

Montana News Notes

Land auction sales were fixed by the state board of land commissioners for July 14 at Missoula and for July 18 at Hamilton. In Missoula the sale will be of a half section of school land lying in the heart of the city. The other half brought in about \$300,000, and it is expected that the rest will bring fully that much. At Hamilton all the state lands of Ravalli county will be put on sale.

Because the Great Northern surveyors were crowding the field in the McDonald Creek and Flatwillow regions, a large crew of surveyors from the Dog Creek country were put to work this week just east of Lewistown by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Company and a camp will soon be established on the line to Melstone where the chief survey work is to take place within the next few weeks.

The public building bill was amended on Tuesday morning and reported to the senate, carrying to Montana, as a result, \$15,000 additional for the postoffice and courthouse at Great Falls, \$50,000 more for a postoffice and courthouse at Missoula, \$75,000 for a postoffice at Livingston, and \$75,000 for a postoffice at Bozeman.

Last week four men were drowned in Shoshone lake when a motor boat of which they were occupants capsized. Victims of the accident were A. C. Downey and R. C. Soper, assistant engineers of the reclamation service; Dan Calkins, son of Editor Calkins of The Cody Enterprise; and a laborer named Soul.

An appraising committee has been appointed for the townships of Blair, Brockton, Spole, Poplar, Chelsea, Macon, Wolf Point, Oswego, Frazer and Milk River on the Crow reservation and orders have been given to make appraisements at once in order that the lots may soon be put on sale.

The first berries of the Prickly Pear valley to be put on the market were sold in Helena this week, the fruit coming from the Harry Burgess ranch. Two years ago one rancher cleared \$1,000 an acre for strawberries grown in the valley and since then many experiments have been made with the fruit.

The ferry boat at Libby capsized in the Kootenai river last week with seven passengers on board, three of whom were drowned. The drowned persons were A. C. Frantz, ferryman; Beecher Loucks, and Frank Murray. John Mullinex and Theo Wall were killed by the cable breaking.

The American Express company, hot a party to the express hearing held by the railroad commission last winter, notified the commission this week that it would adopt the same rates as those made effective on other lines doing business in the state.

Great Northern attorneys in Great Falls began suit this week for condemnation proceedings against sixty-five defendants, residents on the new Sun River route of the Great Northern road, for right of way.

Surveys on the Helena end of the proposed Glendive-Helena cut-off of the Northern Pacific railroad were completed last week. The line has been surveyed from Helena to a point on Smith river beyond White Sulphur Springs.

Republicans of Lincoln county have organized, a meeting of committees being held at Libby last week. Democrats of the county organized several weeks ago.

William G. Pfouts, a pioneer of the state, well known in early times in Alder Gulch and Virginia city, died in Butte last Sunday.

Work of grading the first six miles of the Burlington line from Omburg to Scribner has begun.

Business men of Anaconda are considering a trip to Wisdom for the Fourth of July celebration, at which many people of the Big Hole country will be present.

It is reported that the Northern Pacific Railroad company will rush work on its new depots to be built at Glendive and Hamilton.

Butte merchants visited many of the towns of the state last week on their special train and were afforded much entertainment.

Daniel B. Filson, a pioneer of Broadwater county and a rancher in the Beaver Creek valley, died Sunday evening.

President Howard Elliot of the Northern Pacific company will make an address at the Inter-State Fair at Bozeman.

By the first of July it is expected that work will have begun on the addition to the St. Vincent's hospital in Billings.

The "better-farming" special train began its route this week, the first meeting being at Wibaux.

Postoffices have been ordered established at Froid and Woolbridge in Valley county.

Ice Cream.

A dish, a quart, a gallon. Special orders solicited. H. I. Case & Co.

Notice to the Public.

The barber shops of Roundup will be open on the Fourth of July from 7:00 o'clock a. m., until 11 o'clock a. m., and will remain closed the remainder of the day. The public is kindly requested to make arrangements accordingly.

Meat Test.

Housekeepers very often find that the tests they use in marketing, to ascertain an article's freshness, prove untrustworthy. Cold storage meat and chicken, for example, may only be discovered in the cooking and eating. There is no test in the science of brewing that can improve or even stand comparison with Golden Grain Belt beer. Telephone your nearest dealer or be supplied by M. M. Klein, wholesale dealer.

TWO NEW TOWNS

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Both towns will be important business centres, and lots purchased in either or both should prove a 1 investment. They are the towns of **Ubet** in the famous Judith Basin, and **Piedmont**, thirty-eight miles east of **Butte**, in the beautiful irrigated Jefferson River valley. **Ubet** will be sold at auction July 26th, and **Piedmont** July 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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Musselshell News

Musselshell Advocate.

Many of the farmers in this vicinity report crops in excellent condition and everything looking fine. John Todd brought in a sample of rye that measures five feet, eight inches high. On the Theodore Archer place is a piece of fall wheat, that many who have seen it say, is as fine a piece of wheat as they ever saw, while a number have spoken of an elegant piece of oats on the Mike Finnen ranch an Carpenter creek. Luke D. Tucker, who took up a claim this spring and broke out 30 acres has a piece of corn nearly knee high. E. B. Carter was in from Fattig creek last week and he reports all the crops up the creek looking extremely well. Many who have seen the garden of Barney Lehfelt, north of Absher, say it would be hard to beat any place in the east. All of these crops are being grown without irrigation. The irrigation farmer has been busy for a week or more cutting alfalfa.

J. J. McFaul received the appointment of justice of the peace last week and as soon as our deputy sheriff arrives everyone will have to walk pretty close to the straight line and evildoers will be given a short shift to justice.

W. L. Tillman met with an accident Sunday which resulted in a dislocated shoulder and the tearing loose of the muscles of the left arm. A single tree broke, frightening the horses and letting the tongue down, they pulled Mr. Tillman out of the rig, inflicting the injuries mentioned. Accompanied by his wife, he went to Roundup Monday for medical treatment.

What might have proven a costly fire was averted by its timely discovery Thursday evening. Carl Smith, as he went into the butcher shop to lock up for the night, found a drawer, which stood partly open, in the desk in the office blazing to the ceiling. He carried the drawer out and with a pail of water extinguished the fire. The drawer contained a box of matches, which it is supposed were set off by mice. Had it occurred a few hours later in the night there is no telling how serious it might have been.

F. W. Handel returned Tuesday from Helena where he attended the stockholders meeting of the Montana Life Insurance company just recently organized. Mr. Handel was chosen one of the four year term directors and reports a very interesting meeting. The fact that the organization of the company broke all previous records for the reason that the company was first talked of in March, and at this time the entire half million of capital stock is practically all subscribed and ready for business as soon as the lithographing and other detail is shaped up, promises a great future for the company.

Lavina Doings.

Lavina Independent.

Nine men are ripping off thousands of pounds of wool a day at the Slayton shearing plant. L. C. Lehfeldt's band of dry sheep was finished Wednesday at 10 o'clock, and work commenced on D. W. Slayton's band. The wool is of a superior quality, being the heaviest crop in a number of years. The crew includes a number of expert shearers, one having dismantled a large sheep in 90 seconds. They average from 250 a day down to 150. About 35,000 head will go under the sack, an increase of a few thousand over last year. Elliott's plant expects to turn out about 20,000, running 14 men. Teams have been busy the past week hauling their wool to the Lavina warehouse. About 500,000 pounds of wool will be marketed this year from both plants.

D. W. Slayton has let the contract for the erection of a modern brick building to Contractor Crow, of Billings, at a cost of \$15,000. The main building will be two stories high, the top floor to be used for living and office rooms. The old ruins have been hauled away, and the new building is expected

to be inclosed in about six weeks. When completed, it will be one of the most complete stores in the west, adding greatly to the appearance of the town. The brick to be used is of a superior quality, being furnished by F. W. Handel of Musselshell. Contractor Crow will have a large force of men here from Billings the first of the week and work will be commenced at once.

W. V. Lewis, the postmaster and rancher of Clara, was in town last week looking after his sheep interests. He brought down 6,000 head to the Slayton shearing plant.

The big gasoline plow outfit of Miler & Slayton's is temporarily laid up, and just to keep busy the boys are shearing sheep. Nothing like making hay when the sun shines.

Eight separate distinct outfits are putting up hay on the Slayton ranch this week, and with favorable weather will about finish it. Slayton says it is a case of hurry up or no water for the second crop. The river is falling very fast.

F. C. Miller was in town this week with some fine samples of grain. His spring and winter wheat stands over two feet high, and his rye over four feet. These samples are strong indications of the progress being made in dry land farming. The samples of rye were shipped by Mr. Box to the immigration department of the C. M. & St. P., R. Co., at Chicago.

Contractor Hewett came out to Lavina Sunday and inspected the steel bridge at the old town and also the new town. He was well pleased with the new proposed location and went back prepared to submit a bid on the job of moving. The commissioners of both Fergus and Yellowstone have appropriated \$500 each toward the cost of the same, and it is hoped the townspeople will contribute the rest, so it will be an assured fact, before the ice of winter and another year's high water comes. A new floor and approaches are imperative, so it appears to be the very best time to make the move.

Modern Palmistry.

Palmistry, in its modern acceptance, is divided into two branches, chiromnomy and chiromancy. Chiromnomy defines the outward shape of the hand, and of its members, the thumb and finger. The name is derived from the Greek and means the laws of the hands. Chiromancy is also derived from the Greek and signifies divination by the hand—that is, by the lines, mounts and other marks on the palms of the hand.

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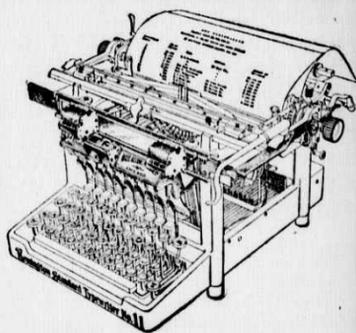
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