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Commencing Volume Two

With this issue the Montanan begins the publication of volume two, our first year's business having been completed with the issue of last Friday. During the twelve months just ended the Montanan has enjoyed a very liberal patronage from the people of Teton county. Starting in on July 4, 1913, with less than 100 subscribers, today we have the largest list of bona fide subscribers of any paper printed in the county. We have at least 250 more subscribers than the other paper printed in this city—possibly more than that number.

Our advertising patronage has grown with our subscription list, and at the present time there are only two or three business houses that are not represented in our columns. The failure of these few to advertise with us is due we think, to personal reasons, and we can well afford to get along without their business if they can get along without the splendid advertising they could receive through our columns. We are confident they are losing more than is the Montanan. Certainly we will not let them dictate the policy of this paper to secure their business.

During the coming year and others to follow, the Montanan will be conducted along the same lines it has been conducted during the past year. We will continue to do everything in our power for the advancement of Choteau and Teton county. No change will be made in our political affiliations, as we still believe, now stronger than ever, that the principles and policies of the grand old republican party more fully represent our ideas than the policies of any other political organization. A couple more years of the inefficient, bungling administration of Wilson and Bryan will bring a large majority of the people of the United States to the same conclusion is our humble opinion.

Civil Cases

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

C. F. O'Neal vs. J. M. Crandall and C. A. Wynn, suit on note. Filed June 26.

Minnie R. Pfrimmer vs Samuel A. Pfrimmer, divorce. Filed June 29.

Advertised Letters

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

Emma Vance
Bill Adams
George Taylor
Emma Hitchcock
J. Halmson
Alex Robertson
Ray Powell
Juel Rieghmer
Joe Picco
L. R. Nunnemaker
Ray Johnson
E. S. Gray
Earl Graham
Oliver Purrey
Eric Chlaspser

Persons calling for the above please say "advertised," and pay one cent.

WM KROFFT, P. M.

Announcement

Mr. O. Hansen, proprietor of the Peerless hotel, has opened a grocery store in his building. He will carry only the best known brands and sell them for cash at a reduction so that anyone can afford to trade at home. Mr. Hansen is glad to see you whether you buy or not. Prices on case lots will be made a specialty.

Montana State Fair

Helena, July 1.—Visitors at the 1914 Montana state fair, September 21-26, will notice such a great number of improvements at the state fair grounds that they will be lead to expect that an almost complete revision has been made at the treasure state's great exposition, for not only the necessary minor yearly changes have been made, but new buildings are being erected, new coats of paint applied to the important structures, the grounds are being enlarged, a new entrance built, and changes in transportation facilities have been made.

Of the greatest importance is the erection of the \$25,000 horticulture building, upon which work has been commenced with vigor. This structure of fire-proof stucco will set the standard for future state fair buildings, it being of a substantial type and well adapted for modern exhibition purposes. The building will measure 150 by 60 feet and the contract calls for its completion before the fair commences, by which time it will be ready for the numerous exhibits which are promised this year in the horticulture and floriculture divisions. When the visitor approaches the fair grounds this fall he will enter a handsome new entrance, which will be built of iron and stucco and will measure 100 feet wide. The entrance will also be 700 feet south of its former location, the intervening ground having been enclosed by a new woven-wire fence.

Test Primary Law

Helena, June 25.—Proceedings were begun in the supreme court today by E. W. McConnel to test the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution. On behalf of G. R. Hay, owner of the Capital City Athletic club, he applied to the supreme court for an injunction restraining Secretary of State A. M. Alderson from certifying to the county clerks the reference of the Kiley boxing law. An order to show cause why the injunction should not be granted returnable July 9. This is the only new matter the court will consider before the summer vacation.

The constitutionality of the amendment is attacked on the grounds that notices were not properly printed in ten counties in the state while the amendment was pending, and on the further grounds that the initiative should have been submitted as one amendment and the referendum as another amendment, but that instead they were improperly joined and submitted as one amendment, in violation of the constitutional provision.

These are the measures that will be affected if the amendments are held to be invalid:

Donohue military bill enacted by the twelfth legislative assembly in 1911 and repealed by a referendum vote in 1912.

The corrupt practices act.

The presidential primary.

Nomination of United States Senators by direct vote.

Reference this fall to the Kiley boxing law.

Initiation this fall of the workman's compensation act.

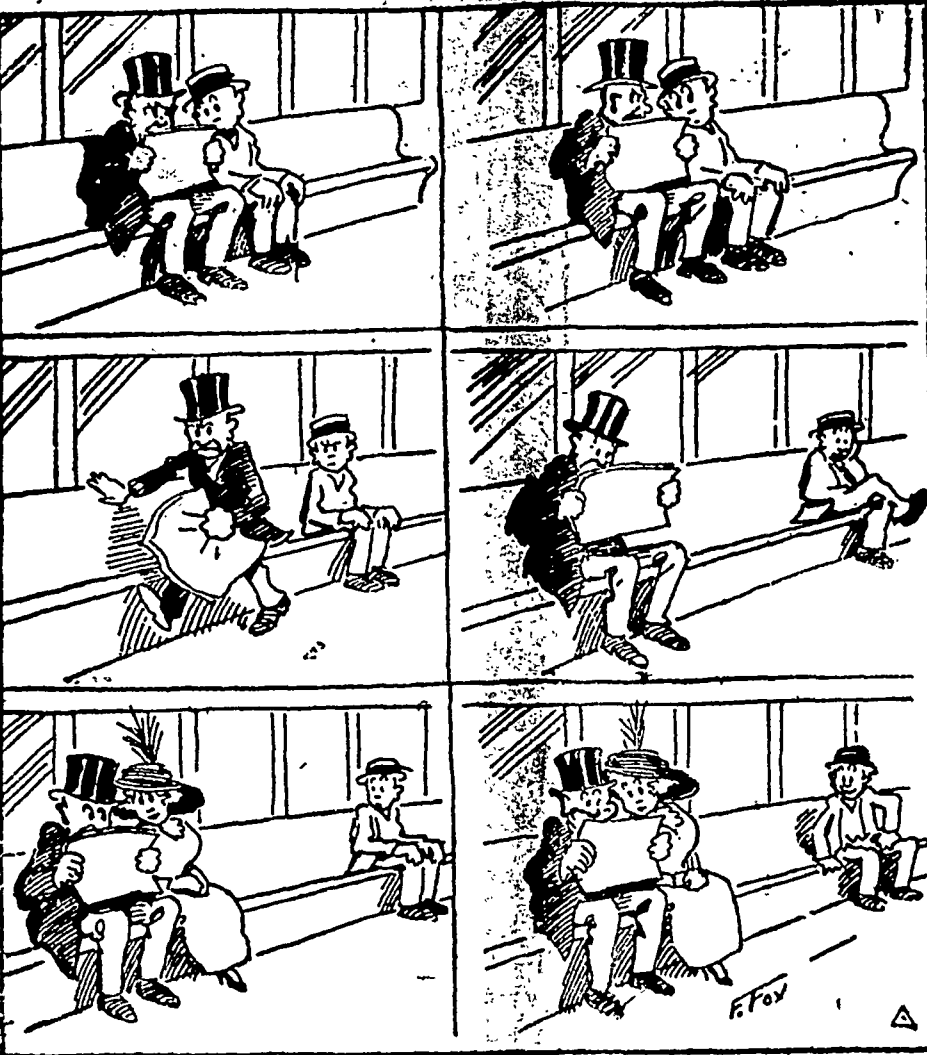
Initiation this fall of the farm loan act.

Initiation this fall of the bill consolidating institutions.

Initiation of the general license tax bill.

The Kiley law was passed by the thirteenth legislative assembly and immediately afterwards petitions were circulated and sufficient signatures obtained for a reference of the measure at the election this fall.

IT MAY BE DISAGREEABLE TO HAVE YOUR PAPER READ OVER YOUR SHOULDER, AND THEN AGAIN—



Fox in New York Evening Sun.

Hot Air vs. Facts

Dear little hatchet-faced Tommy Busey, "cheerman" of the democratic county central committee, "editor" of the final proof publication at Conrad, and postmaster at that place because of the recommendation of Congressman Stout, has peddled lots of hot air in his rag during the past few months concerning an alleged "ring" at Choteau. This "ring" was accused of turning down the Pondera county proposition, and were also charged with withholding county road money from the Conrad section. Time was when the Busey's, Alquist's, Dillman's and a few other rattle heads in that bailiwick could say almost anything they cared to about Choteau and her citizens, without regard as to the truth or falsity of their statements, and get away with it. However, now that the Montanan has printed a few incontrovertible facts, showing conclusively that no attempt was made by Choteau to interfere with Conrad's plans to be made a county seat, that the commissioners had not spent all of the money in the county treasury in fixing up roads in the neighborhood of the county seat, but that Conrad had had more money spent in their neighborhood than any other district in Teton county, that the commissioners were men of honor and integrity, and that the existence of the Choteau "ring" was simply the creation of Tommy's vivid imagination, and invented for the sole purpose of electing democrats to office in this good old republican county, Tommy is ready and willing to quit, and the "incident is closed for the present." Quit, Tommy, if you want to; but do not lie about Choteau again unless you want to be called down for it. We will come after you worse next time, and cause you to take down the back alley yelping like any other yellow cur would yelp when kicked in the slats after a can had been tied to his tail.

What's this we hear? M. S. Darling for state senator from Teton county? Or was it Pondera county? Darling to try to beat Thos. O. Larson for senator? Does this explain why Busey, et al, have been wrongfully accusing Larson and the Choteau "ring" with the defeat of the proposed Pondera county proposition? It is to laugh! Mark Darling for state senator! Easy, Mark, easy! It is almost certain that he could not carry even the Conrad precincts. Here's hoping he is nominated!

Scoop Is On Record

Scoop, the lawyer; Scoop, the newspaperman, and Scoop, the individual, are distinct and entirely different personalities. As a lawyer he has cut mighty little ice since he "quituated" from the law school he probably never saw, except from the outside. As a newspaperman he steadfastly refuses to declare his political preferences, but as an individual he has signed his name to Tom Stout's petition for nomination for congressman, with the vain hope that this action would never be discovered by his republican friends in this neck of the woods. True, his signature to Stout's petition was not altogether free and voluntary, but was in a measure forced from him, the party circulating the petition informing him that as he occasionally posed as a democrat and was printing final proof notices, the least he could do to show his appreciation of the favors of the administration was to get his name down, intimating that unless it was done, instanter, he might incur the displeasure of the register and receiver of the Great Falls land office. But even signing this petition may not save Scoop's bacon. Register Sutherland reads his exchanges carefully just now. He does not intend to be fooled very much. The recipients of his favor, in the shape of final proof notices, must preach democracy—right or wrong, pure and undefiled. He is a thorough believer in the theory "to the victor belongs the spoils," and in that, at least, the Montanan heartily agrees with him.

Episcopal Church Notes

Church services will be held Sunday, July 5, morning and evening. Morning services at 11 o'clock, evening service at 8 o'clock.

The text of the morning will be "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

At the evening service the pastor, Mr. Haley, will tell of his trip to Butte, describing the recent convention, the election of a new Bishop, and the night of June 23 when the rioting took place. This will be an interesting night, and all who wish to know something of the conditions in Butte should attend this meeting.

For Sale.—Two dozen strictly pure bred R. C. Rhode Island Red yearling hens.

E. H. Ganong.

David H. Willett Dead

David H. Willett, who for the past 18 years has been a resident of the Bynum country, died at his ranch near that city last Monday morning at 10:30, following a short illness of pneumonia.

The deceased was a native of Canada, having been born near Kingston, Ontario, 55 years ago. With his parents he moved to Michigan, while he was yet a young boy, and about 28 years ago he started for the great West, finally settling in the Bynum country, in this county, 18 years ago. Here he took up a homestead and has engaged in the stock business, experiencing many of the hardships and privations of the early settlers of any country, as well as enjoying the many liberties, friendships and open-hearted hospitalities of the pioneers. He was never married, and is survived by his mother, two brothers and four sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Nellie Holcomb, has been living at Bynum for the past year, and was with him at the time of his death.

His remains were shipped Wednesday morning to his old home at Stanton, Mich., where they will be buried in the same lot with his father and sister, who had preceded him to the great beyond a number of years ago. Funeral services were conducted at Bynum Tuesday morning at the hall, by Rev. Father Connolly, of this city. Mrs. Holcomb and her daughter accompanied the body to Michigan.

"Dave," as he was familiarly called by all who knew him, and he was known by all the old-timers within a radius of 40 miles of his home, was a citizen of sterling worth, generous, free and open-hearted to a fault, always willing to lend a helping hand to a less fortunate neighbor and friend, and news of his death was learned with sincere regret.

Naturalization Papers

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

Richard Sturgeon, a native of Canada, residing at Choteau.

Marriage Licenses

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

Charles Raymond Harney, 23, and Maria Anna Merklng, 21, of Conrad.

Ranch For Sale

A fine ranch of 160 acres, on the east end of the Burton bench, near the Teton river. Good water right; private ditch. Thirty acres broke; 60 acres in blue joint hay meadow. Place fenced. Terms if desired. For particulars apply at the Montanan office.

It is reported from Cut Bank that S. J. Rigney of that place, expects to announce his candidacy for the democratic nomination for county attorney in the near future. Rigney seems to have a thorough knowledge of the laws of Montana. If our memory serves us correctly he is the person who published the notice in the Cut Bank Tribune a few weeks ago that the special road tax of \$2 could be worked out on the streets at Cut Bank, and need not be paid in cash. He seems to be a remarkably well-posted individual and would undoubtedly make a "brilliant" county attorney. He would make an ideal democratic candidate, however, and this nomination would exactly suit the republicans.

More Candidates for Office

Kenneth McKenzie, of Choteau, who is seeking the republican nomination for sheriff, says that he will do "as I have done in the past, give all my time, and my best efforts, to serve the people." He requests that the following be printed on the ballot after his name: "Protect life, liberty and property."

Richard P. Dean, of Dupuyer, is also seeking the republican nomination for sheriff. He pledges "I will administer the duties of the office to the best of my ability for all the people."

W. A. Hulbush, of Cut Bank, republican, for coroner, says that he will "faithfully and economically enforce the laws of the State of Montana, and serve the people of the County of Teton as such county coroner to the best of my ability."

Harry G. Putt of Cut Bank, is seeking the democratic nomination for county clerk. If he is nominated and elected he will "endeavor to serve the people of Teton county to the best of my ability."

Edward J. Markel, of Dutton is a candidate for the republican nomination for superintendent of schools. He pledges to "strive to make the schools of Teton county as efficient as the people of the county want them." He requests that the words "Greater efficiency in schools," be printed after his name on the ballot.

J. H. Hines, democrat, is candidate for the democratic nomination for justice of the peace of Valier township. He says he will, if nominated and elected, "do my best to perform the duties of said office in a fair and unprejudiced manner."

I. J. Cory, of Conrad, who seeks the republican nomination for county commissioner for the six-year term, says that he will "faithfully discharge the duties of the office," if nominated and elected.

Dick Huen, also of Conrad, wants the republican nomination for commissioner—length of term not stated, neither does he inform the public what he will do if nominated and the people elect him. Evidently his campaign manager, if he has one, has neglected to properly coach him.

O. B. Scott, of the first ward of Valier, precinct 19, and John Dinger, of the second ward of Valier, precinct 20, have filed papers for nomination as precinct committeeman for the democratic party.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Following is the list of candidates who have filed their petitions with the county clerk.

Republicans:—
T. H. Pridham, county attorney, Choteau
L. A. Foot, county attorney, Choteau
R. M. Battersley, county attorney, Conrad
Kenneth McKenzie, sheriff, Choteau
R. P. Dean, sheriff, Dupuyer
W. A. Hulbush, coroner, Cut Bank
A. C. Burbank, treasurer, Choteau
John L. Lundgren, assessor, Conrad
E. C. Garrett, county clerk, Cut Bank
C. S. Parker, auditor, Choteau
John R. Gleason, public administrator, Choteau
Bron Corson, public administrator, Choteau
Democrats:—
I. J. Cory, county commissioner, Conrad
Dick Huen, county commissioner, Conrad
Edward J. Markel, superintendent of schools, Dutton
C. N. Thomas, justice of the peace, Cut Bank
David J. Ryan, county attorney, Conrad
E. D. Forrest, treasurer, Choteau
Freeman A. Daley, surveyor, Choteau
Harry G. Putt, county clerk, Cut Bank
J. H. Hines, justice of the peace, Valier
James S. Hines, county assessor, Choteau

For Sale Cheap—A cobbler's outfit, a plumber's outfit and a partial outfit of jewelers tools.

Byron Corson.