

Around the County

ROY. This weather does not remind one much of baseball, but to have a good team...

The Ball association closed last year out of debt and steps are being taken to raise money to start the team off in good shape...

Curt Williams, who has pitched for Roy for the past two seasons, will be with us again this year...

H. J. DeWitt, who returned from a business visit in Alberta, Canada, a few days ago, informs us that he has disposed of his land in that country...

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Rooney returned last Sunday from Rochester, Minn., where they have been for several weeks while Mr. Rooney underwent an operation for injuries received in an accident at the railroad crossing west of this city last May...

A case of smallpox is reported in the Ulaca section and it has caused quite a scare and vaccination is now quite general in that section.

William H. Brown and niece, Miss Mabel Flasher, returned to their homes at Chicago last Saturday, after a stay of ten days in this city.

Miss Verma Palmer of Lewistown has accepted a position as operator at the telephone office.

S. T. Wiprud, the new proprietor of the Broadway store, spent the early part of the week here, leaving yesterday for Butte where he will purchase goods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pauline, formerly of Great Falls, bought the Broadway restaurant Tuesday, the deal having been made through M. A. Podoak. Mr. and Mrs. Pauline have been conducting a boarding house in Great Falls for some time.

Last year Denton enjoyed the distinction of being the greatest shipping point in the West. This year it has become one of the most important wheat shipping points. The Denton Milling company's new mill will soon be in operation and Denton will also be a flour producer.

W. D. Surface received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the sudden death of Floyd Houck at Redding, Cal. Mr. Houck and family, in company with his mother and his brother, Art Houck and family of Moore, and his sister, Mrs. W. D. Surface, left Moore two weeks ago last Monday for California to spend the winter, their objective being Long Beach. They were making the trip in easy stages, having stopped off at Redding last Thursday night. Mr. Houck complained of being ill and shortly after pneumonia set in. He was taken to a hospital and it was thought he would be sick only a few days, but Tuesday afternoon of this week he was taken much worse, death resulting in three hours.

Griff Parلمان has bought the H. J. Blankmeyer farm between here and Suffolk. The deal was made this week through the Hilger bank.

Andrew Janosik has opened up a coal mine about four miles north of Gerhard. He claims that the coal is superior to any in the vicinity.

William Dillon is now the mail carrier on the Winifred-Pine Edge route. He uses a covered sleigh with a span of light mules for motive power and is not having much trouble in making the trip three times a week.

The dance given by the Moore Rod and Gun club on Friday night last was an unequalled success in every way, and there was a large crowd in attendance, although the bad weather kept many from being present. The committee in charge of the event is to be congratulated upon their successful handling of the affair and the supper served at the Kipe hotel was a tribute to the catering efficiency of "mine host." There was universal praise to be heard on all sides from those who attended and needless to say the "Overland special" was frequently called upon. To sum up the event briefly and accurately, it may be said that for good fellowship, congenial companionship and live wires the Moore Rod and Gun club is second to none.

It is reported that Mrs. Jay McLean nearly lost her life in the big storm Monday, December 11. She was found by Milo Long and Delbert Butler after being out from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 1 o'clock in the morning. She had wandered to a road and fell exhausted when these two members of the searching party discovered her. Mrs. McLean was on her way home from Luebke's where she went to get some oil.

NEEDS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROPRIATE LARGE AMOUNT FOR MAINTENANCE.

UP TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HELENA, Dec. 27.—Financial needs of state institutions and amounts that the legislature will be asked to appropriate for their maintenance and improvement during the next two years will almost wholly occupy the time of the state board of education that went into session this afternoon at the capitol building and will close some time tomorrow. University affairs will be taken up Friday.

At this afternoon's session, Walter Shopp, superintendent of the state orphans' home at Twin Bridges; A. C. Dorr, superintendent of the state industrial school at Miles City, and H. L. Menzies, superintendent of the school for the deaf and blind at Boulder, appeared before the board and explained the needs of the institutions under their charge.

The reports of the heads of the several institutions were referred to the committees which will report later. Chancellor E. C. Elliott and the heads of the four institutions comprising the University of Montana, will appear before the board tomorrow and their needs will be considered in detail.

Carl Peterson returns from THE BILLINGS FARMERS' MEETING

Carl H. Peterson returned Saturday from Billings where he attended the Montana Farmers' federation during the past week. He reports a very successful meeting, well attended, though not as large a delegation as was present in Lewistown. A great many resolutions were considered and adopted, among them the endorsement of the non-partisan league, with the committee of Montana directors to manage the campaign, who recommended the use of a non-partisan primary ballot. They also recommended that the educational advertising be extended to all of the rural children and that every endeavor be used to increase the rural school facilities; that the advertising of the high led resolutions be extended to the people of the state and that it was necessary that the interest appropriation be granted to develop these institutions.

They were also in favor of the state-owned terminal warehouse. This subject for the meeting of 1917 was left to the executive committee. The people from Fergus county that attended the federation meeting were B. C. White, Buffalo; R. L. Thompson, Bencland; B. F. Hills, Coffee Creek; Frank Falls, Coffee Creek; P. J. Miner, Suffolk; E. C. Martin, Forest Grove; James P. Arnold, Forest Grove; Carl H. Peterson, Lewistown; N. C. Donaldson, Moccasin experiment station; Henry Grenley, Lewistown.

Weekly Statement of Federal Reserve Banks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The reserve board's statement of the banks' condition December 22 shows:

Resources. Gold certificates and coin in vault, \$289,827,000; gold settlement fund, \$178,811,000; gold redemption fund with U. S. treasurer, \$1,479,000; total gold reserve, \$449,917,000; legal tender notes, silver, etc., \$6,025,000. Total reserve, \$455,942,000.

Five per cent redemption fund against federal reserve bank notes, \$400,000.

Bills discounted and bought: Maturities within 10 days, \$24,848,000; from 11 to 30 days, \$47,381,000; from 31 to 60 days, \$49,375,000; from 61 to 90 days, \$34,759,000; over 90 days, \$1,067,000; total, \$156,930,000.

Investments: United States bonds, \$43,504,000; one-year United States treasury notes, \$11,167,000; municipal warrants, \$10,557,000; total earning assets, \$222,158,000.

Federal reserve notes, net, \$19,236,000.

Due from federal reserve banks, net, \$49,318,000.

All other resources, \$3,506,000. Total resources, \$750,560,000.

Liabilities. Capital paid in, \$55,765,000; government deposits, \$29,472,000; member bank deposits, net, \$648,787,000; federal reserve notes, net, \$15,754,000; federal reserve notes in circulation, \$158,000; all other liabilities, \$782,000.

Total liabilities, \$750,560,000.

Gold reserve against net deposit and note liabilities, 69.8 per cent; cash reserve against net deposit and note liabilities, 70.7 per cent; cash reserve against net deposit liabilities after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve against aggregate net liabilities on federal reserve notes in circulation, 71.3 per cent.

NET FEEDING STOCK YET. N. C. Nelson, of the XN ranch, on Hanson creek, who was in the city yesterday, states that while he is feeding the calves and some cows, stock cattle have been doing very well on the straw stacks and in the fields without any hay.

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RAILROAD OUTLOOK FOR FERGUS COUNTY DURING NEXT TWO YEARS

By way of added measure to the horn of plenty with which Fergus county was endowed during the year 1916, both the Milwaukee and the Great Northern Railroad companies have carried on active construction work, on the new arteries of commerce extending eastward from Lewistown. This region has been one of the few in the entire nation to enjoy railroad building this year, and the operations have been on an important scale.

While the Milwaukee finished the last piece of its grade between Grass Range and Winnett a few days ago, the Great Northern is still in the midst of active work, and will push construction throughout the winter and the coming year, without letup.

Before snow flies in the fall of 1917 trains will be run by the Great Northern from Lewistown to the Musselshell river. This is the prediction of a Democratic state representative yesterday by one who speaks with authority. The company plans to have the entire line from Lewistown to Fairview completed before the close of 1918, and work on this road will be prosecuted with no unnecessary delays from now until the final completion. This is welcome news for that vast inland empire of great fertility, which lies between this city and the Dakota line, the major portion of which is directly tributary to Lewistown, and the laying of the steel rails from this city to tap this extensive country will prove a big boon to the metropolis of central Montana.

The distance from Lewistown to Fairview is 318 miles, and from Lewistown to New Rockford, 550 miles. At present about 125 miles of the entire 550 miles are completed, namely a few miles out of Lewistown and about 60 miles both east and west from Fairview, the busy new town located on the Yellowstone near the Montana-North Dakota boundary line. From Fairview a line now runs 14 miles northward to Snowden, connecting with the present main line. Eastward the new line of the Lewistown-New Rockford cutoff has been extended into McKenzie county to Arnegard, and westward to Lambert and Pasture creek, the present terminus being known as Ritchie. There is still a big gap to be closed up between Ritchie and Lewistown, and this is the stupendous task which will require the next two years to complete.

Locating the Line. During the past week a locating party left Lewistown to establish the permanent survey and put in the grade stakes from Weede eastward through Dawson county. This survey will follow very closely the temporary survey, as filed of record a few years ago. In order to get better grades there will be some deviation from the original survey, but the general course will be practically the same, and the line will run within a few miles of where previous reports placed it. That is it will cross the Musselshell river near Weede, about five miles south of Mosby, and pass near or through the towns of Sand Springs, Jordan and Circle.

Burke Was Busy. D. J. Burke of Lewistown, was the busy man in railroad building circles in the northwest the present year. Mr. Burke was the contractor for the Winnett extension of the Milwaukee, sidetrack extension and betterment work from Mohrville, N. D., to Avery, Ida., surfacing and bridge work on the Choteau line, and some betterment work on the Lewistown-Great Falls line. It can thus be seen that Mr. Burke had his hands full. On the Winnett extension he employed 100 men and 265 teams, while at one time on all his contracts he had 1,500 men working.

The Winnett Extension. Dirt began to fly on the Milwaukee extension from Grass Range to Winnett on August 29. Now the roadbed is ready for the steel gang, and some may be laid this winter. When the steel finally gets to Winnett, now a thriving inland town, there will be a stir in business and realty circles here and in the surrounding country. Already the demand is increasing for lands in eastern Fergus.

A much better roadbed than first made to a Democratic representative was seen from the fact that the original plans called for a removal of 250,000 yards of dirt, and the work as done resulted in the removal of 420,000 yards, in the total distance of 23 miles between the two towns.

An agreement for the temporary use of the same tracks from Grass Range Junction, two miles east of Grass Range, where the two roads converge, to Weede, has been reached by the Milwaukee and the Great Northern. This is a distance of 46 miles. At or near Weede the roads will have separate tracks, the Milwaukee running southward down the Musselshell to Melstone, joining the present main line at that point. The Great Northern will swing northward through Dawson county.

The heaviest work on the Great Northern has been done at the McDonald creek divide, where two tunnels are being bored. Work is proceeding on both of the tunnels, one 800 feet in length and the other 3,200 feet. Grading is also being done between this city and Cheadle, about 18 miles east. The track has been laid for about five miles, so as to make the haul of material and supplies to the tunnel a shorter one. Six camps are established and 400 men are employed in the construction work. The head-end for the smaller tunnel, which is the closest to this city, has been completed, and the bench in the longer tunnel is being taken out. The square is 28 feet by 28 feet, and the distance from the floor to the top of header is 40 feet. Substantial timbering is being installed as work progresses. Chief Engineer Walker is looking after the work, and the contracting firm on the job is Guthrie, Riley & Co.

The Lewistown-New Rockford cutoff will be one of the main lines of the Great Northern and will make a shorter and more direct route between the Twin Cities and the coast. The grades along the new line are very slight, except in the crossing of the McDonald creek divide and even there they are not severe. Another tunnel will be required in Dawson county, a short distance east of Soda Springs, through a small and outlying section of the Sheep hills.

The roads will be of the best and most permanent kind, and in every way the new line will be first-class, built with the view of running trains up to 60 miles per hour.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS BIG FOR FAILURE TO DELIVER WHEAT

MONTANA FARMERS WILL HAVE THEIR INNING AT COMING SESSION OF LEGISLATURE.

ELEVATOR COMPANY BRINGS ANOTHER SUIT TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM FARMER.

THE COURT APPOINTS APPRAISERS

CONSUMER TO HAVE SHOWING ALSO

HELENA, Dec. 22.—Agricultural interests in Montana are to have their innings before the coming session of the Montana legislature which meets here for a two months' session on Jan. 3. Measures dealing chiefly with matters of interest to the farmer are in preparation for introduction. Legislation probably will have to be of a joint and compromise kind because of the fact that the senate is republican by a majority of 16 votes. The house, on the other hand, is democratic by a small majority of three votes. It is believed that the session, therefore, will furnish considerable excitement.

The consumer also is to have a showing, bills intending to reduce the high cost of food prices, being among those to be introduced. Nearly all of the measures dealing with railroad and flour mill regulation are legislation in this direction. These, with grain inspection measures for the benefit of the farmer, land loans and taxation will occupy a leading place on the legislative program.

There has been talk of an attempt to put through a law granting county option on prohibition to modify the prohibition law, but it is believed unlikely that such an attempt will be made. Leading attorneys hold that such legislation would be basically unconstitutional since the prohibition law was established by initiative.

The car shortage and the advancing commodity prices are to form the subject of legislation. Another attempt to tax mines probably will be made. An effort to pass a six-day racing bill, with pari-mutuel betting privilege, likely will be made. There are to be measures of interest solely to women since there will be two feminine members of the house.

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Yesterday's Market Quotations

CHICAGO GRAIN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Estimates that export sales in the last 24 hours had reached an aggregate of 2,000,000 bushels or more, brought about sharp advances today in the wheat market here. Closing prices, although unsettled, were 3 cents to 5 cents net higher, with May at \$1.73 1/4@1.73 3/4, and July at \$1.41 1/2@1.41 3/4. Corn showed a net gain of 1/2 to 1 1/2 cent and oats off 1/2 to 3/4 cent. In provisions the outcome varied from 15 cents decline to a rise of 5 cents.

Falling off in the world's available supply total had considerable effect in spreading bullish sentiment in the wheat pit. The decrease formed a striking difference from the immense enlargements last week and a year ago. It was pointed out that world stocks now are only about 11,000,000 bushels in excess of last year's hoard.

Corn rallied with wheats. Oats duplicated the action of corn. Notwithstanding that officially railroad embargoes were still in force, ways appeared to have been opened for fair shipments to the east.

Higher quotations on hogs gave only temporary strength to provisions. Wheat—May, open, \$1.69; high, \$1.73 1/2; low, \$1.67 1/2; close, \$1.73 1/4. July, open, \$1.37 1/2; high, \$1.41 3/4; low, \$1.37 1/2; close, \$1.41 1/2. Corn—May, open, 91 1/2; high, 93 1/2; low, 91 1/2; close, 93 1/4. Oats—May, open, 55 1/2; high, 54 1/2; low, 52 1/2; close, 53 1/2. July, open, 50 1/2; high, 51 1/2; low, 50 1/2; close, 51 1/2.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Reports of a bigger export demand helped to strengthen wheat prices. Transactions in hogs and oats were small. Wheat receipts, 225 cars, compared with 799 a year ago.

Wheat—May, open, \$1.75@1.74 1/2; high, \$1.78 1/2; low, \$1.73 1/2; close, \$1.78 1/4. July, open, \$1.65@1.69 1/2; high, \$1.72 1/2; low, \$1.63 1/2; close, \$1.72 1/4. Cash—No. 1 hard, \$1.78 1/4@1.83 1/4; No. 1 northern, \$1.75 1/4@1.78 1/4; to arrive, \$1.74 1/4@1.77 1/4; No. 2 northern, \$1.71 1/4@1.76 1/4; No. 3 wheat, \$1.63 1/4@1.73 1/4; No. 2 durum, \$1.73 1/4@1.75 1/4; No. 2 hard Montana, \$1.68@1.72 1/4.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 87 1/2@88 1/2. Oats—No. 3 white, 49 1/2@49 3/4. Flax—\$1.83@1.86 1/4. Flour—Unchanged; shipments, 23, 231 barrels. Barley—77@81.10. Rye—\$1.28@1.29. Bran—\$24.50@25.00.

COURT NEWS

Rollin J. Munroe, found guilty a few days ago of grand larceny in stealing a team of horses belonging to Mr. Brougher, was Saturday sentenced by Judge Roy E. Ayers to from one to five years in the penitentiary.

William Hukill, who pleaded guilty several days ago to burglary in breaking into a pool hall at Denton and stealing money and punch board jewelry, was sentenced to from fifteen to sixteen months. Hukill was the state's principal witness against J. V. Gallagher, jointly charged with him with the crime, but Gallagher was acquitted.

Divorce Granted. Bertha Trams was granted a divorce from Bert Trams, desertion being proved. The parties were married at Black Creek, Wis., in 1908.

The Fink Case. The trial of Louis Fink, charged with burglary at the Armells post office and store, kept by W. K. Matthews, was concluded Saturday afternoon. County Attorney Wright prosecuting while Edgar J. Baker represented the defense by appointment. This was Mr. Baker's first case and he went into it by appointment from the court. It was about as difficult a case as a young lawyer is likely to bump up against, the testimony of the state being very strong. Mr. Matthews positively identifying the defendant as the person who held him up. Fink, who is only eighteen years of age, a brother of John Fink, recently convicted here of murder, was the sole witness for the defense. County Attorney Wright presented the case ably and the argument to the jury by Mr. Baker was an exceedingly creditable effort. He drew from the testimony every thing that could favor his theory and at the close of his argument received many compliments for his really splendid effort.

After having been out several hours, the jury returned the verdict finding the defendant guilty of burglary in the second degree. Judge Ayers sentenced him to three years and ten months in the pen, but it is intended to make an effort to have the youth sent to the reform school.

Case Dismissed. The long pending case of John Dickerson, charged with a violation of the Donlan act, was dismissed, the state finding it impossible to secure the necessary evidence to warrant it in proceeding.

Divorce Granted. Alice M. Crowner was granted a divorce from John Crowner, failure to provide being proved. The parties were married at Minneapolis in 1914.

New Actions. The Kane Plumbing company has brought suit against Mary Z. Capron and Sadie Hoffman to recover \$685 for work and materials. Belden & DeKalb represent the plaintiff.

SEEKS A DIVORCE. Mrs. Emma Dodden has brought suit against William Dodden to secure a divorce, on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide. The parties were married at Anaconda in 1914. The plaintiff asks for the restoration of her maiden name.

WORST STORM IN YEARS. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—The worst storm in years is raging over the western and central part of the state tonight, according to reports here. A heavy gale is drifting the snow which fell early today and railroad traffic is badly crippled.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Hogs—Receipts, 41,000; market, weak, at 10 cents above yesterday's average; bulk of sales, \$10.10@10.55; light, \$9.70@10.45; mixed, \$10.00@10.65; heavy, \$10.10@10.70; rough, \$10.10@10.25; pigs, \$7.50@9.35. Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; market, firm; native beef cattle, \$7.20@11.80; western steers, \$7.25@10.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.20@8.15; cows and heifers, \$4.20@10.00; calves, \$8.50@12.25. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market, strong; ewes, \$6.40@9.75; wethers, \$9.10@10.25; lambs, \$11.25@13.50.

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK. SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Estimated receipts at the Union stockyards today: Cattle, 400; calves, 100; hogs, 2,300; sheep, 1,150; cars, 48. Cattle—Sellers had the situation in their own hands today with only 500 cattle and calves on hand. The Christmas holiday, however, made only two markets this week, while there were three last week.

Hogs—The 10-cent hog made its appearance on the local market today, but it took outsiders to pay this money for a few lots. The market was quoted at 10 1/2 cents higher, the latter figure applying to the light sorts mostly. Packers would not go over \$9.85 for any of their stock, this price being given for heavyweight sorts of quality.

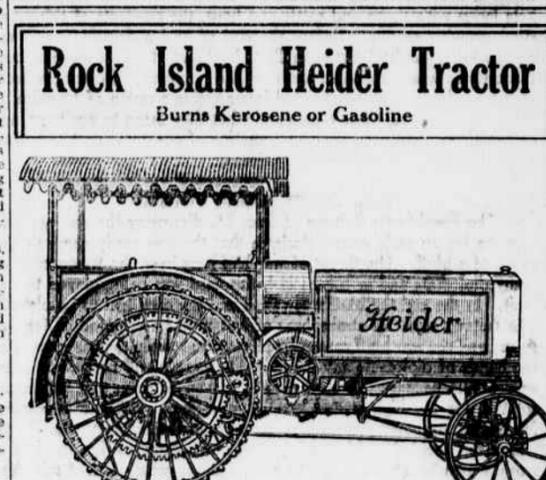
OMAHA LIVESTOCK. OMAHA, Dec. 27.—Hogs—Receipts, 9,400; market, steady; heavy, \$9.90@10.30; bulk of sales, \$9.55@10.15. Cattle—Receipts, 3,300; market, higher; native steers, \$7.50@11.50; cows and heifers, \$6.00@8.50; western steers, \$6.50@9.25.

Sheep—Hardly enough stuff to create a market at all was brought into the sheep and lamb section today, all but a few head out of an estimated run of 1,200 being billed direct to packers. Up to noon there was nothing in the lamb section over the \$11.50 figure. Ewe offerings were negligible. Wether stock sold up to \$9.50 today.

Representative Sales. Beef steers, 5, 1,100 pounds, \$7.50; 9, 620 pounds, \$6.25. Butcher bulls, 1, 1,260 pounds, \$6.00; 2, 803 pounds, \$5.35. Stock cows and heifers, 1, 690 pounds, \$5.25; 2, 650 pounds, \$5.90. Veal calves, 10, 136 pounds, \$11.00; 2, 115 pounds, \$7.00. Butcher cows and heifers, 1, 790 pounds, \$6.55; 5, 1,014 pounds, \$6.25; 1, 970 pounds, \$4.85. Stock and feeding steers, 1, 640 pounds, \$6.50; 1, 920 pounds, \$6.25; 1, 550 pounds, \$5.50. Hogs, 56, 180 pounds, \$9.85; 88, 160 pounds, \$9.60. Pigs, roughs, underweights, 6, 103 pounds, \$8.25; 5, 116 pounds, \$9.25. No sheep.

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