

CITY AND STATE.

From Wednesday's daily.
 Attorney J. N. Thelen arrived today from Great Falls, on district court business.

Send your watch and jewelry repair work to D. G. Lockwood's jewelry store.—Adv.

W. I. Trackwell and A. W. Nietert, of Floweree, are among the visitors attending district court.

Wheat wanted—Will pay a premium on No. 1 Turkey red milling wheat.—Benton Milling Co.—Adv.

Attorney E. D. Harnden, of Big Sandy, arrived today on business that is receiving the attention of the county authorities.

Thos. F. Arnett, a well known business man of Geraldine, who was among yesterday's arrivals, reports that Geraldine will soon appear on the map as an incorporated town.

J. D. English returned today from the western part of the county with J. Pocock, who is charged with contempt of court. The alleged offense is said to consist of refusal to obey an order issued in the justice court.

The damage suit of Addie A. Williams against the sheriff of Chouteau county was on trial in the district court today. The plaintiff claims damages of about \$1500 for property that was seized by the sheriff under a writ of attachment.

Documents for record, deeds, mortgages, promissory notes, insurance policies and the like, including powers of attorney, must pay a revenue to the government. Deeds are taxed at the rate of 50 cents for every \$500, and the consideration must be stated in the deed, and promissory notes at the rate of 2 cents for each \$100, according to the advices received by local authorities from the collector of internal revenue.

The county division plans that contemplate the annexation of territory in the western part of Chouteau county appear to conflict, as the Marias county scheme includes some of the townships in which the Pondera county promoters have circulated petitions. The county clerk's office is being bombarded with requests from committees in Conrad and Chester, who are seeking information regarding assessable property and the names of voters living in the contested district.

From Thursday's daily.
 A. W. Peterson, of Floweree, is visiting with friends in this city.

Herman Osterman, a well known resident of the Bear Paw country, arrived today from Big Sandy on a business visit.

A marriage license has been issued by the clerk of the district court to Charles D. Jameson and Olga M. Holm, both of Geraldine.

Declarations of their intention to become American citizens have been filed in the district court by George Dale and Sigurd Hegland, of Dutton.

A large number of residents of the Clear Lake country were in town today, most of them wishing to discuss road matters with the county commissioners.

That the irrigated land in Montana is regarded as having a real value is shown by the fact that when the second unit of the Huntley project is opened for settlement this month it will be sold at \$64 an acre.

Charles Whitney was brought to town yesterday from Highwood and taken to the Sanitarium, to receive attention for injuries caused by being kicked by a horse. The victim was struck on the head, but was not seriously hurt.

Dan West is in receipt of word from the chief of police in Havre that the jewelry store of C. Berthean, in that city, was entered by burglars Tuesday night, and that twenty gold watches formed part of the plunder they secured. Some of the timepieces were second-hand watches that had been left in the store for repairs, and it is possible the thieves may attempt to dispose of them at bargain prices in other localities.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that the male post office clerk examination announced to be held at Fort Benton, Mont. on Dec. 12, 1914, has been postponed to January 9, 1915, because of an insufficient number of applicants. Men only will be admitted to this examination. From the register resulting the position of assistant postmaster will be filled, salary \$900 per annum. The entrance salary for post office clerk is \$800 per annum, with annual promotions up to \$1000 per annum, for efficient service.

From Friday's daily.
 E. L. Deatherage, of Loma, is among the visitors in town.

Ben Christenson, of Solid, arrived today on district court business.

A nice Christmas present would be a box of "Don Cassio" cigars.—Adv.

Our bargain and remnant tables are still working. See our offerings, Sharp Bros.—Adv.

Mrs. H. J. Sarr, of Carter, was received at the Sanitarium today for surgical treatment.

When buying your Holiday presents, buy useful gifts at Power's Dry Goods department.—Adv.

For rent, two housekeeping rooms and one room furnished. Apply at Lewis house.—Adv.

O. G. Clay, of Hingham, right of way agent for the Great Northern, was among today's arrivals.

It is now in order for Montana citizens to greet their lady friends with the query: "Have you registered?"

For rent, the lower part of a two-story brick house on upper Front street. Apply to Miss L. Stocking.—Adv.

Miss Flanagan left this afternoon for Helena, to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Montana Teachers' association.

Gifts selected from our jewelry department are sure to please. Such gifts have a lasting value and will be prized by the recipient. Benton Drug & Jewelry Co.—Adv.

According to an opinion rendered by the attorney general, as reported by Helena newspapers, revenue stamps in the sum of 10 cents per, must be affixed to claims against the state, including the oaths of the claimant of wolf bounty funds.

The suit of O. C. Tingley against John J. Tingley, in which judgment for plaintiff was rendered in the justice court at Big Sandy, has been appealed to the district court. The suit relates to the ownership of some hay that was claimed by each party.

Charles Lepley returned last evening from a visit of several weeks with friends in Iowa. Mr. Lepley reports exceptionally mild weather in that part of the country, many of the farmers being engaged in plowing up to a few days ago.

In the suit of Mrs. A. Smith against the sheriff of Chouteau county, which has been on trial before a jury in the district court, a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$800 was rendered yesterday. The suit arose from the sale of eleven head of horses under attachment proceedings, Mrs. Williams claiming that the animals were her personal property and that they were illegally seized. The sheriff, it is understood, is protected by an indemnifying bond from the creditor in whose behalf the horses were sold.

Casualties In Coal Mines.

Montana coal mines gathered a toll of twelve lives during the year just past and have been responsible for the injury of 52, according to the annual report of State Coal Mine Inspector Sanderson, which has been submitted to Governor Stewart.

The coal mines of this state employed 1,594 miners during the year just past. Calculations made by Mr. Sanderson show that the death rate for each 1,000 men employed is 3.27 while the per cent injured seriously per 1,000 men was 14.

These figures are particularly interesting at this time in view of the recent report of Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, director of the bureau of mines at Washington, which stated that 3,651 men were killed in the United States during the same period and probably 100,000 miners injured, the death rate per 1,000 men being 3.49. Montana, therefore, is slightly better than the general average of the entire country.

Will Select Chancellor of University.

Helena, Dec. 7.—After a hard-fought nine-hour battle behind closed doors, the state board of education, by a vote of seven to four at midnight decided to select a chancellor to take charge of the consolidated University of Montana. He will maintain his office and residence at Helena, in accordance with the provisions of the Leighton bill creating the office, and will have supervision over the state university, the agricultural college, the school of mines and the normal school.

The salary was not fixed. As a committee to recommend an educator for the position, the board selected Governor Stewart, Attorney General D. M. Kelly and Ward M. Nye of Billings.

Myers' Hat Is in the Ring.

Butte, Dec. 9.—Senator Henry L. Myers has announced his candidacy to succeed himself at the democratic primaries to be held a year from next August. The announcement was made in letters sent out from Washington and received yesterday by friends of Senator Myers in Montana. He will make the run, he states, on his record as a consistent supporter of the policies of President Wilson.

The announcement of Senator Myers at this time may be considered by some as coming very early, with the primaries so far away, but he was called upon to declare himself one way or the other by the other possible candidates.

Some time ago a rumor became current among politicians that Senator Myers expected to retire from the senate to accept a position on the federal bench. As a result of these rumors, which were accredited at that time, a number of possible candidates to succeed him were mentioned, among others, Congressman John M. Evans, who was re-elected to congress at the recent election.

Will Enlarge Great Falls Smelter.

Butte, Dec. 9.—Extensive reconstruction of the Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls is to be undertaken, it was intimated today in local mining circles. The Anaconda company apparently is planning to do a large part of the refining of the Washoe smelter.

The output at the Great Falls copper refinery plant will be enlarged and will share the metal now being shipped to the Anaconda refinery at the Raritan works in New Jersey.

The refinery, it is said, will be one of the largest in the west and ultimately will equal in importance the Raritan plant. All of the metal from the Washoe plant at the present time is being shipped to Raritan.

Water right blanks—only correct form published—for sale at the River Press office.

MONTANA NEWS BRIEFLETS

A Budget of Readable Short Items From Various Parts of the State.

Glendive, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Lillian Stollard has been arrested and charged with murder of F. A. Garringer, a homesteader, as an associate of her father, Benjamin Harry, her brother, James E. Harry, and Lester I. Black, in the commission of the crime. The three men were jailed on the charge some time ago. Garringer disappeared from his homestead. The police found his body buried near Mrs. Stollard's house.

Butte, Dec. 8.—Federal Judge Bourquin upheld the state "Blue Sky law" in a decision which he handed down this noon dismissing the suit of the National Mercantile company against William Keating, state investment commissioner, ex-officio. The defendant was assessed the costs. The court scored the company which sought to enjoin enforcement of the law upon being denied the privilege to transact business in this state.

Butte, Dec. 7.—Dennis Herlihy, well known in political and liquor circles of the state today was stabbed in the stomach, it is alleged by Robert Connell, a friend, who became enraged when the two were engaged in friendly wrestling in Herlihy's saloon. Herlihy sprang into the limelight during martial law when he refused to obey the proclamation to close saloons and the troops wrecked his place, pouring wine into the street. Physicians hold out no hope for Herlihy's recovery.

Kalispell, Dec. 7.—As a result of three holdups, which have taken place in this city in the past few days, the building occupied by several suspects was surrounded this morning by 25 men from the police department and the sheriff's office and five arrests were made. The men gave the names of O'Malley, Livingston, Conlin, Schurtz and Wrenn, all of whom, it is said, have been employed by the reclamation service at Browning. They arrived in the city Nov. 27 and have been under the suspicion of the police ever since.

Missoula, Dec. 8.—The biennial report of Dr. E. B. Craighead, president of the state university, presented to the state board of education at Helena yesterday, is an interesting document. The growth of the university indicated in this report, is surprising. The enrollment at the university for 1912-1913 was 348, and for the year 1913-1914, 507, for the year 1914-1915, to date, 771. With the enrollment of the mid-winter forestry session, and the normal increase in the second semester, the total attendance for the current year will reach approximately 1,000.

Butte, Dec. 8.—Suit alleging violation of the federal statute restricting employment of railroad men to 16 hours of continuous labor was filed in the federal court against the Great Northern Railway company by the United States government yesterday through District Attorney B. K. Wheeler. The complaint sets forth that the action is commenced at the instance of the inter-state commerce commission and alleges that on Sept. 11-12, last, the Great Northern kept an entire crew of five men in service 18½ hours between Clancy and Butte. The law provides a fine of \$500 for each offense and since working each member of the crew more than the time permitted constitutes a separate offense, judgment for the sum of \$2,500 is demanded by the government.

Bozeman, Dec. 8.—Guilty of robbery as charged was the verdict of the jury in the case of the state of Montana against Lazar Tomich, who was accused of taking dynamite from the Stewart mine at Butte for the purpose of destroying Miners' Union hall in Butte on the evening of June 23. The jury retired at 3 o'clock and returned a verdict in 15 minutes, leaving the sentence to the court.

Helena, Dec. 9.—T. A. Marlow, chairman of the Belgian relief committee in Helena, yesterday issued a statement, showing that Helena had subscribed \$1,700 toward the purchase of flour for the starving refugees in Europe. The money will purchase 425 barrels, or two small cars, which will be carried to Europe on the maiden trip of the new steamship, "Northwestern Miller."

Miles City, Dec. 6.—The Eastern Montana Corn show closed last night, after exhibiting for five days. The counties of Rosebud, Musselshell, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Wibaux and Richland were represented by exhibits. Between 9,000 and 10,000 ears of corn were displayed and the display furnished ample evidence that corn can be successfully grown in Montana. This fact has been appreciated here for some years but shows like this appear to be necessary to convince the skeptical.

Bozeman, Dec. 9.—A ton and a half of Montana seeds, containing 50 per cent of the threshed grain sample, by which Montana will win or fall at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, is being judged on shelves and benches this morning on the second day of the second annual seed show of the Montana Seed Growers' association. Two hundred threshed grain samples of seed have been entered and listed, and at least one hundred more samples await the action of the managers of the show, so that there will be three hundred or more individual entries of seed grain at the Bozeman show, about double the number shown at the first seed exposition, held at Billings last year.

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