The thistles were gathered while green and stacked. The stock it is said, are thriving on the food. It would not be hard to try the experiment in this vicinity and if there is any virtue in the thistles the problem of food supply for stock would be in a large degree solved. We sure have, or will have, the thistles.

Chinook Opinion: W. S. Jacobs has begun here this past week from Calgary buying alfalfa seed for the Canadian Pacific railroad company for distribution to farmers along their line. Mr. Jacobs expects to buy a car load of seed here at Chinook if he can get it and has been busy securing prices and samples. The company is desirous of securing their seed supply from this section if possible although it costs them more than more southern seed.

Will Try Criminal Cases

The dates of trial for several criminal cases have been set by Judge Taitan for the jury term of district court that begins March 18. The following is the list of cases:

- State vs. Joseph A. Moody, murder, March 18.
- State vs. John Valleaux, grand larceny, March 20.
- State vs. Thor Ritland, grand larceny, March 23.
- State vs. Howard Ames, grand larceny, March 24.
- State vs. Frank M. Hadlock, assault, March 25.
- State vs. Raymond F. Hanks, grand larceny, March 26.
- State vs. Frank M. Hadlock, assault, March 27.
- State vs. John Valleaux, grand larceny, March 30.
- State vs. George Nickerson, grand larceny, March 30.

Cattle for Sale

A small bunch of stock cattle for sale. Can be seen at ranch. For particulars address PAT CONNOLLY, Shonkin, Mont.

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