

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's daily.
C. S. Hayworth, of Ellim, is among the visitors in town.

D. H. Ruhe, of Warrick, arrived yesterday to visit his brother, who is seriously sick at the Sanitarium.

Mrs. W. A. Dynes, of Minneapolis, arrived in the city last Thursday afternoon and will spend mid-winter with her son, W. M. Dynes and family.

Yesterday was an occasion for a reunion of families in many northern Montana homes. Several of the visitors came from distant points to spend Christmas with friends in this locality.

Twenty applicants who recently took an examination before the state supreme court have received permits to practice law in Montana. Among the successful applicants are Thomas Robinson and H. Rhea Elwell, of Graceville.

Lee Wilson, who was arrested several days ago on a charge of stealing goods from a Great Northern box car and acknowledged his guilt, was sentenced by Judge Tattan today to 18 months in state prison. The defendant, who was a brakeman on a Great Northern freight train, stole a case of shirts and a quantity of beer from a car of the train on which he was employed.

Word has been received from Spokane that Henry M. Kennedy, a home-steader who was arrested near Big Sandy last week by Chouteau county officials at the request of the Idaho authorities, has confessed that he killed a man named Warner with whom he was associated in trapping game. The defendant claims the killing was the result of a quarrel. Kennedy afterwards forged Warner's name to a check and shipped some of Warner's belongings to friends at Big Sandy, to which place he fled later, and where he was finally located by the authorities.

From Monday's daily.
Miss Lawrence, of Stanford, is the guest of Mrs. Grant Sharp, of this city.

John Harris left Saturday evening for California, on a visit of several weeks.

Paul Wrobel and wife of Great Falls, are visiting with Mrs. Julia Filla, of this city.

The little daughter of Ollie Sills, of Floweree, was brought to the Sanitarium today, to receive attention for a broken leg.

Chas. W. Thompson, who spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in this city, left yesterday for his home at Highwood.

Senator Geo. H. Stevens and family have moved to Helena for the legislative session. Miss Helen Stevens will attend the Helena high school during their stay in the capital city.

A recent marriage in Great Falls is that of Arthur B. Rhoades, of Ashmoor, and Georgia F. Allen, who will make their home near Ashmoor, in the northwestern part of Chouteau county.

James Flynn, a transient visitor without visible means of support, was declared guilty of vagrancy at a hearing in Justice Kinder's court today. The defendant was awarded a sentence of 60 days in jail with an allowance of three hours in which to leave town—a privilege of which he availed himself within the prescribed time.

The clerk of the district court reports an increasing demand for marriage licenses, three applications having been filed today. Licenses were issued to J. A. Dart, of Gold Springs, Alta., and Emelia A. Una, of Loma; Walter L. Foster and Reba A. Elwell, of Graceville; and H. Rhea Elwell and Edith R. Foster, of Graceville.

According to the Great Falls newspapers, Albert H. Davis, a well known resident of the Shonkin, is named as defendant in a breach of promise suit that has been brought by Emily Connolly in the district court of Cascade county. The complaint makes some sensational allegations, the plaintiff claiming that by reason of the refusal of defendant to make good his agreement to marry, her future prospects have been damaged to the value of \$25,000. Judgment for that amount is asked.

From Tuesday's daily.
Charles Brodock and wife, of Clear Lake, are among the visitors in town.

J. Hennigar and Ed. Worrall arrived last evening from Loma, on a business visit.

Miss Ada De Boos, a former teacher in the Fort Benton public schools, arrived from Havre last evening on a visit with Mrs. J. P. Williams and daughter.

The annual reports of corporations must be filed in the county clerk's office before January 20 of each year. Blanks can be obtained at the River Press office.—Adv.

E. B. Newhall, cashier of the Northern Montana State bank at Big Sandy, is among the visitors in town. Mr. Newhall reports that several of the Big Sandy farmers are disposing of wheat at the high prices that have recently prevailed.

A delegation of about twenty residents of Big Sandy and vicinity attended the funeral services of the late Chris. Ruhe, of Warrick, which were held this afternoon in St. Paul's church. The pall bearers were W. R. Leet, A. Elderman, A. W. Merrifield, J. H. Evers, R. B. Crawford and A. E. Bjerring.

qualifies. It is understood that J. D. English has been recommended for the office, and his appointment is expected to follow at an early date.

The county officers chosen at the November election, with the exception of county treasurer, will begin their terms Monday, January 4; while the change in the county treasurer's office will go into effect March 1. The members of the Chouteau county delegation in the legislative assembly will attend the opening of the session in Helena next Monday.

Martin Halloran, an undesirable who left town about a month ago, drifted back today and was given quarters in the county jail. At a hearing in Justice Fisher's court November 27, on a charge of vagrancy, Halloran was given a sentence of 90 days in jail with an allowance of two hours in which to relieve this locality of his presence. He left for parts unknown, but concluded to return and serve out the sentence.

The Fort Benton flour contribution for the relief of destitute victims of the European war was shipped east yesterday, the consignment consisting of 500 sacks. It was intended to make the shipment a little larger than that amount, but as the railroads are withdrawing their offer of free transportation it was necessary to forward the contribution at once. If there is no demand for freight charges, there will be a cash balance of about \$125 in the local relief fund, which will be sent to the Red Cross organization to be applied to the purchase of food supplies.

Local Grain Quotations.
Dec. 29, 1914.

No. 1. Northern	.....	\$1.03
No. 1. Hard Montana	.....	.99c
No. 2. Hard Montana	.....	.97c
No. 1. Oats per cwt.	.....	\$1.15
No. 1. Flax	.....	\$1.30
No. 2. Flax	.....	\$1.24

Death of Bear Paw Resident.

After suffering for years from a malady that was diagnosed as cancer of the stomach, Chris Ruhe, of Warrick, passed away Saturday night at the Sanitarium. The patient came here for treatment about two weeks ago, but his physicians were of the opinion at that time that the sickness was near a fatal termination and his friends were advised to that effect.

Mr. Ruhe died a few hours before his 53d birthday, which would have been Sunday, December 27. Arriving from Germany in the later eighties, Mr. Ruhe was located for some time in Denison, Iowa, and about twenty-five years ago came from that place to northern Montana and engaged in ranching and the livestock business near Warrick. In company with his brother, Mr. Ruhe was among the early settlers in that part of the Bear Paw country, and had a wide acquaintance throughout the surrounding country.

Mr. Ruhe is survived by a brother and a wife and three children, to whom sympathy is extended by a large number of friends.

Would Change School System.

According to advices from Helena, a new system of administering the affairs of school districts, except those of the first and second class, will be proposed to the legislature this winter in a bill which will be presented at the request of State Superintendent Davee.

The measure will provide for the county unit system. The system contemplates a county board of education, and instead of the money for the support of schools being appropriated as now, on the basis of the amount raised in each district, it would be apportioned either on a basis of so much per teacher, or average daily attendance or school population.

The present district school trustees would be succeeded by a county board of five members and, instead of there being a county superintendent there would be a superintendent of rural schools. District school trustees would be elected as at present, but they would serve in an advisory capacity to the county board, the latter having general control and management of the schools of the county.

Would License Land Locators.

The enactment of a statute providing for the licensing of land locators, the license to be issued for a nominal fee, with provisions for its revocation in case of fraud, and strong penalties for the collection of a locator's fee by any person not the holder of such a license, is urged by Commissioner J. M. Kennedy of the department of agriculture and publicity in his biennial report.

"The method of actually placing the incoming settler upon vacant public land is not entirely satisfactory," says Commissioner Kennedy. "While the land office records and plats are open to public inspection, the ordinary homeseeker is not sufficiently familiar with the topography of the country to find a vacant tract or, and from the data given him by the land office records. In the great majority of instances the homeseeker is compelled to call upon professional locators, who, for a substantial fee, place the settler upon a vacant tract. While it is only fair to say that the majority of men engaged in land locating in Montana are honorable in their dealings with the new settler, a number of cases of flagrant misrepresentation, resulting in rank injustice, and in some cases in severe hardship, have been reported. Some criminal prosecutions have been had on these cases, but this has not resulted in giving the settler the desired relief."

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges

Chinook Opinion: The recent sale of a large irrigated ranch near Harlem in the valley is reported this week. The ranch belonging to the Stewart Taylor estate was sold to H. C. Turner for a consideration of about \$10,000. There is over 700 acres in the tract that lies at the mouth of Snake creek and is considered a good piece of land.

Harlem News: "Shorty" Connell was caught up last week by a special agent selling whiskey to an Indian. "Shorty" will now have an opportunity to spend the winter in warm quarters and will not have to worry much about his board, a question that was hard for him to solve here most of the time.

Chinook Opinion: J. E. Jenne, a sheriff from Newport, Wash., was in town the first of the week to endeavor to find trace of a man wanted by the authorities there. The man he wanted was finally located over at Big Sandy where he had been arrested by a deputy and held for the Washington authorities.

Havre Plaindealer: Hill county ranks third among all the counties of the state in the number of standard schools, only Missoula and Yellowstone county exceeding Hill, and these by a small margin. The list of standard schools in this county is made up of Grain Belt, Johnson, Lohman, Box Elder, Gildford, O'Laughlin, Gold Butte, Rudyard, Sunny Hill, Chester, Galata, Devon, Grandview and Beatrice.

Big Sandy Sentinel: Wednesday evening, Frank Adamec and Jacob Sevcic were caught at the M. & M. lumber yard in the act of loading some of the company's lumber on a wagon belonging to the latter of the twain. When arraigned before Justice Ragan Thursday morning on the charge of larceny, Sevcic was acquitted and Adamec was sentenced to serve sixty days in a domicile that is made of far more substantial material than lumber.

Chinook Democrat: Chinook business men generally this week contributed to a fund to pay the expense of incorporating a company to prospect at this place for water, gas and oil. The new corporation will be known as the Chinook Water, Oil and Gas company. Immediately following incorporation, stock will be sold. Ample capital has been assured to take enough stock to provide drilling machinery and carry on the work of drilling, the prospect of securing a supply of good drinking water making the project popular with everyone.

Choteau Acanthia: The hearing on the petition for the creation of Pondera out of portions of Teton and Chouteau counties came to an abrupt close on last Friday afternoon when a petition for the elimination of territory across the neck, joining the north and southern sections was allowed. On the hearing the valuation of the entire proposed territory was given as \$5,600,000. \$400,000 was eliminated on the withdrawal of Chouteau county territory and \$2,500,000 was eliminated when the neck was cut and the county divided into two portions. This left less than \$3,000,000 required valuation.

Glasgow Courier: Around the world and two thousand one hundred and seventy miles more is the distance traveled by George Sawyer, the popular auto liveryman, who operates his line between Glasgow and Ophelim. And this great total of 27,170 miles has been covered between April first and December fourteenth of this year. Mr. Sawyer has made regular trips from Glasgow to Ophelim and Glentana every day rain or shine, snow or mud, without having missed one trip during the period of the last eight and one-half months, excepting for a few days during the first of April when heavy snows held him in Ophelim.

Profitable Farm Management.

Farm surveys, made in many sections of the country, have shown farm management to be the reason for success. In a Gallatin valley survey one farm showed \$3,500 profit and another \$1,500 loss. Twenty-five farms averaged \$1,362 profit, while 25 others showed an average loss of \$300. These farms were side by side under similar conditions of soil, climate, markets, etc. The difference came through planning and management.

The records taken show reasons for the difference in labor income. These reasons are simple and within the control of farmers. The study of farm management is more important than the study of crops and livestock. Montana has a farm management specialist—H. B. Cannon—who is working with the farmers of the state on plans for better farm management, under the direction of the agricultural college.

A school of farm management is planned at Bozeman, January 25-30, during farmers' week. The instructors will be H. B. Cannon, Prof. E. L. Currier of Bozeman and Dr. G. B. Smith, chief of the office of farm management, Washington, D. C. This promises to be the most valuable of the courses given at Bozeman this winter. Understanding farm management may easily add thousands to the farmers' income.

Uniform Grading of Grain.

Grain inspection in Montana does not determine its grade in Minneapolis or the other large markets. Grading and dockage gives buyers opportunity for large personal profits. Lack of uniformity of grading is a source of much loss to shippers. It is said that Minneapolis sells millions of bu-

shels more of No. 1 wheat than she buys.

The federal government is taking steps to stop inequalities of grain grading. Standardization will be determined by government rather than by private inspection. Grain raisers will be protected from unjust rating and fictitious dockage. Mr. Duval of the office of grain standardization is coming to Montana to meet its farmers. He will appear in the Farmers' Week program at Bozeman, Tuesday, Jan. 26, to discuss the question of uniform grades.

Montana farmers have suffered from poor grading of products marketed more than from any other cause. Potatoes, badly sorted, have spoiled the chance of profit and the reputation of the producer. Cull apples in a box of "extra fancy" make culls of the whole box instead of extra fancies of the culls. Some alleged Turkey wheat showed only 20 per cent of that variety under the glass, and yet the grower couldn't understand why it wasn't graded No. 1. Market standards are of utmost importance, and their lack is the curse of selling farm products.

Must Give Honest Weight.

Helena, Dec. 28.—According to the report of John H. Riddle, deputy sealer of weights and measures, to Secretary of State Alderson, in the past two years 1,425,880 pieces of commodity goods were inspected and there were inspections of 23,274 scales, weights and measures. There were 500 measuring devices condemned. In two instances creameries were convicted of selling short-weight butter and one liquor house of violating the net contents clause of the law.

The department has been unable to substantiate complaints that short weighing in coal is being practiced, the report explaining that it is hard to obtain at one time enough loads to ascertain whether the condition exists, because as soon as a few loads have been weighed knowledge of the investigation quickly spreads among the dealers and drivers.

Miles City, Dec. 26.—The party of Miles City and Montana horse dealers who went to St. Paul with cavalry and artillery horses, disposed of the whole lot, 800 head, to Captain LaStrange, the representative of the French government, who has been in the north-west buying horses. No trouble whatever was found in disposing of the horses as by previous experience the Montana dealers, who are all patrons of the horse sales yards here, knew just what kind of animals would be accepted and did not burden themselves with any others. It appears that the Italian government is also in the market for cavalry and artillery stock to the number of 10,000 head and 250 head were shipped from St. Paul to Chicago for the Italian order.

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DELINQUENT TAX LIST

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Williams, E. J., Fort Benton	7.25
Wainstay, E., Fort Benton	21.93
Wissman, R. J., Fort Benton	6.96
Willett, John, Fort Benton	.....	5.84
Wellington, Chas., Fort Benton	.....	8.84
Wackerlin, O. J.,	.....	7.25
Wood, Thos. W., Fort Benton	.....	2.74
Williams, Frank, Hawarden	.....	1.62
Whitash, M. D., Kentworth	.....	6.25
Whitlock, C. J., Lytle	.....	15.84
Wilson, J. G., Lytle	.....	48.79
Winther, Ben, Loma	.....	21.49
Warner, W. S., Loma	.....	8.71
Wilson, Vir., Riceville	.....	33.89
Walker, Wm., Rudyard	.....	1.65
Wickson Bros., Selma	.....	19.22
Webber, Joe L., Selma	.....	10.16
Wolf, Julius, Selma	.....	22.39
Ward, Clarence, Solid	.....	6.81
Wickett, J. A., Solid	.....	5.37
Wesselman, Wm., Solid	.....	4.97
Watson, L. J., Virgelle	.....	4.21
Wheeler, E. M., Virgelle	.....	4.28
Williams, Elizabeth, Virgelle	.....	2.12
York, O. B., Fort Benton	.....	5.93
Young, W. M., Hawarden	.....	4.81
Young, Fred, Hawarden	.....	4.21
Young, C. W., Portage	.....	6.55
Zieck, Frank, Big Sandy	.....	5.71

Office of the Treasurer of Chouteau county, Fort Benton, Mont., Dec. 28, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing list contains the names of persons and a description of the real property which is delinquent for taxes due the county of Chouteau for the year 1914, with the amount of taxes and costs due opposite each name. Unless the taxes, so delinquent as aforesaid, together with the costs and percentages, are paid, the real property upon which such taxes are a lien will be sold at public auction upon the 23d day of January, 1915, in front of the county court house of said county.

Given under my hand this 28th day of December, 1914.
W. R. LEET,
County Treasurer.

Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau county on the 18th day of January, 1915, at 10 a. m. in the office of said board. The purpose of said meeting will be the hearing of the evidence for and against the granting of a petition for county road to be known as the Hansen road. Also for a re-hearing on the petition for a county road to be known as the Shepherd Butte road.

By order of the Board,
J. LEE SEDGWICK, County Clerk.

Non-coal. Notice for Publication.

F. S. Land office at Havre, Montana, December 28, 1914.
Notice is hereby given that HARRY R. PATTON of Loma, Montana, who, on October 26, 1911, made homestead entry, serial No. 013709, for SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 6 and 7, section 6, township 25 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Herbert D. Schmidt, U. S. Commissioner, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 24 day of February, 1915.
Claimant names as witnesses:
William R. Lane, Frank S. Lawson, Iolo M. Baldwin, Knute Fosen, all of Loma, Montana.
M. W. HUTCHINSON, Register.

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