

CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Musselshell Shepherd Accused of Burning Hay Stack.

From Wednesday's Daily Gazette.

Deputy Sheriff Harding, who is stationed at the Musselshell crossing, arrived in the city yesterday with a prisoner whom he turned over to the sheriff to await trial on the charge of arson. The name of the man is William B. Steen. The testimony against him is purely circumstantial. The alleged crime for which he is held to answer was committed September 13, on which date a large stack of hay belonging to McVey & Farrell, ranchers on Halfbreed creek, was destroyed by fire. As told to The Gazette the story of Steen's arrest and supposed guilt is about as follows: On the night before the destruction of the hay Steen stopped at Sid Irvin's road ranch. His horses strayed away and he set out the following morning to look for them and went as far as McVey & Farrell's place, where he stopped to make inquiry for the missing animals. He obtained no trace there and after talking a while left and followed the road. Not long after his departure, Tom Hurley, who is stopping at the LaMott ranch, about two miles from that of McVey & Farrell's, observed the fire and mounting his horse went to investigate. When he arrived the flames had enveloped the stack and as he could do nothing to check their progress, he hastened to the home of the owners and notified them. Their suspicions were aroused and they began to make an investigation.

Footprints, supposed to be those of Steen, were found leading from McVey & Farrell's ranch to a place where the bars opening into the meadow where the hay was. The top rail of the bars had been let down, as though someone had entered, but as the trail apparently continued it was followed a short distance, where it left the road and entered the meadow. Here it was lost, but further on down the road it reappeared, leading from the meadow. This and the fact that Steen had been observed upon leaving the ranch to travel in the direction of the trail impelled the owners of the burned hay to swear out a complaint against the accused. On the testimony adduced he was held for trial.

Mr. Harding says that Steen is a shepherd and has been in that section of the country for sometime. He is considered as "queer" by those who know him, although he has never before been charged with the commission of any wrong.

Consumption Threatened.

C. Unger, 212 Maple St., Champaign, Ill., writes: "I was troubled with a hacking cough for a year and I thought I had consumption. I tried a great many remedies and was under the care of physicians for several months. I used one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. It cured me, and I have not been troubled since." Holmes & Rixon.

A LATE ROUNDUP.

Flathead Cattlemen Prepare to Count Their Stock.

The annual fall cattle roundup on the Flathead reservation will commence next Wednesday, says the Kallispell Bee. It is not yet known who will be in charge but it is probable that Arthur Larivee will again be foreman. The thousands of cattle that have been running over the plains and hills of the reservation will be rounded up and sorted out according to the brands they bear and will then be taken in charge by their owners.

The annual spring and fall roundups on the Flathead reservation are not things of beauty and ease, as is often imagined by the tenderfoot, but on the contrary those who participate in them have to be men that are used to the saddle and inured to all kinds of hardships. From early noon until late at night, and often all night, the cowboys on the roundup have to be in the saddle and the merry chase after the festive bovine never relaxes until all are in charge of their owners.

The roundup this fall will be a big one and will probably last two weeks or more. A number of the reservation cattlemen were in town the past week purchasing supplies and looking after good cowmen. The past season has been most propitious for the stock on the reservation and the animals are in splendid condition.

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HAS SIGNIFICANT LOOK.

Burlington Filing More Right of Way Claims.

Sometime ago The Gazette announced the fact that several of the high officials of the Burlington company had made a tour of the Toluca-Cody branch and also along the line of the Guernsey route, and in commenting upon the fact gave it as its opinion that something was in the wind of more than ordinary importance. It will be remembered that considerable stress was laid upon the position which the company occupies as far as its ability is concerned to make inroads upon the traffic of the Union Pacific, should it care at any time to invade the territory in which the latter company is now practically supreme. Stress was also laid upon the importance it would be to the Hill-Morgan community of interests to affect a junction with the road Senator Clark declares he will build from California in a northerly direction with its eastern terminus at Salt Lake City.

Much that was then said has been borne out by recent developments, as telegraphed from Chicago. A dispatch from there says that there is now no longer any doubt of the Burlington's ability to extend its Guernsey route to Salt Lake City any time it is seen fit to do so. Continuing the dispatch says it has been learned that the Burlington has filed maps of surveys at Cheyenne covering the right of way from the Platte river to the western line of Carbon county and also through Sweetwater and Uintah counties to the western limit of Wyoming. To the east of Carbon's western limit claims through Laramie and Albany counties were filed sometime ago at Evanston, thus completing the right of way claim from Guernsey to Salt Lake.

While an occasional denial is heard of the intention of the Hill-Morgan combine to extend the road from its present terminus to a point necessary to form a junction with the Clark road, which point naturally would be Salt Lake City, it looks very much as though it is not the intention to be unprepared for such a movement should it be decided at any time to be feasible. Contradictory of these denials are reports that active preparations are making to begin construction of the new line necessary to fill the gap which now exists. Of course, nobody on the outside can ever tell much concerning the plans and intentions of the big railroad companies, but to an observer of events it must look strange to see a road constructed in the direction of a natural terminus and then suddenly halted in what may be designated as a wilderness with but little local traffic to be depended upon as the source of its revenue, when an inviting and profitable field is just beyond.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Thirty Years of Suffering.

"I suffered for thirty years with diarrhoea and thought I was past being cured," says John S. Holloway, of French Camp, Miss. "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could do no kind of labor, could not even travel, but by accident I was permitted to find a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble. I am so pleased with the result that I am anxious that it be in reach of all who suffer as I have." For sale by Chapple Drug Co.

MATTER OF CHOICE.

Trustees Not Obligated to Close Schools for Institutes.

The attorney general has handed down an opinion which gives cold comfort to the county superintendents who find themselves opposed by trustees of schools who refuse to grant a vacation to enable the teachers under their jurisdiction to attend institutes. The opinion was rendered in the case of the Great Falls trustees, who refused to order the schools of that city closed so that the teachers could attend the county institute. When the state superintendent heard of the action of the trustees he appealed to the attorney general, with the result mentioned.

Mr. Welsh will now endeavor to coax the trustees into reconsidering their action and prevail upon them to permit their teachers to attend the institute of that county, for which all arrangements have been made and the necessary instructors engaged. The law says such institutes are obligatory and county superintendents must hold them if they have but five teachers in attendance.

Mr. Donovan's opinion is based upon the amended law which removes the penalty for non-attendance upon institutes and is so worded that it is practically optional with trustees whether they close their schools or not.

SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED.

Some Requirements of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

Since he has made his home here Yee Shing has prospered to the extent that he feels he is able to make a visit to his former home in the land of the dragon. While anxious to return to the scenes of his childhood, he is even more anxious to be in a position to insure his landing when he again reaches the shores of America. In accordance he has set about to comply with the laws and yesterday filed his application with Judge Mann for a certificate of identification. As Yee is a laborer the law requires certification of outstanding credits due him at the time of leaving of not less than \$1,000. This want was filled by a fellow countryman, who made declaration to his honor that of his own knowledge there are two Chinamen who are indebted to Yee, one in the sum of \$600 and the other \$500.

The next move in the case will be when the judge forwards the certificate, attached to which must be a photograph of Yee, to the collector of customs at Great Falls, who in turn will investigate and if he finds the proceedings regular will issue a certificate which will entitle the holder to reenter the country. In the case of a merchant the process is simpler, as all that is required is proper proof of the fact that the applicant is a merchant and actively and actually engaged as such. Because of this difference many Chinamen when wishing to return to China buy a few goods and open a "store" and are thus in position to avail themselves of the provisions of the law.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Great Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a great favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Chapple Drug Co.

WILL TEST THE LAW.

Friendly Suit Begun Against Owner of Slot Machine.

The constitutionality of the anti-gambling law, so far as it relates to the slot machines, paying cigars, will be tested in the district court. Within a day or two, the county attorney will file an information against Elmer E. Woodman, the Main street cigar dealer, charging him with violating the section of the law which places the machines under the ban, the same as other gambling devices, says the Helena Independent. The case is a friendly one and is the result of a decision reached by the various dealers in the city to test the law.

In pursuance of an agreement reached by the cigar dealers, Knute Opheim and August Fack walked into Mr. Woodman's store yesterday and each dropped a nickel in the machine, drew three aces and were handed over three cigars for their venture. From the cigar store the two proceeded to the office of the county attorney and made a complaint against Mr. Woodman. Mr. McConnell said he would immediately take the matter up, giving the complaining witnesses to understand that he would bring the charge to the attention of the court as soon as the evidence was complete and the papers could be prepared.

Mr. Woodman, in referring to the matter afterward, said the proceedings were intended solely as a friendly test of the law. The case will excite general interest through the state, especially among the cigar dealers, who realize that the decision of the courts will determine for some time, at least, what disposition will be made of the cigar slot machines. The cigar dealers, however, disclaim any interest in the gambling law except that provision which includes cigar machines in the category of gambling devices. The machine in Mr. Woodman's store occupied its accustomed place in front of the show case yesterday, and the merry hum that came through the open door reminded passers-by of former days when a man could play his nickles with impunity. The machines have been hushed for many weeks but the business done yesterday in Mr. Woodman's store showed that they had lost none of their old time popularity with the element that like to take a chance for their money.

Evidence other than that furnished by Mr. Opheim and Mr. Fack will be secured by the county attorney before he files the information against Mr. Woodman. It is understood that a number of witnesses will be subpoenaed by the state to testify in the case.

Red Polled Cattle.

A few choice Red Polled bulls for sale at reasonable prices. Apply to Martin Allenman, Park City. 44-4

THE CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Deputy Sheriff Withdraws Complaint Against E. H. Becker.

From Thursday's Daily Gazette.

In Judge Mann's court yesterday, Deputy Sheriff George Robbins formally withdrew the complaint filed against E. H. Becker of The Gazette a week ago.

Mr. Becker was charged jointly with J. E. Edwards, Crow Indian agent, with disturbing the peace, by Deputy Robbins. Edwards pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs. Mr. Becker demanded a hearing. Since the disturbance Deputy Robbins made inquiry into the matter. Yesterday he filed with the court the following:

"To F. L. Mann, Justice of the Peace:

"In the case of the State of Montana vs. E. H. Becker, arrested by me for disturbing the peace, I find that upon inquiry from eye witnesses that the defendant, E. H. Becker, was defending himself at the time of arrest and that the aforesaid defendant, E. H. Becker, was justified in so doing. Therefore, I, George W. Robbins, deputy sheriff, with the consent of the court, wish to withdraw the complaint entered against the said E. H. Becker. GEORGE W. ROBBINS, "Deputy Sheriff."

"Billings, Montana, September 25, 1901."

Judge Mann, finding that there was no cause for action, granted the request of the petitioner and the case was stricken from the docket.

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Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to a cut, bruise, burn, scald or like injury will instantly allay the pain and will heal the parts in less time than any other treatment. Unless the injury is very severe it will not leave a scar. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains, swellings and lameness. For sale by Chapple Drug Co.

ALLEGED STOCK THIEF.

Chris Carstens Accused of Stealing a Cow.

From Thursday's Daily Gazette.

Chris Carstens, a rancher residing in Carbon county, was arraigned before Judge Mann yesterday on the charge of grand larceny. The complainant in the case is George C. Tilden, a rancher and hotel owner at Columbus, this county.

In the complaint Carstens is accused of having "stolen, purloined, enticed and carried away" a cow belonging to the prosecuting witness.

The arrest was made by Stock Inspector Collins, last Sunday. Carstens gave a cash bond of \$200 for his appearance for preliminary examination next Saturday.

Mr. G. A. Stillman, a merchant of Tampico, Ill., writes: "Foley's Kidney Cure is meeting with wonderful success. It has cured some cases here that physicians pronounced incurable. I myself am able to testify to its merits. My face today is a living picture of health, and Foley's Kidney Cure has made it such." Holmes & Rixon.

GROWTH OF THE N. P.

Indicated by Statistics in Its Annual Report.

Many items of considerable interest in the Northern Pacific's annual report are here printed for the first time. The printed reports will not be issued publicly until Saturday.

The report shows that in the increase of equipment the Northern Pacific has made a large jump. When the road was taken over from the hands of the receiver, Sept. 1, 1898, it owned 574 locomotives. Up to Nov. 1, 1900, 114 new locomotives had been added, bringing the total increase up to about 22 per cent. In passenger train cars there has been a larger increase. The number of new passenger cars up to November was 144, or 32.9 per cent. The total number at that time was 622.

The total number of freight cars at that time was 26,704, an increase since 1896 of 7,098, or 26.4 per cent. The increase in miscellaneous equipment was 40.2 per cent. The increased horse power of the locomotives is 62.2 per cent, and the increased capacity of freight trains is 70.6 per cent, by reason of the purchase of heavier power and the reinforcement and purchase of cars of larger capacity.

The average train load of revenue freight increased in the same period 69.57 per cent, or from 192.52 to 328.16 tons, which is a very remarkable gain for so short a period.

The report of the land department which has not hitherto been printed, is of considerable interest. The report says that instead of holding the lands at prices which were high as compared with the prices for adjoining government lands, the policy of selling at such reduced rates has been vigorously carried out with great success, thereby reducing the company's taxes, stopping the interest on the land grant bonds retired, and increasing the population and tonnage tributary to the railroad system. The

acreage of the lands granted by the United States to the Northern Pacific has been reduced over 84 per cent, from about 34,000,000 acres to about 20,261,161 acres. The sale in acres by state for 1901 is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Acres. Minnesota 25,397; North Dakota 1,278,584; Montana 526,567; Idaho 88,185; Washington 789,058; Oregon 37,959; Wisconsin 80; Little Falls & D. lands 148; St. P. & D. lands 11,461.

Total acres sold 2,757,443

Table with 2 columns: Areas remaining unsold and Acres. In Wisconsin 592; Minnesota 103,942; L. F. & D. lands 26,829; St. P. & D. lands 106,029; North Dakota 45,012; Idaho 1,646,461; Montana 13,041,746; Washington 5,077,340; Oregon 4,999.

Total 20,261,161

During the year 59.7 miles of new side tracks were constructed. Three hundred and eighty bridges have been replaced, 324 permanently, and 56 by timber bridges. A total of 286 bridges were replaced by embankments, making a total of 29,922 lineal feet. The total lineal feet in bridges replaced represented 6.25 miles. On June 30, 1901, there were in existence 3,492 bridges, aggregating 88.9 miles.

General Manager W. G. Pearce says in his report that business is such that it is evident additional locomotives and cars must be purchased in the near future.

H. C. Watkins, sexton of the Methodist church, Springfield, Pa., says: "My wife has been very bad with kidney trouble and tried several doctors without benefit. After taking one bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure was much better, and was completely cured after taking four bottles." Holmes & Rixon.

PRESIDENT ACCEPTS.

Will Be Present at Yale Celebration October 19.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt has written to the Yale bi-centennial committee that he will attend the celebration which begins October 19, and it is expected that a number of the cabinet officers, who accepted invitations before the death of President McKinley, will accompany him. Another noted guest whose formal acceptance has been received is Admiral Sampson. It is unofficially stated that both President Roosevelt and Admiral Sampson will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws from Yale at the time of the bi-centennial.

President McKinley was given this degree by Yale in 1898 during the Spanish-American war and it is now announced that he had fully intended to be present this year.

"I had a running sore on my leg for seven years," writes Mrs. Jas. Forest of Chippewa Falls, Wis., "and spent hundreds of dollars in trying to get it healed. Two boxes of Banner Salve entirely cured it." Beware of substitutes. Holmes & Rixon.

WYOMING STAGE HELD UP.

Man Supposed to Be the Robber Now in Custody.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 24.—A man supposed to be Neils Lippcott held up and robbed the Sheridan-Big Horn stage last night, near Big Horn. Lippcott has been captured.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Big Ditch company will be held at the court house, at Billings, Montana, on Monday, October 14th, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing seven trustees, and to consider the proposition of enlarging the ditch, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

E. B. HASTINGS, Secretary.

Struck a Land Slide.

Missoula, Sept. 24.—A Northern Pacific freight ran into a landslide 48 miles west, killing Fireman Gus Lubberg and fatally injuring brakeman Eugene Lobdell.

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Blacksmith shop on South Twenty-seventh street; also six-room residence and four corner lots on South Thirty-second street. Apply to H. W. Schwanz. 37-9

Special Rates to Pan-American Exposition.

The Northern Pacific Railway company will sell special excursion tickets Billings to Buffalo and return at \$57.75. Tickets on sale the first and third Tuesday of each month, June to October inclusive. Tickets limited to thirty days.

H. N. KENNEDY, Agt.

A Grocer Says

"I guess everybody in Bellevue, Ohio, knows O. B. Callaghan, the grocer. I am in his employ, and as well known as he is, a grocery is a place where you have cold gusts of wind coming in every time the door opens, and there is a good deal of running about out-



doors too. Anyhow, I catch cold very often, but the minute I begin to sneeze I reach up on the shelf and take a dose of Acker's English Remedy. I tell you it is wonderful how quickly it stops a cough or cold. I have used it myself, and in my family for a number of years. It works like a charm. I suppose some of the folks would have run into consumption before this if I had neglected to keep a bottle ready all the time for immediate use. I wouldn't think of using anything else for throat and lung troubles. I know what Acker's Remedy actually does, so what sense is there in experimenting? Certainty is better than chance." (Signed) JOHN HOFF.

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The Big Ditch Company. Assessment Notice.

E. B. Hastings, secretary, ranch one mile south of Canyon Creek on ditch, postoffice, Billings, Montana.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the trustees of the Big Ditch company, held on the 7th day of September, 1901, an assessment of 5 per cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable on or before the 15th day of October, 1901, to the secretary, at his ranch or by mail at Billings, Montana.

Any stock upon which the assessment shall remain unpaid on the said 15th day of October, 1901, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on the 31st day of October, 1901, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

E. B. HASTINGS, Secretary.

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lewistown, Mont., Aug. 26, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before T. A. Williams, clerk of the District Court in and for the County of Yellowstone, State of Montana, at Billings, Mont. on Saturday, October 12, 1901, viz: John W. Newton who made HE No 1134 for the SE 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 18, Tp. 8 N., R. 26 E., M. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sidney H. Erwin, of Roundup, Mont.; Gerald F. Corwin, of Billings, Mont.; Allen B. LaMott, of Roundup, Mont.; Thomas Hurley, of Roundup, Mont. EDWARD BRASSEY, Register.

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Miles City, Mont., Sept. 2, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of District Court at Billings, Mont., on October 10, 1901, viz: Edward M. Snyder, who made H. E. No. 981 for the NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 22, Tp. 8 N., R. 28 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Buckley of Razor Creek, Mont., Cliff L. Root of Roundup, Mont., Chas. B. Wallace of Musselshell, Mont., W. N. Taylor of Musselshell, Mont. S. GORDON, Register.