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Coffey for Mayor

The action of the caucus held at the court house Monday night in nominating Geo. M. Coffey for the office of mayor of the town of Choteau should commend itself to every good citizen of the community. It was a close race between Mr. Haugen and Mr. Coffey, but inasmuch as it is the policy of this paper to abide by the results of the caucus, we will give our most enthusiastic support to the nominee. If Mr. Haugen had received the majority vote, we should be giving our support to him, but since he did not win, we hope he will join with us to make Mr. Coffey the mayor of Choteau.

There is nothing so forcible as unity, and if all the good citizens unite to make Mr. Coffey mayor, this town will be placed on an equality with any other city of the state. If there is a contest begun, and another man should enter the race, the ranks of our electorate would be split, and who can tell the damage that might result. For the good of Choteau, for the future welfare of this good old town, let the men all work together and a year hence there will be on the map a prettier and a better Choteau than today.

Mr. Coffey stands at the head of a sound business institution, and his business judgment, and sagacity in all civic matters commands the confidence of all men for miles around. He is a good citizen and will be a credit to the city this coming year. Strangers coming here to establish a residence will ask who your mayor is. When you tell them he is the president of the Citizens State Bank they will look up to him with pride and admiration. There are many, no doubt, who would like to be elected to this office, but there are very few who are as capable of administering the city's affairs as Mr. Coffey. He will devote his time and energy to the problems that now confront the city, and this means considerable sacrifice.

The city is very fortunate in having for its candidate so honorable and upright a citizen, and for this reason, as well as for that he is the nominee of the caucus, it is the duty of all citizens to unite and give him the unanimous vote of every registered voter. Mayor Coffey, the Montanan offers you its warmest praise and heartiest congratulations.

The Montanan would also commend the action of the caucus in the other men it nominated for the offices of aldermen. Messrs. Hodgskiss, Malmin, Burbank and Looney will be sure to look after the city's affairs with the same good judgment that they are taking care of their own.

Postal Changes

Washington, March 28.—A new postoffice has been ordered established at Archer, Sheridan county, with James Michels as postmaster.

The name of the postoffice at Jenkins, Sheridan county, has been changed to Dooley.

The following have been appointed postmasters: Charles A. Frank at Bynum; Stephen W. Mosher at Clemons; George LeRoy Tuffley at Tuffley.

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Willard A. Leo to be postmaster at Fairview. The office was raised to the presidential class last January.

Samuel Dodge has been appointed postmaster at Coal Creek.

NOTICE TO 1st WARD VOTERS.

I wish to state to the voters of Choteau First Ward that I am not a candidate for the office of alderman and never have been, for the reason that I do not think I am eligible as I have not been a resident of the town for the necessary two years, as I stated at the caucus a week ago.

E. L. JOURDONNAIS.

To Investigate Grain Rates

The following letter to the Montanan from the state railroad commission is self-explanatory:

As you are no doubt aware this commission filed a complaint with the interstate-commerce commission at Washington, D. C., Dec. 10th, 1913, alleging that the present freight rates on all kinds of grain to eastern and western markets were excessive and unreasonable, and prayed that the railroads be required to reduce their rates.

We are now notified that this case will come up for hearing at 10 o'clock a. m., April 14th, in the United States court room, Helena, before Examiner Wood, when the testimony of the people and the railroads will be heard. It will be very necessary that the Montana grain interests lend the railroad commission of Montana every assistance, to the end that a showing be made before the interstate-commerce commission convincing that body that the producers of grain in Montana must be given relief if they are to continue in that vocation. In other words, the Montana farmer cannot, under the present freight rates, profitably market his products.

We therefore suggest that this letter be conspicuously placed before the farmers of your community so that they may be advised of this procedure; and we would further suggest that someone competent to testify to the facts concerning the cost of raising and marketing grain, and the net profit per 100 lbs. in your section of the state, be delegated to attend the hearing and act as your representative.

Yours very truly,
E. A. Morley
J. H. Hall
D. Boyle, Chairman.

Houses for Sale

I will sell to the highest sealed bidder, for cash, the two houses known as the Mort Hirshberg house and the J. A. Gleason house situated on the Milwaukee right of way.—These houses to be delivered to purchaser on the 1st day of May or before, and to be removed before the 1st day of June. Sealed bids to be in my hands by Monday, April 6, at 6 o'clock p. m. Parties may bid on either house separate or on the two combined.

James Eckford.

Platform of Independent Candidate For Mayor

I heartily endorse the platform of the Citizens' ticket for sewer, waterworks and sidewalks.

In addition to the Citizens' platform, I would favor the construction of sidewalks and better streets first, the other improvements to follow in a conservative manner so that it would not become too much of a burden on the taxpayers.

I also favor a change in the fire limit ordinance, permitting the erection of brick veneered buildings instead of solid concrete, brick or stone. It would make it an inducement for men with limited capital to come in and help build up our city.

I also pledge myself to rigidly enforce the laws in regard to compelling the saloons to keep respectable and orderly places. They must not allow patrons to become irresponsible from over indulgence in intoxicating liquors.

I also pledge myself to enforce the laws prohibiting minors from visiting places where they do not belong.

If I am elected to the office of mayor, I pledge myself to work for better conditions, and the enforcement of our city ordinances as they were originally intended to be carried out.

Yours very respectfully,
E. N. HAUGEN

Cupid Works Overtime

On Thursday, April 2, Cupid was very busy. At 4:30 p. m., Mr. Paul G. Anspach and Miss Lila M. Armstrong were united in marriage at the J. W. Kerr ranch near Farmington. Miss Armstrong was one of Choteau's charming young ladies. Last year she was graduated from the Teton county high school. Mr. Anspach is one of the Milwaukee surveyors and is at present in charge of the surveying work from Choteau to Agawam. Mr. and Mrs. Anspach will make their home on the Kerr ranch for the present.

At 6:30 p. m. Mr. George S. Yeager and Miss Mary E. McCurtain were married. These young people are from Conrad and will begin life together on a homestead near that city.

When Rev. McMahon went to the Kerr ranch he did not know that Cupid's second pair would be awaiting his return.

These newly weds have the hearty good wishes of a host of friends and acquaintances.

Relief of Settlers On Forest Lands

Washington, March 28.—Senator Myers has introduced a bill for the relief of persons who have conveyed lands in national forests to the United States and have made lieu-land selections under the act of June 4th, 1897. It provides that where any person or persons in good faith have heretofore sought to avail themselves of this act and have in good faith decided to the United States land lying in the exterior limits of a forest reserve and have made a selection of other land in lieu of that so decided, and have in good faith complied with the act of March 3d, 1905, said selectors shall be entitled to receive patent to the land so selected.

Royal Theatre Program

The following is the program of the Royal Theatre for the week beginning Monday, April 6:

MONDAY

Pathe Weekly No. 78; Bill's Career as a Butler, Edison comedy; At the Sign of the Lost Angel, Vitagraph drama.

TUESDAY

The Bridge of Shadows, Selig drama, in 2 parts; How the Day was saved, Biograph comedy.

WEDNESDAY

Pathe Travel Series; The Ballyhoo's Story, Vitagraph drama; The Double Chase, Lubin drama.

THURSDAY

Love's Sunset, Vitagraph drama in 2 parts; Tightwad's Present, Kalem comedy.

FRIDAY

The Footprint Clue, Kalem drama; Matrimonial Manoeuvres, Vitagraph comedy; The Little Substitute, Essanay drama.

SATURDAY

A Proposal from Nobody, Edison drama; Magic Melody, Lubin drama; Movin' Pitchers, Selig comedy.

SUNDAY

Alkali Ike and the Wildman, Essanay comedy; Pathe Industry; Tommy's Stratagem, Edison drama.

Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and then comes Holy Week. It is customary to observe Holy Week by abstaining from all worldly amusements, and by keeping in mind the great events of the last week of our Lord's life on earth. The sermon Sunday morning will be "The Triumph of the Cross."

Filed With County Clerk.

Following is a list of instruments filed in the office of the county clerk and recorder, as furnished the Montanan by the Teton County Abstract Co., of Choteau, Montana, for the period ending Mar. 30.

Anna W. Halladay and husband to H. L. Halladay, \$1, nw4 sw4, sw4 nw4, sec 26, s2 ne4, ne4 se4, w2 se4, sec 27, nw4 ne4, sec 34, t 26 n, r 8 w.

Patrick Keegan to Anna Doliver McDonald, \$1, se4 se4, sec 21, ne4 ne4, se4 ne4, sec 26, t 26 n, r 2 w.

Edward J. Kohl and wife to George A. Holmes, \$2400, nw4, sec 23, t 28 n, r 4 w.

William Cowgill and wife to John Holland, \$1, lots 13 and 14, block 1, Cowgill's addition to Choteau.

M. Sargeant to Catherine King, \$1, 1/2 interest in lots 1 and 2, block 5, Valier.

Charles E. Thomas to N. Whitacre, \$1, ne4 nw4, lot 1, sec 30, t 24 n, r 5 w, n2 ne4, sec 25, t 24 n, r 6 w.

Clarence C. Irons and wife to Edgar J. Roberson, \$1, ne4, sec 15, t 23 n, r 4 w.

Frank Wernett to William Hodgskiss, \$1, s2 nw4, lot 4, sec 5, t 22 n, r 5 w, sw4 sw4, sec 32, t 23 n, r 5 w.

Martin Jacobson and wife to Hjalmar A. Solberg, \$50, lot 2, block 34, Jacobson's addition to Cut Bank.

Courtlandt W. Dawe and wife to R. N. Hattersley, \$1, n2 nw4, w2 ne4, sec 24, t 31 n, r 5 w.

Patents:
Anna W. Halladay, nw4 sw4, sw4 nw4, sec 26, s2 ne4, ne4 se4, w2 se4, sec 27, nw4 ne4, sec 34, t 26 n, r 8 w.

Lester Howe, e2 se4, sec 19, s2 nw4, sw4, sec 20, t 32 n, r 1 w.

Franc M. Kaupisch, lots 1 and 2, e2 nw4, sec 30, s2 se4, e2 sw4, sec 19, t 27 n, r 4 w.

Adolph Adam Fly, se4 sw4, sec 11, e2 nw4, sw4 nw4, sec 14, t 27 n, r 8 w.

M. Thomas Manix, se4 ne4, sec 9, w2 nw4, ne4 nw4, sec 10, t 27 n, r 8 w.

Edson A. Schoonmaker, lots 3 and 4, se4 nw4, sec 2, t 26 n, r 5 w.

Edward Monsell, s2 sw4, s2 se4, sec 23, ne4, sec 26, t 34 n, r 3 w.

Stanley Grow, sw4 se4, sec 22, t 32 n, r 1 w.

James H. Devlin, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, s2 ne4, s2 nw4, sec 1, t 34 n, r 1 w.

Amos A. Goddertz, e2 se4, sw4 se4, se4 sw4, sec 13, t 29 n, r 6 w.

Elias Rekdahl, nw4 sw4, sec 3, t 25 n, r 4 w.

Albert E. Long, s2, sec 13, t 34 n, r 6 w.

Alice Long, n2, sec 24, t 34 n, r 6 w.

Philipp Eischen, n2 ne4, sec 27, se4, e2 sw4, sec 22, t 33 n, r 1 w.

Ora C. Miller, w2 se4, ne4 se4, sec 8, t 25 n, r 2 w.

Passion Play

At the Episcopal church, Sunday night, at 8 o'clock; will be shown the Passion Play of Oberammergau. This is a wonderful lecture. The slides are all hand colored, and the scenes are taken from the Passion Play of 1910.

Reliable Watches

Elgin.
Waltham.
Illinois.
Hampden.
Let us show you the Hamilton watch, the finest railroad watch made.
Our repairing advertises itself.
HOLLAND, the Jeweler.

Bynum Breezes

A basket social and dance will be given the 17th of April at Bynum. The partitions have been removed from the Brusven hall, leaving a hall 30 x 60 feet, with a fine floor. The Fairfield orchestra will furnish music. Come for a good time. Dance until morning; train leaves Bynum at 5:45 a. m. Don't forget a well-filled basket.

Mrs. Nelly Holcomb returned home after a two months visit in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Franks were visitors in Great Falls Saturday, returning Monday.

Misses Burton and Reid, Reid Jones and Ed Noble autoed to Great Falls Saturday and returned Sunday evening.

The dance given by Reid Jones on the 21st was a grand success, about 150 people being there. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock and then dancing went on until 6 a. m.

Miss Cora Monkman returned home Saturday after a weeks visit with friends in Choteau.

The Catholic ladies are preparing a program for Easter Sunday, which will take place at 10 p. m., in the new school house. The ladies of the Methodist church are also preparing an Easter program for the Sunday school, to be given in the afternoon.

Halladay's orchestra will give a dance April 3d.

The ladies of Bynum are invited to meet with Mrs. Holcomb on Thursday, April 2, to organize a new Ladies Aid.

So many new buildings have gone up in Bynum the past week that it would be impossible to name all of them. All we can say is come and see. Little Chicago was a good name for Bynum a couple of months ago but before summer is over you will hear it spoken of as greater New York.

Mr. Maple, editor of the Bynum News, is here looking up his location.

LOCAL NEWS

N. O. Tuttle, who has spent the winter at Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Choteau Wednesday evening, on his way to his ranches near Bynum. He has spent an enjoyable winter in sunny California, but is nevertheless well pleased to be back in good, old Montana again.

The front of the McDonald building, on Main street, recently vacated by the forestry officials is being remodeled this week. As soon as the necessary alterations can be made the building will be occupied by Ross Houck with a complete line of hardware, tinware, plumbing fixtures, etc. He expects to have his stock of goods here in the next few weeks.

Friends of the high school will be interested to know that those in charge of preparations for the Junior Prom now have their plans for that event well worked out. For some weeks they have, at irregular intervals, been sitting behind closed doors, and at other times have maintained an air of great secrecy as to their proceedings. However, secrets will leak out now and then, and we have heard enough to make us certain that the Junior Prom this year is to be the biggest affair of its kind in our city this season. We understand that the decorations are to be unusually beautiful, and the music the best that can be secured. Those fortunate enough to be invited may confidently look forward to a rare good time.

District Court.

In the district court last Saturday Dr. C. W. Dawe, who was convicted of the crime of manslaughter for the murder of Chas. Clifford near Valier last November, was sentenced by the court to ten years in the penitentiary at Deerlodge, at hard labor. This is the maximum penalty permitted by law for manslaughter.

James Johnson, of Cut Bank, was also sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary on a conviction of manslaughter, he having been convicted of a murder committed at Cut Bank.

George W. Blair, who was tried on a charge of grand larceny, for the theft of a horse, withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced by the court to one year in the pen.

John Ewing, charged with killing a steer belonging to the Truchot estate, was found guilty by the jury, and was also sentenced to a year at Deer Lodge.

Chas. C. Martin, grand larceny, was also found guilty and sentenced to a year.

C. P. Mellow, a hobo who was arrested at Bynum this week for stealing from a Great Northern car, entered a plea of guilty and was sent to Deer Lodge to be a boarder at the pen for a year.

All six prisoners have been taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff McKenzie.

Mandius Johnson, who was tried on a charge of second degree assault, was convicted by a jury of assault in the third degree. He will probably receive his sentence today.

Civil Cases

Geo. L. Wentz vs. P. C. Russell and W. A. Davis, claim and delivery. Filed March 28.

Michelin Tire Co., a corporation, vs. Clem E. Bowers, attachment. Filed March 28.

Annie Richards vs. George Richards, petition for modification of decree and for possession of minor child. Filed March 31.

F. F. Lewis vs. A. H. Barr and wife, account. Filed April 1.

S. M. Corson, one of the old-time Northern Montana newspaper men, who, prior to coming to Choteau a quarter of a century ago and establishing the Choteau Montanan, was the publisher of the Rising Sun at old Sun River crossing, died at his home west of this city early Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held today (Friday) after the arrival of the train from Great Falls.

The deceased was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Hughesville, that state, on Dec. 2, 1851. He moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1862, where he remained until 1870, when he came to Montana, coming here as a member of the regular army, and was first quartered at Ft. Shaw with his regiment. In 1884 he became the publisher of the Rising Sun at Sun River, coming to Choteau in 1889, when he established the Montanan, which paper he conducted successfully until 1900, when he disposed of the newspaper and printing material. He has since been engaged in farming, on his ranch west of town. We hope to be able to publish a complete history of his life in our next issue.

New machinery has been installed at the Teton laundry this week by John G. Jackson, the proprietor. He has put in a new washer, ironer and boiler, and has now one of the most up-to-date steam laundries in this part of the state. Chas. Justice has had charge of the installation of the new machinery, and as is the case with all of his work, he has performed an A No. 1 job.