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Conrad Backing Up

After having finally been convinced that the people of Choteau are not altogether to blame for the many ills that afflict Conrad and her people, and that the board of county commissioners are men of honor and integrity, and that they have been more than fair in their treatment of Conrad, it is somewhat refreshing to see them backing up on the position they have heretofore maintained, and admit their errors—which have been many and varied. Busey, the renegade republican, who for revenue only has been running a democratic paper in the now defunct County of Pondera, and who has but recently entered upon his duties as postmaster of the would-be county seat, as his reward for changing his political affiliations, has backed up with the balance of the crowd of bellyachers and last week unbosomed himself with the following:

“* * * Of course the location of the commissioners is not satisfactory to the people of this part of the county, but as far as the personnel of the board is concerned, it could not be improved upon. W. D. Jones recently appointed, is one of the most substantial farmers of the county; is a man of sterling character, and is known among his business associates and acquaintances as one of the squarest men in the country. Commissioner Ryan has always been fair in his dealings with the people from this section as a member of the board, and Commissioner Radcliffe is as square as a die. Personally, the members of the board of county commissioners could not be improved on, and any charge of unfair dealing on their parts is unwarranted absolutely. Of course, they live in other sections of the county, and it is only natural for them to look after the interests of their neighborhoods. But in the county division matter, they were entirely right, and no blame should be attached to them.”

You are doing fairly well, Tommy, in eating your own words. 'Tis a pity that you have been so hasty in charging Choteau and the commissioners with “high crimes and misdemeanors” when as a matter of fact no crimes nor misdeeds have been committed. But as an apologist you do fairly well for one so young and unprepared. Really, you do. With practice you may become perfect—and if you keep on and acknowledge all of your own errors and the errors of your neighbors in this county division matter, you will be kept busy for a long time to come. As we have previously remarked, the people of Choteau had absolutely nothing to do with the withdrawal of territory from the proposed Pondera county. Weeks before the Pondera petition had been filed with the county clerk, orders for the printing of withdrawal petitions were received at this office. The Montanan printed them, the same as it would print any other order for job printing. The order was made by a Collins business man, who was very much interested in seeing that the Collins territory was eliminated from Pondera county; he circulated these petitions (or similar ones) in the Collins territory and secured the signatures of every voter in the district demanding the elimination of that territory. He fought the proposition to the end, and was successful. That's the whole story. And even the visit of Mr. Busey, and the newspaper man from a neighboring town, who had been promised the county printing and who it is reported was paid \$250 for becoming an advocate of Pon-

dera, after having opposed it until the very last issue of his paper before the meeting of the commissioners which finally killed the proposition, failed to change him in the least from his position. Ben Fiest is too level headed a man, and knows too well what is best for his interests, to be “infloenced” by a Busey or a bribe taker. Do you get that Tommy?

OUR COUNTY EXCHANGES

Another water gusher has been struck in this vicinity, this time four miles west of Brady. While the Brady Well Drilling Co. was working on the V. C. Fisher place they struck a fine vein of water at 130 feet and when the same has been piped, it will be a flowing well that will have no equals in this country. This is one thing that Brady needs, wells of any kind, and a flowing well is of course the best thing possible. With a well of this kind on a ranch an independent system of irrigation can be handled by the farmer himself, and its value would be hard to estimate.—Brady Whetstone.

Another soaking rain fell the latter part of the week, lasting the greater part of three days, and adds materially to the excellent prospect for a bumper crop. The rain was general thruout northern Montana, and while not badly needed here, owing to heavy rains earlier in the season, it came just in time to save the crops in many sections of the state. The crops could not look better than they are at this time, and with any kind of favorable weather from this on a big crop is assured.—Conrad Independent.

C. B. Perkins, a well-known resident of the Dupuyer country, was here last Thursday and met a brother from Omaha whom he had not seen for 38 years. Mr. Perkins took his brother home with him on a visit.—Conrad Observer.

A. F. Richard's resignation as one of the trustees of the local school district has been returned to him by the county superintendent with the information that no change will be made in the lines of the district for the present, although part of it is in Toole county. Mr. Richards has served for many years on the school board and has expended time and energy in its upbuilding. It will be good news to a majority of the people in this district to know that he will be permitted to serve out his term.—Cut Bank Pioneer Press.

The St. Mary's International Telephone Co. owned chiefly by the Broadwaters and Sherburnes was transferred to a new body of men, consisting of James Perrine, Charles Devereaux, Levi Burd, Charles W. Buck, Sam Dunbar, and I. C. Kartack as chief stockholders. The capital stock will be increased from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and a new line from the reservation to Cut Bank will be constructed in the near future. Service direct to Browning and points west will then be given.—Cut Bank Tribune.

Mike Sullivan has come to town to take charge of his restaurant as soon as Mrs. Odell moves into the Morton Hotel which is being newly painted and papered and which will be one of the best hotels in the western part of the county as soon as possible.—Dupuyer correspondence in the Valerian.

The barber shop in the room adjoining the Hannon store conducted by Arthur Bovee, will be opened and ready for business tomorrow (Saturday).

LOCAL NEWS

Born, on Tuesday, June 16, 1914, to the wife of Martin Hanson, a son.

Earl Heighton arrived in Choteau last Saturday from Bozeman, and will make his home here with his parents.

G. R. Malone, sheriff, and E. R. Toole, assessor of the new county of Toole, were visitors in Choteau this week from Shelby.

Misses Mable Steele and Sallie Graves were visitors in Great Falls for a few days the first of the week.

The Misses Eva and Florencet Fallgatter, of Parker, S. D., arrived in this city last Friday for a visit with their cousins, J. T. and Henry Robinson.

Work was started last Monday morning on the excavation for the basement of the new residence to be built by E. E. Crawford in the Sherburne addition, two blocks south of the high school. The building is to be a five-roomed bungalow and will be erected at once.

At the sheriff's sale held in this city last Saturday the property of the Valier-Montana Land and Water company was sold to Robert W. Speir, representing the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, the holders of the bonds of the land company. Parcel No. 1 was sold for \$300,000 and Parcel No. 2, for \$100,000.

Parties in from the Burrell ranch west of town, report having seen a Chinese pheasant hen, recently released there by the Choteau Rod and Gun club, with a brood of ten or twelve young. No effort was made to look up the other pheasants turned loose in that neighborhood, but if all of them have done as well as this particular hen, it will not take many years before this section is well stocked with these birds.

Judge J. B. Leslie, of Great Falls, Hon. Frank B. Linderman, of Helena, and Henry F. Guth, of Shelby, the members of the commission to adjust the indebtedness between the new county of Toole and the parent counties, Hill and Teton, arrived in this city last Friday evening, accompanied by their clerk, Attorney J. G. Henderson, of Shelby, and on Monday had completed their labors and filed their report with the county clerk. Under their findings Toole county is indebted as follows: To Hill county, \$4,800.18; to Teton county \$3,405.09, of which the sum of \$733.95 is for one-half of the expenses of the election held for the creation of Toole county, the other half coming out of the amount allowed Hill county.

J. Hanson seems to have a mania for writing worthless checks. He has just completed a 30 day sentence at the county jail for issuing worthless checks at Bynum, and before he had been out of jail a half day he was busy writing others and was again in custody. He failed to get any of the last batch cashed, but he was taken before Justice DeHaas who again sentenced him to 30 days, the first ten of which was to be served on a bread and water diet, the second ten on the regular prison fare and the third ten days on bread and water again, and sentence was suspended for one hour on the condition that he at once leave the county for good. The last seen of Ilancon he was hiking toward the south, probably on his way to join the Mexicans.

Starkey at Spokane Shoot

R. J. Starkey is at Spokane this week, representing the Choteau Rod and Gun Club at the Northwest Interstate Shoot which is being held in that city. A telegram received from him states that he arrived one hour and thirty minutes late, and that he got a bad start, but out of 210 targets shot at he broke 195, winning second place. O'Brien was first with 196.

On the second day of the shoot the weather conditions were unfavorable and Starkey succeeded in breaking only 189 blue rocks out of 210. He was seventh on his days shoot.

No telegram was received this morning from Mr. Starkey concerning the shoot on the third and last day. However, we are confident: if weather conditions were favorable he was well within the money,—and that's what Starkey goes out after when off to a shoot.

If you have any tin work or repairing you want done, call on Ross Houck, the hardware man.

Tin work of all kinds. First-class work, prompt service at right prices. Ross Houck, hardware, Choteau.

Will trade a small store in town for a good relinquishment. Must be close in. Apply for particulars to the Montanan office.

Board and room, \$8.00 per week. Three good roomsto rent, furnished, \$12.00 per month. Dwyer Bros. piano, practically as good as new, fine tone, for sale for \$250.

Mrs. C. L. Monroe Choteau.

A. S. Hayden left this morning for Billings to participate in the state shoot. With Starkey this will make a great pair, and they should give a good account of themselves. We predict they will be among the winners.

Rev. Haley, of the Episcopal church, has gone to Butte to attend the annual convention of the church, which is being held in that city. There will be no services in the church in this city next Sunday.

Capt. Walter Verge, of Company M., N. G. M., of this city, received a telegram last Monday morning from the adjutant general, ordering him in the name of the governor, to have the local militia company assembled and held in readiness to go to Butte, because of a riot in that city last Saturday. The message was sent Saturday but was not received here until Monday. At that time a second message was received countermanding the first order. Later another message was received from the same source, and the militia was assembled and held in readiness for duty for a couple of days, but fortunately the situation in Butte did not require the presence of the militia. The trouble in that city was brought about on account of a factional fight among the members of the Miners' Union. The union parade was disrupted and the officers were compelled to hide themselves to escape with their lives, the union hall was wrecked by the rioters and valuable documents and papers were stolen and destroyed; the safe at union headquarters was taken down on the flat and blown open with dynamite, home of the president of the union was wrecked with dynamite, and the acting mayor was pushed out of a second story window to the street below and was seriously injured. The situation there has since quartered down considerably.

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District Court

District court was in session last week with Judge H. H. Ewing presiding, and the following proceedings were had:

First State Bank of Hobson, a corporation, vs. W. E. Arnot, suit on note. By stipulation the demurrer was submitted to the court without argument. Attorneys to file briefs and the demurrer may be passed on and decided by the court at Great Falls.

Conrad Townsite Company, a corporation, vs. J. M. Ryan and Emma Jane Ryan. By stipulation the demurrer was submitted to the court without argument. Attorneys to file briefs and the demurrer passed on and decided by the court at Great Falls.

Gerald Finlay vs. Robert Russell, A. E. Arnot and C. H. Clark, damages. Demurrer overruled by stipulation of the parties. Defendants given 20 days in which to file answers by the court.

Annie C. Morehouse and Nicholas O. Tuttle, co-partners at Morehouse & Tuttle, vs. Edward T. Bynum et al., suit to quiet title. Demurrer to supplemental answer sustained and defendants given 10 days to file second amended answer by the court.

Ordered by the court that the order of the court made on May 29, 1914, in the above entitled action, dismissing the motion of Lewis D. Matheson to set aside his default, and vacate the decree filed herein, be and the same is hereby placed back on the calendar to be heard on its merits, for the reason that said motion was reset by Judge Leslie to be heard June 10th, 1914.

Joe Sargeon vs. Charles J. Ellis and Charles R. Ellis, doing business as Ellis & Son. Hearing on motion is continued until July 30, 1914, by the court.

F. F. Lewis vs. A. H. Barr and L. M. Barr, appeal. Hearing on motion to dismiss appeal is continued until July 30, 1914, by the court.

Annie L. Campbell vs. E. L. Thompson, damages. Case submitted to the court on an agreed statement of facts. The case may be decided by the court at Great Falls.

R. J. Starkey vs. E. L. Harris and E. R. Arnett, co-partners as Harris & Arnett. Demurrer overruled and defendants given 20 days to file answer.

Northern Land Company, a corporation, vs. E. T. Bynum, et al, suit to quiet title. The defendants given until June 30, 1914, in which to file and serve their answer to complaint of plaintiffs, filed herein.

Timothy C. Pomeroy vs. Charles H. Pearson, et al. Special demurrer to plaintiff's complaint sustained by the court, and plaintiff given 20 days in which to file answer.

The State of Montana vs. Julius Schmidt. Case dismissed on motion of county attorney, because there was not sufficient evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In Great Falls on June 6th, an order was signed by the judge of the district court in the case of Wm. Hodgskiss vs. F. P. McDermott, in which the plaintiff was granted an extension of time of 30 days from and after June 10, 1914, in which to serve and file affidavits and in which to prepare and serve and file his bill of exceptions on motion for a new trial.

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Death of Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thora H. Thompson, wife of Louis Thompson, of this city, died at the Deaconess hospital in Great Falls last Monday morning, following an operation performed a week ago at that institution. Her body was taken to George's undertaking establishment in that city to be prepared for shipment to her old home at Lakota, North Dakota, for burial. The remains were taken east Tuesday evening, accompanied by Mr. Thompson.

The deceased was about 32 years of age at the time of her death, and is survived by her husband and two little daughters. They have been residents of Choteau for about two years, where she had made many warm personal friends, who heard of her untimely death with sincere regret.

Naturalization Papers

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

Ferdinand Weyer, a subject of Germany, residing at Limington.

Edward Connolly, a subject of Ireland, residing at Choteau.

Civil Cases

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

The County of Teton, a corporation, vs. W. F. Colburn and E. C. Robb, eminent domain. Filed June 11.

Arthur D. Johnson vs. Henry A. Howe, suit on note. Filed June 12th.

Annie L. Campbell vs. E. L. Thompson, damages. Filed June 12th.

Choteau Townsite Company, a corporation, vs. Minnie Jeffries, injunction. Filed June 12th.

The Citizens State Bank of Choteau, a corporation, vs. A. E. Wilber, suit on note. Filed June 16th.

C. A. Cochran vs. Lesta Boozer, as executrix of the estate of Cynthia A. Boozer, deceased, suit on note. Filed June 17th.

Marriage Licenses

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

Isaac James Laurain, 37, and Mary Beal, 19, both of Valier.

Melvin Limmenson, 28, and Daisy Gosling, 23, both of Conrad.

James R. Stevens, 52, and Mrs. Belle Barr, 50, both of Conrad.

Advertised Letters

Following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed for at the Choteau post office:

Mr. Billy Adams
H. M. Branghler
Geo. Boyd
Lee Brown
Conrad Townsite Co.
Mr. Covington, care U. S. Land Office

Robert Harris
K. C. Langbell
John Malone
Frank Miller
Persons calling for the above please say “advertised,” and pay one cent.

WM KROFFT, P. M.

absolutely desist and refrain from maintaining, using or occupying the premises described in the complaint, and the buildings thereon, or any part thereof, as a bawdy-house, a house of prostitution or ill-fame, or a disorderly house where drinking of intoxicating liquors are permitted. The order is made returnable July 31st.