

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's daily.
J. A. Schultz, of Tunis, is among the visitors in town.

O. A. Bergeson, the Geraldine merchant, arrived last evening on a visit with Fort Benton friends.

O. L. Holland and H. Draper, the Big Sandy auctioneers, arrived last evening to conduct the Market Day sale.

Hans Rudolph, who has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism, was taken to the Sanitarium this afternoon for treatment.

In the district court today, Samuel Denton, of Carter, was appointed guardian of Samuel and Mary A. Denton, two minor children.

Suit for divorce has been brought in the district court by Amanda F. Clearwater against John E. Clearwater, the complaint alleging cruelty on the part of defendant.

Word has been received from Belt announcing the death of William J. Hill, a well known resident of that locality. Mr. Hill made his home in this city in the early eighties, when he first came to Montana, and had a number of old-time friends here.

There was a good attendance at the Market Day auction sale that was held at the LaBarre & Thompson stables this afternoon under the auspices of the Commercial club, and fair prices were realized for most of the offerings. The sale included several head of horses and other livestock, and a number of farm implements, harness and other articles.

Witches at the door greeted a large number of young people who were the guests at a Halloween party given Friday evening by the Epworth League of the Methodist church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. W. Richardson. Once inside the guests were taken in charge by the hostess and conducted to the under-world, where they viewed the wonders of "ghost land." Upon returning to the reception room, which was decorated with appropriate emblems, the guests were pleasantly entertained with Halloween games which were followed by refreshments.

From Monday's daily.
Mrs. V. Russell Henry, of Hawarden, is visiting with friends in this city.

Clyde Brewer and Russell Monks are in town today from Eagle Butte, on land business.

V. F. Blankenbaker and wife arrived today from Virgelle, on a visit with Fort Benton friends.

Lost, between Shonkin and Fort Benton, an overcoat with fur collar. Finder please leave at this office.—Adv.

Mrs. A. E. McLefish was hostess to a number of lady friends this afternoon, the guest of honor being her mother, Mrs. Maria Johnstone.

Albert L. Dynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dynes was a visitor with his parents yesterday, he having come down from Havre where he is employed on the Havre Plaine dealer.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. John A. Schultz, of Tunis, were held at the Methodist church yesterday, and were attended by a number of neighbors and friends.

The Hallowell Concert company gave a very successful entertainment at the opera house Saturday evening, a large crowd being in attendance. It was one of the best concerts ever given in this city.

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening to Lawrence J. Watson and Inga Brusette, both of Great Falls. The wedding took place yesterday, Rev. C. E. Haynes performing the ceremony.

Miss Emma Hokanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hokanson, of Big Sandy, who recently underwent an operation at St. Clare hospital for appendicitis, is reported to be making favorable progress.

Word was received today from Loma announcing the death of William Ruth, a well known resident of that locality, who had been suffering from cancer. The funeral will take place tomorrow, at 10:00 a. m. from the Catholic church.

Advices have been received in Havre announcing the death of Simon Pepin, one of the oldest residents of that city, who recently went to St. Paul for medical attention. Mr. Pepin was one of the pioneer citizens of northern Montana who had been extensively interested in the cattle business since the early eighties, and had a wide acquaintance throughout this part of the state.

The official canvass of the Chouteau county election returns began today, the board of county commissioners' meeting for that purpose, and as no report had been received from Lytle precinct a messenger was sent to that place to get the necessary papers. The canvass is a tedious and difficult job, the mixup of figures in the vote for township officers and initiative measures taking up a great part of the time.

The Helena and Butte newspapers give reports of the recent experience of a peace officer with W. A. Matthews, a promoter and solicitor who recently operated in this part of Montana as the representative of a mortgage company. The story states that Matthews was wanted in Idaho on a charge of securing money under false pretenses and was placed under arrest in Helena, but while being taken to Idaho he gave his guardian the slip and has not yet been located by the authorities.

From Tuesday's daily.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, of this city, a daughter.

W. P. Sullivan, of Square Butte, and Lew Williams, of Geraldine, were among today's arrivals.

A train of four wagon loads of grain, hauled by a big traction engine, arrived from the south of the river this afternoon. The shipment consisted of about 600 bushels.

According to advices from Glasgow, the county seat contest in Sheridan county resulted in favor of Plentywood, which won out by a small majority in the recent election.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to E. C. Hume and Jennie M. Gerred, both of Hawarden. The wedding took place last evening, with Justice Fisher officiating.

Word has been received from Havre that the court house bond proposition carried in Hill county in the recent election by a small margin, although reports to the contrary were circulated prior to the official count.

Joe Miller, a well known local resident who until recently conducted a garage at Big Sandy, was taken in charge by the authorities last evening, owing to his mental condition. It is believed, however, the trouble is only temporary.

The county commissioners suspended the canvass of election returns this morning to attend to road matters that were to be heard today, but resumed the counting of votes this afternoon. The official figures were not available at this writing.

Visitors from Virgelle report that a team indulged in a runaway stunt while crossing the Missouri river on the Virgelle ferry a few days ago, one of the horses being drowned and the wagon being wrecked. The outfit belonged to the Virgelle Mercantile company.

The champion Montana steer of the season was sold in the Chicago market last week, according to a circular letter issued by Rappal Bros. The animal formed part of a Custer county shipment, and weighed 2,040 pounds. The buyer paid \$10 per cwt., or a gross price of \$204, netting the owner over \$190.

H. L. Messick, postmaster at Prairie City, northwest of Big Sandy, has been requested by the department of agriculture to select a reliable and practical farmer in the several townships to furnish the department with true information as to the condition of the coming crop. Any assistance given in securing persons who will make such a report of their respective township will be gladly received by Mr. Messick and recommended to the department.

Will Apportion Estray Fund.
According to advices from Helena, there is now about \$8,000 in the state treasury to be paid the people who lost \$19,000 by reason of the shortage in the office of the secretary of the state board of stock commissioners four years ago, the shortage being due to the defalcation of a clerk. This money will be divided pro rata, Secretary Raymond said today, among the losers whenever some one in authority gives the word.

There is on deposit with State Treasurer W. C. Rae \$2,800 in cash that was recovered, and in addition, \$6,000 more will be realized from the sale of a house that was turned over to the board to help make up the losses. According to the report of the livestock investigating committee, as far as could be ascertained, about \$19,000 was embezzled. With only \$8,800 available with which to cover the shortage, the live stock men will receive not quite fifty per cent on the dollar.

The shortage extended over a period of two or three years, and was discovered in the fall of 1910. It is a difficult matter to ascertain what stockmen suffered as a result of the shortages. The owners of stray stock shipped during the period covered by the shortages were written to by the livestock investigating committee and asked if they received checks at such and such times for such and such sums. If the stockman said he did not receive it, he was presumed to have been a sufferer.

Peculiar Freak Potato.
Capt. W. W. Werner of the internal revenue department is in possession of one of those peculiar freaks that nature produces sometimes in the vegetable kingdom, as it does in the animal and human. It is a potato dug up on the ranch of J. J. Ward, near Missoula. Two spuds had evidently tried to unite. One, the larger, formed a perfect body; the other, somewhat smaller, was a perfect head, with mouth, ears and nose and eyes. With a little pencil, the freak was made to look like a human being. When a pipe was placed in the mouth and a small hat on the head, it was even more so.

Local Grain Quotations.
Nov. 10, 1914.
No. 1. Northern97c
No. 1. Hard Montana93c
No. 2. Hard Montana91c
No. 1. Oats per cwt.\$1.20
No. 1. Flax\$1.16
No. 1. Flax\$1.10

Quick Growing Rice.
In Spain there is under cultivation a common sort of rice which in flood times grows as much as a foot in twelve hours, so that the plant often attains a height of ten feet in its efforts to keep its leaves above water.

OFFICIAL ELECTION FIGURES

Canvass of Chouteau County Vote Completed by County Commissioners

The full and complete count of Chouteau county election returns kept the canvassing board in session until a late hour Tuesday evening, when the result was officially announced. The returns showed that more than 2,000 Chouteau county voters went to the polls, although a number of them failed to mark their ballots for some of the offices. This omission was most noticeable in the case of the office of county auditor, for which less than 850 votes were cast, Mr. Elderman's total showing a plurality of only thirteen. The total vote for each candidate and the several propositions that were submitted, is officially declared as follows:

Representatives in Congress—
Maddox 742
McCormick 699
Evans 953
Stout 979
Brinson 41
Rankin 42
Duncan 107
Kent 93

Associate Justice—
Holloway 929
Clements 738
Wallace 111

Railroad Commissioner—
Boyle 930
McCormick 758
Williams 62
Pietila 103

State Senator—
Stevens 1007
Stranahan 829

State Representatives—
Flint 775
Henry 853
Schmidt 972
Sedgwick 1087
Fishbaugh 945
King 720
Lundeen 764
Phelan 753

County Commissioner—
Engellant 924
Gray 947

For Sheriff—
Planagan 766
Rogers 792
Muir 368

County Treasurer—
Griesbach 793
Wilson 882
Montgomery 204

Clerk and Recorder—
Bond 1087
Ball 771

County Assessor—
Crane 916
Vaughn 939

County Attorney—
Miller 1007
McGinley 541
Lewis 332

Superintendent of Schools—
Miss Planagan 977
Miss Milliken 918

County Surveyor—
Merrifield 865
Culbertson 1013

County Auditor—
Elderman 306
Savage 135
Sayre 108
Taylor 293

For Coroner—
Wilford 1016
Luther 797

Public Administrator—
Dexter 1103
DeLorimier 631
For Boxing Law 632
Against Boxing Law 1152
For Compensation 461
Against Compensation 1383
For Farm Loan Bill 920
Against Farm Loan Bill 827
For Consolidation 514
Against Consolidation 1285
For Suffrage Amendment 908
Against Suffrage Amendment 918
For Increase in State Levy 358
Against Increase in State Levy 1444

We Are One Day Late.
This issue of the weekly edition of the River Press is one day late, publication having been deferred in order to present the result of the official canvass of the Chouteau county election returns. As it is an established custom with this newspaper to reach its subscribers on its regular date of publication, this explanation is made in order that the postoffice department may not be blamed for its delay in reaching subscribers.

For Baby's Bath.
If the baby is afraid of the water and cries and screams when taking his bath buy several prettily colored cork "lobbers" such as fishermen use. Throw these in the bathtub and baby will be so busy trying to catch them that he will forget to be afraid of his morning bath and will even learn to like it.—Mother's Magazine.

Billings, Nov. 8.—Billings stock yards were quarantined today by order of the state livestock board, the quarantine to prevail from nine to fourteen days. The order followed the receipt here of two carloads, about 125 head of cattle believed to have been exposed to the foot-and-mouth disease from the South St. Paul yards. The cattle were received here Friday.

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The farmer who brings his wheat to Fort Benton can have the pleasure of using flour made from his own grain, and his neighbors and friends in the country and in this city are afforded the same privilege. The Fort Benton flour mill is now in operation, the machinery making its first run Monday and everything working most satisfactorily.

The distinction of being the first to bring "grist to the mill" belongs to F. Faylor, who had been waiting for the machinery to start, and his load of grain was quickly followed by the delivery of wheat that had been brought in by other farmers.

Tests of the product of the new mill show that it will bear comparison with the flour made in other parts of Montana from a similar grade of wheat, and a little aging will add to its merit and popularity.

The capacity of the mill is 60 barrels per day and this capacity can be easily increased should the necessity arise, by the addition of one or more extra rolls. There are at present four 'double-stands' rolls which allows the grain to be put through eight distinct grinding operations. The power used is electricity transmitted through a 35-horse-power motor. The use of electric power to operate the machinery eliminates all trouble of dirt or contamination from that source, cleanliness being a most desirable factor in all milling operations.

The machinery was supplied by the Wolf Company, of Chambersburg, Pa. and their representative, Mr. J. H. Hemperley was on the ground Monday when the power was turned on to see that everything was running smoothly. The mill building was constructed by Henry Hagen of Fort Benton and it has been built in such a solid manner as to eliminate as much as possible the vibration from the machinery. The site was selected with a view to affording plenty of elbow room for the receipt of grain and the delivery of flour and feed, and the Milling Company have secured sufficient ground to enable them to extend the mill if required. It is believed that in a short time a good proportion of the product will be transported by river and the location of the plant admits of this being done very conveniently.

Tracy M. Andrews, the manager of the mill, is an experienced miller and is very sanguine that he will be able to make a success of the undertaking. All that he requires now that the plant is working is the co-operation of the farmers, and no doubt this will be forthcoming.

Mr. Andrews is making a liberal proposition to farmers in which flour and feed stuff are offered in exchange for wheat, or the grain will be transformed into flour and feed at a stated price per bushel. Wheat will also be purchased by the mill company at the prevailing market price.

Let's all use Fort Benton flour, instead of buying that product from distant localities.

The Dreaded Cattle Scourge.
The menace to American livestock from the dreaded foot and mouth disease against which the federal authorities have taken prompt and drastic measures, is the subject of comment by Professor Welch, veterinarian at the Montana State Agricultural college. Dr. Welch says in part:
As far back as medical history goes, foot and mouth disease has swept back and forth across Europe, only in recent years being held at all in check. All cloven footed animals are susceptible—cattle, sheep, goats and hogs; horses and man occasionally being affected.
It seldom kills a matured animal, though frequently fatal to young stock, but its great economic importance lies in the fact that it causes such a tremendous depreciation in value of all stock. Beef cattle are set back, lose their appetite, lose their flesh, milk cows dry up, and are practically worthless for a year, hogs get thin, and many die with secondary troubles. Cattle are sick for three weeks to three months, slowly recover, and in a year will take the same disease again.
It is incredibly contagious. It spreads not only by direct contact, but by bedding, stock cars, pastures, running water, hides, wool, milk, etc. Farm hands and stock attendants are most frequently the means of conveying infection.
It absolutely cannot be controlled by ordinary methods of sanitation and quarantine. In all recent outbreaks it has been necessary to destroy all diseased and all exposed animals, burn all hay and grain to which the cattle had access, and disinfect everything—pens, yards, owners, farm hands and veterinarians. If one case of foot and mouth disease be found in a large dairy, all cattle on the place are at once killed and buried.
A single case of the disease doesn't amount to much. A cow has a sore mouth and shows a high fever. Examination shows small blisters on the tongue, inside of the lips and cheeks and gums. Similar sore spots appear around the cleft between the toes, causing lameness. In five or six days she begins to improve, and if no complications set in, in two or three weeks she is almost normal. But when everything on the place gets it, occasionally including the hired man, and it comes around every year, it is a most serious thing.

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