

THE CHOTEAU MONTANAN

THE FARMINGTON LOT SALE

Conducted by the Milwaukee Land Company at Great Falls last Saturday Night a Big Success--Lots Bring Satisfactory Prices.

The sale of lots of the townsite of Farmington, which was held by the Milwaukee Land Company at Great Falls last Saturday evening, was one of the most successful held by that company this season, according to the report of G. W. Morrow, general land and townsite agent for the company. In less than two hours 120 lots were sold, the total price being \$15,545, or an average of nearly \$130 per lot. The townsite consists of only 188 lots, which leaves the company with only 59 lots to dispose of at this time, as nine lots were given away.

Chris and Dan Lindseth, I. J. Otness, Ed Bollerud, H. R. Thompson, I. N. Caskey, Henry Davidson, and P. O. Rustad, of Farmington, Alex. Truchot and Walter Verge, of Choteau, were present and all bought lots, Mr. Verge securing eight. We understand it is the intention of these lot purchasers to commence the erection of business houses and residences on their property at an early date.

Five lots were given away to women present at the auction, the lucky persons being: Celia Oswood, Fannie Hensler, Mrs. F. M. Goodrich, Minerva Davis and Mrs. H. E. Bieber, all of Great Falls. In the gifts to lot purchasers Elbert Endoff received first choice and Miss Florence Olson second, both being residents of Great Falls, these two being business lots. Two residence lots were also given away, Ed. Bollerud, of Farmington, receiving first choice and Mrs. Oscar Tuelsman

receiving second choice.

Before the auction commenced Mr. Morrow made the statement the first thing demanded of him by the Milwaukee company was honest representations as its agent and then faithful performance of his representations and promises. He said the company insisted on this for the reason it must rest the success of its future on a satisfied constituency, without which it could not expect to build up the business it must have to pay its dividends, in all important elements in the railroad business. "We are going to sell these lots," said Mr. Morrow "on a basis that we can come back to you and find you our friends. We know you are with us in the movement to develop this part of Montana and we know if we succeed it will mean money for us both; money for you in the increased value of your property and money for us in the freight you will have for us to handle and in the passenger fares you will want to pay to ride about the country because of the prosperity. If there is anyone here who buys a lot and he is dissatisfied with it when he goes to look the place over, he may leave it alone. That is my guarantee to you when you bid tonight and the Milwaukee land company stands ready to back that promise up literally."

The town of Big Sag was to have been sold the same evening but the audience showed no interest in the town and Mr. Morrow declared the sale off before anything but a lumber yard site had been disposed of.

W. E. Gonzales Well Fitted For New Minister to Cuba



WILLIAM E. GONZALES, editor of the State, Columbia, S. C., is particularly well fitted for the post of minister to Cuba, which appointment he received from President Wilson. Not only was his father a noted Cuban general and patriot who fought for years for Cuba's liberty, but he himself has long made a special study of the little island republic. He was brought up imbued with his father's spirit of loyalty to the Cubans as a people. He knows the country and its problems. It is said he is on friendly terms with President Menocal and many others of the new regime.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Items of interest taken from the Choteau papers of this date twenty years ago.

Hoke Smith, secretary of the interior, was in Great Falls yesterday.

M. C. McFayden was in town last week on his way back to Sun River. He was an applicant for the school here, but failed.

John Borrow returned from a two months' visit to Old England on Monday. He came back to Choteau with a light heart and fancy free.

On Monday the final transfer of the contract for carrying the mail from Steell was made to the Montana Stage Co., Sommers' bondsmen turning the job over that day.

Assessor Ralston has completed his lists for this year and finds the total amount to be about \$2,296,597. There will probably be a few more thousand dollars added to this in a supplementary list to be made out.

C. H. Drake, a son of Dr. Drake, who was over from Whitehall, Jefferson county, last week, returned home yesterday. He expects to return to Choteau about the first of August to make this his permanent home.

W. S. Barrett and wife are in town today. Mr. Barrett just returned from Great Falls, where he had been to dispose of his wool. He consigned it to Justice Bateman & Co., Philadelphia, and got 7 cents advance. He says wool is not being bought at any figure just now.

Sheepmen returning from Great Falls do not give a very glowing

reports of the outlook for wool. The best price yet offered is 11½ cents as against 19 or 20 last year.

Born on Wednesday, July 5, to the wife of Wm. Hagen, a daughter.

Ed Ranger returned from a trip to the Yellowstone country, yesterday.

Bishop Brewer, of the Episcopal church, held service here on Tuesday evening last.

Rev. Reed held services at the Younger school house Wednesday evening. He returned to town yesterday.

Mrs. Hicks arrived from East Toledo, Ohio, Sunday last and will make Choteau her home for the future.

Chezum's teams finished hauling rock for the jail, this week, and now Priest Butte will have a rest for a few days.

Geo. Adlam will begin the erection of a dwelling on Long street next week. Joe Arnold has the contract for putting it up.

J. W. England, father of Hardy E. England, of this place, arrived from Lampasas, Texas, on Wednesday, and will make Choteau his home for the future.

Z. T. Burton, O. G. Cooper and C. Bruce Toole were selected by executive committee of the Montana Free Coinage association to represent Teton county at the Bi-Metallic League, which meets in Chicago, August 1st. John W. Power, C. E. Duer, Jere Sullivan, T. A. Cummins, and L. W. Peck are to represent Choteau county.

CANADIANS LOSE GAME HERE

By a Score of Seven to Four the Choteau Baseball Team Defeat the Team Representing the Town of Warner, Alberta, in a Good Game.

A small but enthusiastic crowd witnessed a fast and snappy game of baseball at the local diamond last Monday afternoon, the contestants being our own players and a team from Warner, Alberta, who have invaded the United States to "teach the natives the game," and incidentally see the country. The more of the country they see the better they like it, but as teachers they seem to be failures.

In only two innings were they really dangerous. In the first it looked as though our team was up against the real article and were to be given a drubbing. With but one out and two men on bases, however, DeMars tightened up and with admirable support the next two players up were retired and the inning closed without a score. For the next six innings the Warner's failed to get a man past third base. In the eighth DeMars passed the first batter up and a couple of errors, coupled with four safe hits, netted the visitors four runs; the score was tied. They failed to score in the ninth.

In Choteau's first inning only three men faced the Canadian pitcher. Bowers' pop-up fly was taken in by the short stop. Connor

was out, third to first; Burke struck out. In each of the second and third innings a score was made. Here the Canadians changed pitchers, sending Dixon to the mound and Campbell to center field. The next three innings resulted in goose eggs for Choteau, but in the seventh two runs were scored and in the eighth inning three scores were piled up for good measure. The game ended with the score standing Choteau 11, Warner 4.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Duckett, lf	5	1	1	1	0	0
Arnold, rf	5	0	2	0	0	0
Fosner, 1b	5	1	2	12	1	1
Campbell, p	4	1	1	2	9	1
Berg, ss	4	1	1	0	2	1
Laker, c	4	0	2	0	2	1
Gillen, 2b	4	0	2	5	0	1
George, 3b	4	0	0	3	0	1
Dixon, cf	3	0	0	1	2	2
Bickford, r	1	0	0	0	0	0
	39	4	11	24	14	7
* Batted for Dixon in the ninth.						
CHOTEAU						
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bowers, cf	5	1	1	1	0	0
Connor, 1b	5	0	1	12	0	0
Burke, ss	5	0	1	2	0	1
McGregor, 2b	4	0	0	1	7	0
Mourao, lf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Crawford, c	4	1	2	7	0	1
Haines, 3b	4	2	1	2	2	1
Hodgkiss, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
DeMars, p	4	2	2	1	3	0
	39	7	10	27	15	3
Score By Innings.						
Choteau	0	1	0	0	2	4
Warner	0	0	0	0	0	4

Montana Coal Output.

Washington, July 5.—According to a report of the geological survey the production of coal in Montana in 1912 amounted to 3,043,495 tons, valued at \$5,342,168. This is the first time that the output of the state has passed three million tons. The first record of coal production in Montana was made 32 years ago in 1880 when the output amounted to only 224 tons. Up to 1888 the development had been rather slow, the output in that year amounting to 41,467 tons. It rose to 363,301 tons in 1889 and increased rapidly until 1895 when it reached the total of about 1,500,000 tons. It averaged approximately that quantity each year until 1904 and has since shown an increasing tendency, reaching the maximum of 3,043,495 tons in 1912.

The report says the coal fields of Montana are widely scattered and their output range in quality from lignite to a bituminous coal of fair grade. Nearly all of the eastern third or Great Plains section of the state is underlain by lignite and low grade bituminous coal. Toward the mountainous district the coals pass into high grade sub-bituminous and true bituminous coals. These occur for the most part in small and much scattered areas. In the valley region of the western part of the state the coals grade again into lignite but unlike those of the eastern part they are widely scattered and at present are not of economic importance.

The annual meeting of the Montana State Press association will be held this year at Kalispell, the dates being August 13, 14 and 15.

Importations of Livestock

Helena, July 5.—The reports of the state veterinarian's office show the following livestock importations in Montana during the month of June:

States	Importations	Horses	Cattle
Arkansas.....	1	7	
California.....	2	6	2
Canada.....	28	88	
Colorado.....	2	7	
Idaho.....	7	125	1
Illinois.....	6	9	3
Indiana.....	2	5	4
Iowa.....	21	98	46
Kansas.....	3	12	1
Michigan.....	3	9	
Minnesota.....	13	63	17
Missouri.....	3	8	20
Nebraska.....	9	75	12
New Mexico.....	1	27	
New York.....	1		32
North Dakota.....	43	187	76
Ohio.....	1		1
Oklahoma.....	2	10	2
Oregon.....	3	100	1
South Dakota.....	13	75	22
Tennessee.....	1		5
Washington.....	8	133	1
Wisconsin.....	9	21	63
Wyoming.....	6	90	
Total for June, 1913	188	1,158	329
Total number to and including May 31, 1913	1,881	9,906	4,815
Total to July 1, 1913	2,069	11,064	5,141

This statement shows that there have been a total of 2,060 shipments of livestock made into Montana from December 1, 1912, to July 1, 1913, a total of seven months. These shipments brought 11,064 head of horses, 5,141 head of cattle and 523 head of swine to Montana. This is 540 more importations, 3,248 more horses, 659 more cattle and 130 more swine than were brought into Montana during the twelve months period in 1912; 1913 will doubtless beat all previous records.

The baseball game with Brady next Sunday motning will be called promptly at 11:30.

FARMINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.
The glorious Fourth has come and gone and no one killed or injured. Surely we are more sane, yes, I believe more patriotic.

The sale of lots for the new town of Farmington, which was conducted at Great Falls last Saturday was a decided success.

Evidently the people know a good thing when they see it. There was a total of one hundred and twenty-six lots bought by people from various parts of the country. There were three lumber yards. A Minneapolis brewing company will build a ten thousand dollar hotel, providing they can obtain a saloon license. As the people have taken the stand for a temperance town, the said company will no doubt hunt greener fields, and the thirsty farmer will quench his thirst with an ice cream soda which is nourishing as well as palatable.

The streets are named Rosebud, Carbon, Lewis and Clark.

Dan Lindseth, Ed. Bollerud, Christ Lindseth, Harry Thompson, Henry Davidson, Lauris Otness, Nevin Cnskey and P. O. Rustad each purchased one or two lots.

Jack Kerr and wife are enjoying a box of very fine cherries sent to them by Sam Bateman of Medford, Oregon.

Mrs. Jake Austed, formerly of Farmington, but several years a resident of the Pacific coast, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson and daughter, Miss Bertha, visited with E. J. Roberson and wife July Fourth.

Charles M. Pierce, Arthur Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Hanson and the Misses Sophia and Amanda Lindseth spent the Fourth in Brady. All report having a good time.

Mrs. Walter Gorham has gone to Cascade to visit with a sister, who is reported as being on the sick list.

His Arrival Indefinite

Helena, July 7.—When Secretary of the Interior Lane comes to Montana he wishes to avoid making speeches and being entertained, but hopes to meet as many people as possible in the "simplest and most informal manner." He so advises Governor S. V. Stewart, and also writes he does not know just when he can come. He says: "My Dear Governor: I am very much obliged for your letter of June 27, and for all the kind invitations contained therein. Just when I will be in your state I cannot say. My time will certainly be very much taken up with official matters, which will make it impossible for me to be the recipient of such hospitality as your generous people extend. I wish to avoid making speeches and being entertained, but I hope to have an opportunity to meet as many of your people as possible in the simplest and most informal manner."

Cups And Towels.

Helena, July 7. Proprietors of hotels, restaurants, lodging houses and persons responsible for other public places had better chuck the roller towels and public drinking cups out of their establishments, for Dr. W. F. Coggwells, secretary of the state board of health, has announced he has given instructions to all health officers to immediately prosecute persons failing to observe the state board of health's regulation banning the roller towel and the promiscuous cup, for committing a misdemeanor.

Marriage Licenses.

Since our last report marriage licenses have been issued by James Gibson, clerk of the district court, to the following couples:
Geo. A. West Jr., and Ethel Blake of Kevin.
Jeremiah Joseph Kitson and Mary Albertson of Browning.
Nelson V. LaDue and Nellie Rasmussen, of Cut Bank.
Floyd L. Clark and Mae Eleanor Stillmann, of Choteau.