

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITES OF NEWS FRO ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Ontana During the Past Few Days.

MISSOULA, March 20.—Western Montana continues to suffer from cold weather, many places in this part of the country registering under zero.

BUTTE, March 20.—Petitions of candidates for municipal office once filed, under the new primary law, cannot be withdrawn.

BOZEMAN, March 20.—Bozeman is in the grip of a blizzard after ten days of sunshine and melting snows.

GREAT FALLS, March 20.—Charged with theft of a saddle horse from Eugene L. Langlois, a local liveryman, James McClelland was brought back to the city today from Stanford.

HELENA, March 20.—Any person, firm or corporation with a complaint against any public utility concern in Montana is invited formally to lodge it with the public service commission.

KALISPELL, March 20.—A four days blockade on the Great Northern which began Sunday was broken early today when the first rotary snow plow bucked through the drifts.

LEWISTOWN, March 21.—The mercury dropped to 20 degrees below zero here last night.

HELENA, March 21.—The campaign to have the Kiley boxing bill referred to the electors will be formally launched in Lewis and Clark county on Easter Sunday.

GREAT FALLS, March 21.—Although local officials of the Great Northern profess to know nothing, it is unofficially announced that the Great Northern intends to forestall the Soo invasion in Teton county by extending its branch line—now under construction in that county under the name of the Great Falls & Teton County railway.

HELENA, March 21.—Hearkening to the advocacy of Harry L. Wilson, who ran against him for governor last fall, Governor Sam V. Stewart has granted an unconditional pardon to Alexander Romola of Billings.

BUTTE, March 21.—The government irrigation projects will attract sufficient men to Montana to relieve any labor shortage, which might otherwise have resulted, in the opinion of employment agents.

BILLINGS, March 21.—Through the stimulus given to stock feeding by the Billings sugar factory supply of sugar

beet pulp furnished every year, the industry is thriving in Billings and making rapid strides.

BUTTE, March 21.—Policeman Claude Nyland was shot in the leg and painfully wounded tonight by two hold-up men whom he surprised in an alley.

LEWISTOWN, March 22.—Miss Georgia Day last evening offered a reward of \$300 for the return of 5-year old Clinton Green, son of Mrs. Virginia Green, who disappeared from Main street so mysteriously a month ago.

LEWISTOWN, March 22.—The jury in the case of H. E. Gaugler against the Milwaukee railroad to recover \$22,000 damages for the loss of his store and stock at Straw by fire alleged to have been caused by sparks from a locomotive, this morning returned a verdict in favor of the railroad.

ANACONDA, March 22.—Cattlemen whose herds range in the vicinity of Fish Trap, in the Big Hole Basin, are very much alarmed by the deaths that are decimating the feeders and cattle that are ready for the market.

HELENA, March 24.—The state board of railway commissioners has received a reply from the Great Northern railway company to a complaint made by the citizens of Rudyard, denying the necessity for an agency at that station.

HELENA, March 24.—Those state senators recently elected in Big Horn, Sheridan, Stillwater and all other new counties created before the next general election, will be holding titular positions only, under a ruling of Attorney D. M. Kelly in reply to a question propounded by State Senator Abbott of Gallatin county.

HELENA, March 24.—The state of Montana, through the state board of examiners, this afternoon purchased for an executive mansion the Peter Larson residence at the northwest corner of Ewing street and Sixth avenue from Harfield Conrad.

HELENA, March 24.—Because the Thirtieth legislative assembly was so liberal in its appropriations as to leave the state with insufficient funds to meet them all, the state board of examiners has suspended, until such time it is assured the funds are available, \$51,988.31 appropriated for the Montana state fair and \$12,000 appropriated for a forestry school at Missoula.

HELENA, March 24.—The legislature appropriated a total of \$3,704,187.60 for the next two years. The estimated revenue for the two-year period is \$3,211,202, the excess appropriated over the apparent revenue being \$492,985.68.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Board of County Commissioners of Chouteau County, at Their Regular March Session.

Fort Benton, Mont., March 3, 1913. The board met at 10 o'clock a. m. Present, Chairman G. C. Ihmsen and Commissioners Jurgen Engellant and Frank McGowan, and J. Lee Sedgwick, clerk.

- 1. Wm. Cecil, Fort Benton. 2. Geo. Streit, Fort Benton. 3. Tim Murray, Fort Benton. 4. Carroll Fish, Highwood. 5. Daniel Traynor, Shonkin. 6. W. S. Kingsbury, Virgelle. 7. Frank Fisher, Clear Lake. 8. Albert Taylor, Hawarden. 9. Jas. Stillwell, Lonetree. 10. Oscar Johnston, Fort Benton. 11. Edward Moe, Big Sandy. 12. R. F. Baker, Box Elder. 13. R. F. Baker, Big Sandy. 14. Fritz Jappe, Lohse. 15. Henry Norden, Warlick. 16. C. H. Nelson, Power.

March 4, 1914. The board met at 10 a. m. with all members present, and continued the appointing of road supervisors as follows:

- 17. L. Foster, Carter. 18. J. A. Schultz, Carter. 19. Wm Killam, Sollid. 20. Walter Drought, Carter. 21. E. K. Johnson, Kenilworth. 22. Chas. Eklund, Loma. 23. August Johnson, Loma. 24. Jno. P. Lee, Kenilworth. 25. Elmer E. Nulf, Hawarden. 26. Jos. Blankenbaker, Virgelle. 27. Fred Carter, Fort Benton. 28. Adam Johnston, Fort Benton. 29. Chas. Miles, Fort Benton. 30. Lytle. 31. Fred Peterson, Judith.

The board directed the treasurer to cancel the assessment of Lawrence House for 1907. The request of Harold Shaw for a rebate of \$3.06 taxes was granted, as also was a rebate of taxes of B. B. Ryan.

Petition for change in boundaries of school district No. 18, was granted. Petitions for the sale of liquor were granted to the following: P. F. McMahon and L. M. White, at Carter; C. B. Van Alstine, at Big Sandy; Burns & Leet, at McGowan.

In the matter of the application of L. B. Martin for cancellation of assessment, the board directed that the taxes be paid and it will then entertain a claim for rebate. E. Wilson was appointed justice of the peace for Highwood township.

W. P. Wren appeared before the board in reference to a refund of taxes. The matter was referred to the county attorney for his opinion.

Application of Phil Buckley for the purchase of the county's interest in lots 5, 8 and 9, of block 5, in French's addition to the town of Harlem was granted, and June 2, 1913, was set as the day of sale. The appointment of deputies by the assessor was approved as follows: Office deputy, Ed. Fredlund. Field deputies—J. P. Curtis, field district No. 4; Frank Kelly, district No. 1; W. W. McDonald, district No. 2; T. L. Sheehy, district No. 3; John O'Neil, district No. 3. The assessor is also allowed an extra deputy for several weeks to assist in bringing the ownership books up to date.

March 5, 1913. Board met at 10 a. m. with all members present, and proceeded to the auditing of bills as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Clark R. Mong, road work; James Dwyer; J. E. Patton; Nat Friebel; A. L. Foster; M. A. Stover, money advanced; Benton Hardware Co, merchandise; Lundeen Bros; T. C. Boyer; C. W. Gerhold, blacksmithing; Wm Cecil, road supervisor; Wm Kinder, justice fees; John Curstson, salary and expenses; Dr. Murphy, prof. services; LaBarre-Thompson, team hire; Fred Wilford, message; Albert Taylor, road work; Wm R. Leet, expenses; H. S. McGinley; Ike Koper; H. S. McGinley; W. A. Hagan, registering voters; R. N. Cunningham; L. H. Utton; Grover Schmidt; E. S. Whitaker; Fred Wilford, corner fees; M. Maloney, fire extinguishers; E. R. Russell, stenographer work; J. E. Curstson, legal services; F. E. Curstson, legal services; The Tribune, supplies; John Curstson, advertising and blank books; Fred Nelson, justice fees; River Press, blanks and supplies; Benton Light Co, supplies; Ed Reichert, overcharge on taxes; Benton Light Co, lights and supplies; Old Fort Association, improvement; Telephone Co, rents and tolls; G. N. Express Co, express; Reunion Typewriter Co, printing; Glass Fradumme Co, reprinting type; C. M. Luce, grading papers; LaBarre-Thompson, coal; Hubbard Abstract Co, final project; State Pub Co, supplies; C. C. Mack, coal; S. M. Temple, witness fees and mileage; J. A. Mahood; J. M. Merrifield, maps; Matt Kolbenson, labor; H. Wickhorst; John Murphy; M. Flanagan, expenses; A. P. Martin, registering voters; Otto Maurer; Oliver Tingley, booth rent; Nele Stindl, witness fees; A. W. Merrifield, transportation; Dr. Murphy, health officer; St. Anthony's Lumber Co, lumber; State Pub Co, supplies; R. L. Powers, legal services; E. L. Crane, stamped envelopes and stamps; Wm Byers, repairing furnaces; J. G. Bonnie, list of proofs; Benton Hardware Co, merchandise; Geo. Crane, supplies; John Lohse, posting notices; A. W. Gordon, witness fees.

The petition for the creation of a justice township in the western part of the county was granted, said township to be known as Carter township, and to be bounded as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of township 28 north, range 6 east, thence running west on the township line between townships 28 and 29 to the northwest corner of township 28 north, range 1 east; thence south along the Montana principal meridian to the southeast corner of township 23 north, range 1 east; thence east on the township line between townships 22 and 23 to the Missouri river; thence down the Missouri river to the northeast corner of section 13, township 23 north, range 6 east; thence north on

the range line between ranges 6 and 7 to the point of beginning.

The petition for the creation of a new justice township, to be known as Prairie township, was granted, said township to be bounded as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of township 29 north, range 11 east, thence running west on the township line between townships 29 and 30 to the northwest corner of township 29 north, range 9 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 8 and 9 east to the Marias river; thence down the Marias river to the northwest corner of section 30, township 28 north, range 9 east; thence south on the range line between ranges 8 and 9 east to the southwest corner of township 27 north, range 9 east; thence east on the township line between townships 27 and 28 to the southeast corner of township 28 north, range 11 east; thence north on the range line between ranges 11 and 12 east, to the point of beginning.

The petitions of E. B. Sessions, as justice of the peace, and L. M. White, as constable, of Carter township, were granted.

March 6, 1913. The board met at 10 a. m. with all members present, and proceeded to the auditing of bills as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Arnen Biekle, salary as deputy sheriff; Sharp Bros, merchandise; J. Bishop, refund poor tax; Wm Nelson, rebate poor tax; John Nary, maintenance; Jno Slavin, transportation; Hanson & Stronstad, merchandise; Sharp Bros, merchandise; Jas Nolan, burial papers; J. F. Murphy, prof. services; St. Clare hospital, care of poor; Davis Bros & Morger; Jno E. Carroll, insanity commission; D. G. Lockwood, medicines, etc.

A committee representing the Chouteau County Fair association appeared before the board asking that the county build a fence around the fair grounds and erect an exhibition hall.

After considerable discussion the board directed that the committee get an estimate of the cost and submit the same to the board.

March 7, 1913. The board met at 10 a. m. with all members present, and continued the auditing of bills as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like O. E. Peppard, balance on Teton bridge; Independent Pub Co, 1911 session laws; A. C. Fisher, justice fees; J. W. Smith, witness fees; M. Maloney, constable fees; Kasper Hoffman, witness fees; H. H. Kreilly, bridge work; Thurlow Brown, road work; Joe Hartman; Gilbert Spator; Walter Drought; R. Buck; Chas Dawson; M. G. Thorpe; Clark Long; Herman Hindman; Dan O'Reilly; C. E. McKoin, final proofs.

A delegation appeared before the board in reference to the fencing of the county fair grounds, building of an exhibit hall and the holding of a county fair for 1913. The board appointed the following as members of the county agricultural fair commission: O. F. Tate, Oscar Johnston, Chas. Vallie, Jesse Bright and Geo. Wackerlin.

The board directed the county clerk to advertise for bids for the construction of a 7-foot fence around the county fair grounds, stalls for stock and an exhibit hall 30x120 feet, bids to be opened April 11th, 1913, at 10 a. m.

At 5:00 p. m. board adjourned sine die. J. LEE SEDGWICK, County Clerk.

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Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office at Lewistown, Montana, March 15, 1913. Notice is hereby given that ROSS ELWELL, of Graceville, Montana, who, on March 26, 1910, made homestead entry No. 09261, for E3/4 section 24, changed to N1/4 section 28, township 28 north, range 13 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Herbert D. Schmidt, U. S. commissioner, at his office, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 30th day of April, 1913.

Notice of Election

In accordance with an order of the city council of the city of Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana, notice is hereby given that at a regular annual election to be held in the said city of Fort Benton on Monday, the seventh day of April, 1913, there will be elected a city treasurer and a police magistrate, each for a term of two years, and an alderman in the first, second and third wards, each for a term of two years.

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