

MONTANA NEWS.

Surveyors are now at work surveying the townsite of Great Falls on the Missouri river above Benton.

Dining cars on the Northern Pacific now run through to Helena.

Michael Connolly, who killed Maginnis in Beaverhead county some years ago and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, was adjudged insane and sent to the Warm Springs Asylum a couple of weeks ago. Last Monday night he sawed off his shackles with a case knife, cut through the heavy lock of his door, and escaped. It is getting so any fool of a convict can play this insane dodge for freedom with unqualified success.

Beecher is to lecture in Helena, Deer Lodge and Butte, August 15th, 16th and 17th respectively.

It is sometimes a very unpleasant thing to be at war with a railroad. The Bismarck Fair Association held a meeting last week and unanimously resolved not to hold a fair this fall because they could get no better rates than two cents a mile, and no rates for stock, from the railroads.

Burglars broke into Lavelle Bros. store at Butte Wednesday night, and went through the safe which, by the way, was burglar proof! They didn't get a cent for their trouble, however, the money having been taken out by one of the firm when the store was closed for the night.

Do you realize we are threatened with a destructive drouth? Water never ran down as rapidly as it has the past two weeks. Many streams are already nearly dry, and the cry for "water," unless we have good rains, will be loud presently.—New North-West.

The Montana definition of a "Sabbath day's journey," is the distance to the nearest good fishing ground.

A brotherhood of locomotive engineers is to be organized at Missoula.

A sheep man from Montana, who is now in Oregon, writes a Helena friend that about 300,000 Oregon sheep will be driven to this territory the present season. He says that of this number about 60,000 are now on the way.

The Jameson brothers left Billings Saturday morning for their annual hunting expedition, accompanied by five guides and ten pack horses. They will go up Pryor creek, through Pryor gap and up to the tributaries of the Stinking Water. They will spend about three weeks in fishing and then settle down to hunting. This year they propose to devote their energies to the bear and mountain sheep. Last year they hunted only the elk and mountain goat or American Ibex.

A somewhat thrilling episode occurred yesterday as the west bound train pulled out from the depot. Jessie Grant, one of the dancers who has been playing at the Opera House during the past few weeks, was about to take the train but was delayed and the train had already started when she came out upon Park street on her way to the depot. She ran with all speed and reached the west end of the platform in time to get aboard safely had no mishap occurred. But as she caught the railing of the car steps her foot slipped and as the train was moving rapidly and with increasing speed she was unable to regain the steps. Her feet dragged along on the rail less than six inches from the wheels, and had she not clung with a death grip to the railing she must have fallen and been cut in pieces. After the train had run about a hundred yards she was released from her perilous plight and went on her way rejoicing.

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