

# THE CHOATEAU MONTANAN

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## District Court

The following cases were dismissed as settled:

William Cowgill vs Millett Malone.

John Chase vs Estelle L. Pfeiffer.

T. C. Johnson vs Thomas A. Halverson.

Otto Lyons vs John Snow.

Connor & Earhart vs Ole Ostensoe.

John Bakker vs John F. Ferguson.

Christian Oleson vs Thos. J. Twedt.

F. H. Pings vs Chas. Moe.

The following cases were dismissed by the court as a non suit:

Mary W. Porter vs Kenneth McKenzie, sheriff.

Williams vs Barr, wages.

John F. Ferguson vs Heipbregt Vermulm, appeal.

J. Wesley Earhart vs John Ullom.

A. E. Brunson vs John Hagarty.

In the case of the Northern Land Co., a corporation, vs E. T. Bynum et al, the defendants' demurrer was overruled and they were given 30 days in which to answer.

H. W. Bateman vs Charles Heighton and Annie Heighton. Verdict for the plaintiff.

Odenwald Bros., vs George Richards, Sr. Judgment for the plaintiffs for \$229.

Carr and Adams Co., a corporation, vs E. B. Hancock. Verdict for the defendant, and his damages were fixed at \$215.46.

Coffman Bros. vs. Jay. Verdict for the defendant.

A. E. Wilbur vs W. H. Galusha. Judgment by agreement for plaintiff.

H. W. Bateman vs W. H. Galusha. Judgment by agreement for plaintiff.

Neil McArthur and Peter McArthur, co-partners, vs Abe Ferguson. Verdict for plaintiffs.

Nick Baatz vs Ben Berg. Verdict for defendant.

L. M. Barr vs Ida Boucher. Settling of case vacated for term.

F. H. Pings vs Charles Moe. Verdict for the plaintiff; damages fixed at \$230.40, and costs of suit.

Myrtle Pearl Hollywood vs Richard Hollywood. Decree of divorce granted plaintiff.

In the case of the State of Montana against Melvin Johnson and Mandius Johnson, both defendants were fined \$500 on their conviction of assault in the third degree.

E. R. Savage vs. B. F. Boyce. Demurrer overruled and defendant given 20 days to answer.

David A. DeTour vs. James Gibson and James Sulgrove. Demurrer of the plaintiff to the separate answer of each defendant was overruled and the plaintiff was given 20 days in which to file reply.

Manuel Jacobs vs. Frank Petch. Demurrer of the defendant overruled and the defendant given 20 days in which to answer.

Gertrude C. Dean vs. George Jay. Demurrer overruled and defendant given 20 days to answer.

F. L. Buzzell vs. Great Northern Railway Co. Demurrer overruled and plaintiff given 30 days to answer.

Henry Beaupre vs. John M. Weaver. Demurrer of defendant set for hearing on May 29th.

**Senator Myers in Hospital**

Washington, April 8.—Senator Myers today entered Garfield hospital, this city, to receive medical treatment for stomach trouble. It is likely he will undergo a minor surgical operation, and expects to remain in the hospital for two or three weeks.

## S. M. Corson Funeral

The funeral of the late Schuler M. Corson was held last Friday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Percy Reed McMahan, who took for his subject "God, with us the secret of success," the lesson being drawn from the Transfiguration.

The deceased is survived by two brothers, I. S. Corson, of Seattle, and Byron Corson, of Choteau, a wife and eight children, four sons and four daughters, and a son, Charles Corson, of Texas, by a former marriage.

As mentioned in these columns last week he was a pioneer Northern Montana newspaper man, having conducted papers at both Sun River and Choteau a number of years ago. He was a man of sterling worth, a kind and loving husband and father, a loyal friend and neighbor. As editor of the Choteau Montanian he did much for the upbuilding of Choteau and Teton county generally. He will be greatly missed in this community.

## Bynum Breezes

Miss Rosie Heckman returned home after a three weeks' visit with relatives at Sand Coulee.

Mrs. Wm. O'Neil was a visitor in Choteau the last of the week.

Herman Vietring attended school election at the Black Leaf Saturday.

W. Watson has his hardware store almost completed and expects two car loads of fixtures and stock this week.

Nick Tuttle is around again after spending the winter in California.

The Bynum News will make its appearance next Friday (April 10). Mr. Maple of Valier will be the editor. He has rented Jerry Kerby's office building.

George Tallefson was re-elected school trustee at the election Saturday.

The Farmers held a meeting last Saturday; several new members joined. Bynum is growing, but we didn't know it had got so large it took both school houses to hold the farmers. Next time we hope they will have an understanding and meet together.

Jesse Taylor was a visitor last week while on his way to the dry forks to look over some sheep.

Jack Angus, of Collins, is a Bynum visitor this week.

Mrs. C. C. Stewart is around again after a spell of the grippe.

The Bynum bank is about completed and will be ready for business the twentieth.

Ed. Noble, C. Friend, Mr. Hunt, and T. Zwistler are all visitors in Great Falls this week.

At the special meeting of the board of county commissioners held this week, John Saterlie was appointed justice of the peace for Choteau township. He will open his justice shop at Bynum. A retail liquor license was granted to August Beck at Aloe. Wm. Shoebridge was appointed road supervisor for the Choteau district, vice Henry Burrell, who declined the appointment, which was made last month.

There are 898 names on the election register of persons residing in Teton county who are eligible to vote at the election to be held on April 25th for the creation of the proposed Toole county. They are distributed in the different precincts of the county as follows: Shelby, first ward - 397; Shelby, second ward - 34; Shelby, third ward - 29; Kevin - 129; Sweetgrass - 202; Ethridge - 107.

## Quick Work by Officials

There was some mighty quick work done by Teton county officials last week. Robert Johnson a colored "gennelman," was brought over from Conrad on Friday, charged with having stolen some diamonds from a colored porter at that city. Expressing a desire to enter a plea of guilty to the charge against him, Johnson was taken to the court house and within fifteen minutes all the papers in his case were prepared, his plea entered, he had waived the statutory time in which to receive sentence, and was sentenced by Judge Ewing to serve 18 months at hard labor in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge. Sheriff McKenzie was in Great Falls with six other men who had been given penitentiary sentences. He was notified to wait the arrival of a deputy sheriff with the prisoner, and an auto ride to the Falls made it possible for Mr. "Johnsing" to join the family party, who will board for a time at Deer Lodge at the expense of the state.

## Episcopal Church Notes

Special music by the choir both morning and evening. Subject of morning sermon, "Was Jesus Christ Divine?" Evening subject, "A Morning's Outing with The Master."

Easter comes but once a year, and it is hoped that this Easter will find every one who can possibly go at church next Sunday.

Morning services at 10:30; evening at 7:45.

Rev. L. F. Haley, minister.

## Marriage Licenses

Since our last report marriage licenses have been issued by James Gibson, clerk of the district court, as follows:

Roy Bahr, 26, of Cut Bank, and Abbie Klout, 23, of Fall River, Wisconsin.

Gilbert Floberg, 31, and Julia Jensine Alexanderson, 16, both of Sollid.

Jesse Nelson, 26, and Hazel Victoria Smith, 18, both of Shelby.

## Catholic Services

On next Sunday, April 12, mass will be celebrated in Bynum at 9:30 a. m. High mass with special music prepared by the choir will be sung in the Catholic church, Choteau, at 11 a. m. In the evening at 7:30 p. m. the usual devotions will take place. A cordial invitation extended to everybody.

J. Connolly, pastor.

## Machinery For Fibre Mill

The machinery for the flax fibre mill arrived this week, and is being installed as rapidly as possible, says the Conrad Independent.

Some of the imported machinery has not yet arrived, but is expected most any time, and as soon as it comes and can be assembled, the mill will be ready to start operations.

The company also shipped in several cars of flax straw from Cascade, which is now at the mill, and which will be used to start operations with. The company representatives have had no trouble in signing up contracts with farmers for a sufficient acreage of flax crop this year to insure enough straw to run the mill to capacity after harvest.

Mr. Pearson, who will have charge of the mill is expected to arrive this week from Montreal, where he went on a short business trip, and will make his home here during the summer at least and look after the business.

## Coffey Elected Mayor

The election in Choteau last Monday passed off very quietly, Geo. M. Coffey, candidate of the Citizens' Party, being elected mayor over E. N. Haugen, the independent candidate, by a majority of 25 votes. Mr. Coffey carried both wards, the first ward by 11 votes and the second by 14 votes. The vote was as follows:

FIRST WARD	
Coffey	26
Haugen	15
SECOND WARD	
Coffey	38
Haugen	24

Wm. Hodgskiss and J. E. Malmin were elected aldermen for the first ward, without opposition, as were A. C. Burbank and C. Loony in the second ward, although there were a couple of scattering votes in each ward.

## The City, or Home Ties

It is always a pleasure to speak of something good, and when one mentions the home talent play that was given at the high school last Friday night, he thinks at once of the very best entertainment ever produced in this part of Montana. What is a play? What is an actor's work? The answer is, to entertain; so when a play or an actor entertains, he meets all the requirements. When you go to the theatre you go to be entertained, and if you are not entertained, you are disappointed. The City, or Home Ties, fulfilled all these requirements, and as an entertainment it was a grand success. It was also a success from every other point of view. It was well done. Every person who had a part in that play displayed unusual ability. There was not a poor thing about it. It was very unusual, and hardly belongs to the category of home talent plays. To Mrs. J. I. Cain is due very great credit for the excellence of this work. The play reflected great credit to Choteau, and it showed that the little old town is right 'ere with the goods when it comes to producing a good entertainment. It is very unusual to find the consensus of opinion all favorable for an event of this kind, but nevertheless this is the case with the City. Several have asked that it be put on another night, and there is no doubt but the house would be packed again.

Entertainments of this sort not only develop the ability of those taking part, but are a means of uplifting the spiritual welfare of the community. It was a pleasure to see the people turn out so well to patronize a play, the proceeds of which went to such a laudable purpose as this one. The little church that is trying to climb out of debt is worthy of our help, and all who contributed to the play in any way can have the satisfaction of knowing that they made a real contribution toward the cause of Christianity.

## Civil Cases

The following civil cases have been filed in the office of the clerk of the district court since our last report:

James T. Stanford, receiver of the Valier-Montana Land and Water Company, a corporation, vs W. E. Dressell and Mrs. W. E. Dressell, his wife, and C. D. Fowler and Mrs. C. D. Fowler, his wife. Filed April 9th.

## Reliable Watches

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

## The Usual Sermon

(Contributed by Uncle Rubie)

Recently I stepped into a temple of worship just in time to hear the most interesting part of an eloquent sermon extolling the "Divine Virtues" of a man called Jesus.

It seems this man Jesus had merited the appellation of God and was entitled to be worshiped for several reasons. The main reason for these extraordinary prerogatives being exercised by Jesus, as the preacher saw it on this particular Sunday morning, was that "Jesus was true to his convictions," even to the forfeiture of life itself.

Jesus, so the preacher said, had set aside all traditions and social customs, even the prevailing business ethics, and based his philosophy on the common good of man; he had, so the "sacred book" tells us, defied the ringleaders of all the political organizations and made his appeal direct to the people; he had denounced the Pharisaical pretenses of the Chief Priests, scribes and elders of the people; he had the temerity to announce the overthrow of old laws, forms and usages, even the prevailing business methods, and went so far as to prophesy the advent of a new dispensation in the administration of economic justice. Though of noble descent, highly cultured and profoundly wise, he associated with the poor and outcast and was a friend of harlots and drunkards.

"For these things," the preacher said, "he was socially ostracized, persecuted, boycotted and finally crucified." At this point in his sermon the preacher grew exceptionally eloquent and fervently emotional, ending his peroration with these words: "And because Jesus was so true to His convictions and suffered these things for us, he merits our deepest sympathy, our greatest love, our profoundest admiration as a man, and our undivided worship as a God."

As the preacher's voice died away the trained choir and cultural congregation burst forth in a chorus of praise:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,  
Let Angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all."

With a fervent prayer that God might help us all to emulate the words and deeds of this man and God called Jesus Christ, the people were dismissed.

As they quietly and reverently passed down the aisles I could see that the sermon had made a profound impression, and from occasional words of praise I could hear fall from the lips of the worshippers there was a universal endorsement of the words of the preacher.

And then I grew strangely reflective. I recalled that the preacher had made no direct applications to modern religions, social and economic conditions pointing out how the teachings of Jesus would affect our present day activities. And I thought of the men and women of today who are doing just what Jesus did in his day—remaining true to their convictions, even in the face of social ostracism, boycott and all manner of persecution. I reflected that these modern revolters ignored all traditions, social customs and business ethics that hindered the common good; that they defied the leaders of political rings and sought to form a party of the people; that they denounced as hypocritical the modern priests and religious teachers who form intrigues with the despoilers of mankind; that they have the temer-

## Blackfeet Protesting.

Washington, April 8.—Two delegations of Indians from the Blackfeet agency are here to protest against opening the Blackfeet reservation to entry. One delegation is opposed to opening any of the lands, and the other is willing to have the eastern tier of townships in the reservation opened, and the remaining lands retained for the Indians. The Indian office is opposed to opening the lands, although such opening was provided by the act of 1907. Hearings have been given the protesting Indians by the Indian affairs committee in connection with Senator Myers' amendment to the Indian appropriation bill directing the opening of the eastern townships favored by a faction of the tribe.

In today's meeting Senator Lane, of Oregon, raised the point of order that the Myers' amendment proposed new legislation not germane to an appropriation bill and the committee sustained his objections. A separate bill providing for the opening of the eastern townships will be introduced, and will have the support of both Montana senators.

## Naturalization Papers

The following have made application before Clerk of the Court Gibson for citizenship papers:

James Lavot, a subject of France, residing at Conrad.

Milan Medja, a subject of Austria, residing at Collins.

Peter Sutherland, a subject of Scotland, residing at Brady.

Samuel Edward Tweedy, a subject of Canada, residing at Sdeby.

Declaration to become citizens of the United States have been filed by the following:

Michael Lawrence Ferris, a subject of Canada, residing at Dupuyer.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular meeting of the Farmington Local Union of the American Society of Equity will be held at the Burton school house on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p. m. All members are requested to be present, and visitors are welcome.

O. S. Forseth,  
Secretary.

ity to announce the overthrow of all present laws, usages and industrial organizations that uphold oppression and monopoly and boldly proclaim the early advent of a new reign of economic justice and liberty; that they are the friends of the poor, the down-trodden and the vicious; that they, in fact, are doing just what the preacher said Jesus did when he was on earth and just what the preacher prayed to his God to give us the "divine grace" to do.

Then I reflected once more that this preacher and his congregation loved Jesus for what he did, and for his deeds worshiped him as a God. But what of those people who today are doing what Jesus did 2000 years ago? What is the attitude of this preacher and his congregation toward THEM? Let me tell you. They are taking the place of the ancient Jewish church and in the person of the modern saviours of the race are crucifying Jesus Christ afresh.

In the eyes of this preacher and his congregation Jesus was a Saviour and a God for doing what he did, but in the eyes of the same people those who are really doing the work of Jesus today are socialists, fanatics and fools.

Is it not strange that religion brands a revolter as a fool today and a God 2000 years ago?