

CITY AND STATE.

From Saturday's Daily.
E. B. Fisher, of Lonetree, is among the business visitors in town.
Reginald Buck and wife, of the Teton, are visiting with Fort Benton friends.
Sam J. Kelley, of Concord, a well known stockman of that locality, is visiting with old-time friends in this city.
A declaration of her intention to become an American citizen was filed in the district court today Lucy J. Roland, a native of England.
John Wallace, of Havre, was taken to the Sanitarium today to receive attention for appendicitis, and will probably undergo an operation for that ailment.
A delegation of local members of the Eastern Star went to Great Falls yesterday, to attend the anniversary celebration of the Great Falls chapter of that organization.
C. A. Wilson, who recently resigned as receiver of the Great Falls land office, is among the visitors in town. Mr. Wilson will take charge of the improvements that are being made in the city water supply system.
Arrivals from Great Falls report a serious wreck yesterday on the Great Northern railway near Gerber, on the Billings line south of that city. Street rumors were to the effect that several persons were killed, but later advices said there were no fatalities.
Chas. Thompson, a former resident of this city who recently arrived from the east, has purchased an interest in the H. LaBarre livery stables and coal business, and will take an active part in the management of the concern. The partnership will be under the firm name of LaBarre & Thompson.
The Fort Benton members of the Mystic Shriners returned today from Helena, where they attended the most successful festivities ever given by that order. Among the delegation from this city were David G. Browne, A. W. Merrifield, Geo. H. Stevens, Allen Gray, W. C. Poulsson, A. H. Davis, J. W. Woodcock and Lyle K. Miller.
Charles Richter, one of the oldest residents in this part of Montana, died today at St. Clare hospital from the infirmities of age. He was 80 years old and had been in feeble health for several years. Mr. Richter was a native of Germany and came to Montana from Illinois in the sixties to engage in mining. In 1873, Mr. Richter came to this vicinity and located a ranch on the Teton, where he became interested in the sheep business; but he met with financial reverses and sickness and finally became a county charge.
From Monday's Daily.
E. A. Stovall, of Carter, arrived today on a short business visit.
Mrs. Bruce Glen and daughter left today for Chinook, on a visit with friends in that vicinity.
V. F. Blankenbaker and J. G. Chancellor, of Virgelle, are among the business visitors in town.
W. S. Towner, assistant in the attorney general's office at Helena, is visiting with friends in this city.
John O'Donald was received at the county jail today, to serve ten days for vagrancy. He was committed by Police Magistrate Kinder.
The funeral services of the late Charles Richter were held at the Episcopal church yesterday afternoon, with a number of old-time friends in attendance.
A meeting of members of the Old Fort Improvement society will be held at the Grand Union hotel Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. As new officers of the society are to be chosen, all members are requested to be present.
Another new county proposition is reported from Cascade, the residents of that locality having prepared petitions which contemplate a new county with Cascade as its county seat. Most of the territory in the proposed new county would be taken from Cascade county.
From Tuesday's Daily.
Carl Logan, of Big Sandy was among today's arrivals.
Mrs. Carl Stamm, of Clear Lake, is among the visitors in town.
Dr. T. Wright, of Chester, veterinary surgeon, is among the business visitors in town.
Miss Beatrice Boyle and Miss Alice Boyle, of Havre, are visiting with Fort Benton friends.
Found, on the Shonkin road, a pair of gold frame spectacles. Owner can recover at River Press office.
Robt. Richardson, book keeper for the Benton Hardware company, was received at the Sanitarium today for medical treatment.
A tabulation of the school census reports from each district, shows a total of 1,869 children of school age in Chouteau county.
The Ladies' Aid will have a sale of fancy articles Thursday, December 12, in the Cummings building next to the Toggery. Refreshments in the afternoon and supper until all are served. Everyone cordially invited.—Adv.

According to the Eureka Journal, a Flathead county farmer has been feeding his wheat crop to hogs and keeping close watch on the amount fed, and the gain in weight during the feeding. He found on selling the hogs that the wheat fed to one lot brought him \$1.55 a bushel, and to a second lot \$1.61 a bushel.
The dance to be given Friday night, December 13, will be for the benefit of the Baker Opera House company, and the hearty support and co-operation of the citizens of Fort Benton and vicinity are greatly desired. The famous Chautauq harp orchestra of four pieces will play, and the reasonable charge of \$1.50 per couple will be asked. As the opera house needs new scenery, etc., a fund for that purpose has been started and a series of dances will be given this winter to assist in meeting the expense, that of Friday being the first of the season.
Soo Railroad Gossip.
In a recent issue of the St. Paul Dispatch the prospects of increased railroad facilities in Montana were the subject of discussion, the operations of the Soo line receiving this mention:
"That the Montana railroad field will be invaded by the Soo road in 1913, practically was confirmed by President E. Pennington of the road in the Minneapolis general offices this morning."
"The entrance of the Canadian Pacific alliance in the heart of the northwest, will mark the third factor in the railroad construction warfare in which the Great Northern and the St. Paul roads are said to be involved. Surveying and advance construction forces of the Hill system, and the St. Paul, already are in the field. The invasion of the Soo will be made through the projection of the North Dakota lines, probably the Plaza-Drake division.
"Although the proposed invasion of the Soo in Montana has been considered for some time, President Pennington said this morning that no definite announcements of the road's plans would be made for six months. The country has been closely inspected, the president said, and the possibility of a profitable extension presented. It is known in Twin City railroad circles that the trip of Mr. Pennington, in Montana, early this fall, was taken with the proposed construction work in view."

Apportionment of School Funds.
A distribution of school funds to the amount of \$21,456.12 has been made among the several districts in Chouteau county by Miss Blackstone, county superintendent, each district receiving its proportion at the rate of \$11.48 for each child of school age enumerated in its last census. The apportionment follows:

No. Pupils.	Amount.
1. Fort Benton	499 \$5728.52
2. Highwood	28 321.44
4. Connelly	40 459.20
5. Lower Teton	11 126.28
6. Lytle	85 975.80
7. Lower Marias	30 344.40
8. Upper Shonkin	36 413.28
9. Lower Highwood	51 585.48
10. Loma	16 183.68
11. Big Sandy	134 1538.32
12. Graceville	32 367.36
13. Box Elder, J. D.	24 275.52
14. Eagle Butte	27 309.96
15. Eagle Creek, J. D.	35 401.80
17. Sample's Flat	39 447.72
19. The Knees	51 585.48
20. Upper Teton	67 769.16
26. Warrick, J. D.	33 378.84
28. Buckland	20 229.60
31. LaBarre, J. D.	32 367.36
32. Cockrill, J. D.	24 275.52
36. Joint with Fergus	12 137.76
37. Joint with Cascade	14 160.72
39. Judith	20 229.60
52. Flowerce	45 516.60
56. Carter	92 1056.16
58. Nine Mile	46 528.08
62. Elim	58 665.84
63. Pleasant Valley	57 654.36
65. Sollid	51 585.48
66. Dutton	31 355.88
68. Hawarden	41 470.68
69. The Ridge	37 424.76
74. Power	51 585.48

An apportionment of the amount received from the state will be made upon receipt of remittance from the state treasurer.

Terms of Court For 1913.
An order has been made by Judge Taitan and Judge Utter, fixing the dates for terms of district court in the twelfth district during the year 1913, the dates in the respective counties being as follows:

CHOUTEAU COUNTY	
Tuesday, January 21	
Tuesday, May 6	
Tuesday, September 9	
Tuesday, November 25	
HILL COUNTY	
Tuesday, February 11	
Tuesday, April 29	
Tuesday, June 3	
Tuesday, October 28	
BLAINE COUNTY	
Tuesday, January 14	
Tuesday, March 25	
Thursday, May 1	
Tuesday, October 7	
VALLEY COUNTY	
Thursday, January 30	
Wednesday, April 16	
Tuesday, June 17	
Thursday, September 25	

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS.

A Grist of Items Gathered From Our Northern Montana Exchanges.
Havre Platodesher: Miss Agnes Arkison, former superintendent of schools of Chouteau county and one of the widely known and popular educators of the northern part of the state, left yesterday for California, where she expects to make her future home.
Malta Enterprise: Word was received from Glasgow this afternoon that Sheriff Stephens has filed with the clerk of the district court a contest against Pat Nancy, who defeated Mr. Stephens in the recent election by 25 votes. It is reported that the contest is based on illegal voting in the Saco and Poplar precincts.
Shelby News: The oldest person in the world is a resident of Teton county, according to the latest returns. He is the Indian Wah-bagan-ta of the Blackfoot tribe, a chief fire maker, and some pumpkins when it comes to dealing out knowledge to members of the tribe. He was born in what is now Glacier park in 1781.
Conrad Independent: Frank Guder, who lives just south of town, reports having lost a considerable quantity of grain by heating in the granary. The grain was stored in a large bin, without sufficient ventilation, and after standing a few days heated to such a degree that it was burned and damaged until it was a total loss.
Shelby News: One of the luckiest as well as the most pleased men in Teton county just now is August Lorenzen, who lives about 12 miles north of town. He had been hauling water five miles in a tank with which to water all his stock, but last week decided to dig a well and at nine feet secured good water and plenty of it.

Havre Promoter: Claude G. Watson, who was arrested on a charge of white slavery last week, was given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. B. Pyper Thursday and was bound over to the federal court. His trial will be held at Great Falls some time next month. His bond was fixed at \$5,000, which he was unable to furnish.
Chinook Opinion: The Upper Milk River Water Users' association held an interesting meeting at Harlem Saturday to discuss the subject of the reconstruction of the distributing systems of the upper project. It was finally voted to appoint a committee to consult with Chief Engineer Savage and ascertain whether the reclamation service would undertake the work for the ranchers and if so on what terms.
Conrad Independent: Two cars of fine young hogs have been shipped in here this week, and were rapidly disposed of at ten dollars per hundred-weight. The stock were mostly shoats and were just right for feeding through the winter. Many of the purchasers believed that buying the young hogs, even at the fancy price, and fattening them would be better than selling the grain at the present low figures. The hogs came from the Bozeman country.

Chinook Opinion: Jas. Griffin has disposed of his alfalfa seed crop to the Great Northern for 20 cents a pound. Seed results have not been good with most of the farmers this year as the yield was light. The Great Northern endeavors each year to get its alfalfa seed for its experimental work promoted by the road from Chinook, as the quality of the seed they can usually secure here is superior to that of any other point.
Glasgow Independent: One day last week there was filed with the clerk and recorder of this county for record 528 renewals of chattel mortgages by the International Harvester Co. These mortgages principally come from the east end of the county and represent a great lot of engines and farm machinery that has been sold by the International Harvester Co., to people for farm purposes. During the past two or three years Valley county has been a bonanza for farm implements and machinery salesmen.

Conrad Observer: J. F. Kane and Peter DeBoer are just now on the anxious seat pending the decision of the judges of the recent land show held in Minneapolis. So far this week no final word has been heard as to the result of the final test, that of making bread with the flour. The recent news that Mr. Kane's wheat had received 98 points in the tests and that Mr. DeBoer's wheat had received 96 points in the tests, have not been denied. In fact, it looks as if this grand prize of \$5,000 is bound to come to Conrad.

Milk River Canal Contracts.
Helena Record.
Contracts for the construction work involved in two of the three schedules of the Dodson north canal of the Milk river project have been awarded, according to a telegram received by Supervising Engineer H. N. Savage from A. P. Davis, chief engineer of the service. Schedule one was awarded to the firm of Tibbe & Taggart at its price of \$17,650, and schedule three to J. E. Hilton of Dodson for \$24,300. Bids on schedule two were rejected, but the telegram continued, "Con-

struction authorized by government forces or readvertise as seems expedient."
Schedule two calls for the excavation of 200,000 cubic yards of earth, 2,000,000 yards of loose rock and hard pan, and 500 yards of solid rock. The work is located in the vicinity of Wagner, just above Malta.
"If it is decided to construct this work by government forces, a steam shovel will be transferred from another project," said Mr. Savage. "In any event, however, work will be started in the spring as early as climatic conditions permit."
The Dodson north canal will be 23 miles long and will cover 12,000 acres of land.
"The canals now under contract in the Milk river project will deliver water to the distribution systems required to irrigate practically all the land between Dodson on the west and the Missouri river on the east," said Mr. Savage.

Proposals for the construction of the Vandavia south canal of the project were received at Malta December 2. This canal will be 46 miles long, extending from a point near Hinesdale through Vandavia, Tamplo, Glasgow and past Nashua. It will deliver water to upwards of 25,000 acres of land.
To Protect Desert Entrymen.
A Washington press dispatch says Congressman Pray has taken up with the interior department the question of rights of entrymen who initiated entries under the desert land act three and four years ago and are now planning to make final proof and whose rights are thought to be jeopardized by reason of the fact that the lands adjoining those they entered have been taken up subsequently under the homestead act and are being cultivated.
There are many such entries now pending in Montana, and fear prevails among the desert land entrymen that the department intends to hold their entries for cancellation on the ground that their lands are not of desert character, since the adjoining lands are being cultivated and produce crops. Pray contends that inasmuch as the lands were believed to be desert, filings were made and, inasmuch as the department accepted payments and filings under the desert law, it cannot cancel entries where entrymen have shown full compliance with the desert land act.
The secretary of the interior has not yet rendered a decision on this question, but Pray is anxious to present the side of the desert entrymen before a precedent is established.

Hen Valued at \$400.
LACROSSE Wis., Dec. 9.—A White Plymouth Rock hen on display at the Western Wisconsin poultry show and valued at \$200 last night was worth twice that sum today as the result of swallowing a \$200 ruby which dropped from a setting in a ring worn by Charles V. Keeler of Winamac, Ind., one of the judges. The hen belongs to L. C. Danville of Montfort.
When Keeler was about to examine the bird, the most valuable in the show the gem dropped, and, quick as a flash, the hen gulped it down. Keeler offered Danville \$200 for the bird and subsequently increased the bid to \$400 but the latter refused both offers and the loser left for his home today without his ruby.
BOZEMAN, Dec. 7.—A conference of representatives of all the Montana cities, to frame bills raising the limit of indebtedness which now restrains the municipal improvement in Montana, will be called in Bozeman for December 30, according to the action of the city council, taken last night.

Notice of Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Benton Electric Light company will be held on Wednesday evening, January 1, 1913, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the company, for the purpose of electing a board of directors.
GEO. L. O'NEILL, Sec. and Treas.
FORT BENTON, MONT., Dec. 9, 1912.
Meeting of Stockholders.
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Baker Opera House company will be held at the city council rooms in the city of Fort Benton on Monday, January 13, 1913, at 8 o'clock p. m., of the said day, for the annual election of a board of trustees.
JNO. V. CARROLL, President.
D. G. LOCKWOOD, Sec. and Treas.

Terms of Court For 1913
In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the counties of Chouteau, Valley, Hill and Blaine. In the matter of the fixing of the time for holding terms of court in the counties of Chouteau, Valley, Hill and Blaine, in the above entitled court.
It is hereby ordered that the dates for the holding of terms of court in the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the counties of Chouteau, Valley, Hill and Blaine, for the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, be, and the same are hereby fixed as follows, to-wit:

CHOUTEAU COUNTY.	
January 21	
May 6	
September 9	
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VALLEY COUNTY.	
January 30	
April 16	
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HILL COUNTY.	
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April 29	
June 3	
October 28	
BLAINE COUNTY.	
January 14	
March 25	
May 1	
October 7	

Dated this 7th day of December, A. D. 1912.
JNO. W. TAITAN,
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Judges of said District Court.

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