

THE CHOTEAU MONTANAN

Lost Games at Conrad

"Hard luck" contributed materially to the defeat of Choteau in the baseball game with Conrad at the latter place last Wednesday evening. After having played all around their opponents for eight innings, and with the score 3 to 1 in Choteau's favor, old Mr. Jinks put in his appearance in the last inning, when with two men out and two strikes called on the third batsman up, the "baloon" went up almost out of sight. A thing heretofore unknown happened. Our catcher dropped the third strike, and the batsman reached first base. The next man up placed a nice, high fly right in the left fielder's mit—and he dropped it. And so the game went on until 3 scores were made and the game was lost 4 to 3. Conrad had imported a pitcher from Butte to win the game for them, and there's no denying the fact that he is "some pitcher." Kapp, for Choteau, did good work, striking out 16 men. He also made a home run—one of the three home runs of the game. Following is the score:

Conrad	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bohner, lf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cheely, 2b	5	0	0	0	1	0
Thornton 3b	5	0	1	0	2	0
Valian, c	4	1	1	21	0	0
Greene, ss	5	0	0	1	0	1
VanSlyke, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Craven, 1b	3	0	0	3	0	0
Rachac, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Robinson, p	3	1	0	0	1	0
*DuBois, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0

Choteau	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Crawford, c	4	0	0	16	0	1
Howard, 2b	4	1	1	3	1	0
Buckley, 3b	3	1	1	3	0	0
Crouch, 1b	4	0	2	2	1	0
Kapp, p	4	1	1	0	1	0
Picken, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cardell, lf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Burke, ss	3	0	0	1	1	0
Connor, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
*DeMars, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0

Summary: Home runs, Buckley, Kapp, Rachac; two-base hits, Howard; hits off Robinson, 4; off Kapp, 5; sacrifice hit, Buckley; stolen bases, Bohner; hit by pitcher, Kapp 2; bases on balls, off Kapp, 5; struck out, Robinson 24; Kapp 16.

The second game of the series at Conrad last evening resulted in a 7 to 4 victory for Conrad. There is no disputing the fact that they have a real baseball team in that city at the present time, but we are confident that Choteau will be able to "trim them up a batch" at the games to be played on our own diamond in a couple of weeks. In yesterday's game DeMars, DeForest and Crawford were the battery for Choteau, while Hilderbrand, the former league pitcher, and Bohner officiated for Conrad. Although defeated in these two games Choteau was neither disgraced nor discouraged. We have some baseball team ourselves. Following is the score:

Choteau	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Howard, 2b	5	0	0	0	2	0
Crawford, c	4	0	0	7	0	0
Pfeiffer, 3b	4	1	0	2	2	1
Crouch, 1b	4	0	0	6	1	1
Kapp, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Buckley, ss	4	1	1	3	1	2
Burke, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Connor, cf	4	0	1	3	0	1
DeMars, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
DeForest, p	2	1	1	0	1	0

Conrad	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bohner, c	5	2	2	16	0	0
Cheely, 2b	4	1	0	1	1	1
Thornton, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Valian, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Greene, ss	4	1	1	0	1	0
Craven, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Waton, 1b	4	0	0	8	0	1
DuBois, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0

Primary Candidates

Joseph Rowekamp, of Conrad, is a candidate for the republican nomination, for county commissioner, six-year-term. In his petition on file at the office of the county clerk, Mr. Rowekamp says that if he is nominated and elected he will during his term of office "fulfill the duties of that office to the best of my ability; looking after the best interests of the county as a whole; to the exclusion of any particular part thereof."

From this, we take it, Mr. Rowekamp wants to imply that in the past the county commissioners have not used their best efforts to serve the people of the entire county, but have looked after the interests of the people of their own immediate section, or perhaps have been more favorable to the Choteau ring than any other collection of our citizens. In fact, we are of the opinion that Mr. Rowekamp's platform was censored, if not written by, either Mr. Busey, Mr. Alquist or Mr. Dillman, who seem to have an idea that Teton county extends no farther than in front of their own premises, and that all the road funds should be spent there or not at all.

Sweeping Republican Gains

Official figures of recent elections, primaries and registrations in different parts of the country reveal sweeping republican gains and corresponding democratic and progressive losses. A careful analysis of these figures, just completed, shows unmistakably the trend of political sentiment from Maine to California.

The figures show that the condition that resulted in the election of Wilson is wiped out and that the readjustment has been favorable to the republican party in every instance. The total vote in the primaries and congressional elections was, in most cases, less than that in the presidential election two years ago, but even in these instances the republicans gained. In the seventh district of New Jersey, the total vote in the congressional election fell away forty per cent, yet the republican gain was 98 per cent over 1912. In the second Iowa district, the decrease in the total vote, compared with 1912, was 38 per cent, yet the republican gain was 27 per cent. In the senatorial primary in Pennsylvania, the total vote was forty-nine per cent less than the total vote in the presidential election two years ago, but the republican gain was 21 per cent. One of the most significant of the returns is that of the Minnesota election for governor, in which the republican gain was 203 per cent, in spite of the fact that the total vote was 27 per cent less than the vote for the president in 1912.

Civil Cases

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

Arnold G. Baker and Colin Ward, co-partners doing business under the firm name of Baker & Ward, vs. W. F. Cochran, suit on note. Filed July 11th.
Hilderbrand, p. 2 2 0 0 1 0
Summary—Two-base hit, Burke; three-base hit, DeForest, Struck out, by Hilderbrand 6, DeMars 5, DeForest 2; home runs, Bohner (2); double plays, Connor to Crouch; umpires, McGregor and Powell.

THE TETON ASSESSMENT SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

The assessed valuation of Teton county shows a gratifying increase over the figures of 1913, as will be seen by the statement furnished the Montanan by James Innes, the assessor, who has just completed the work of compiling the assessment for this year. Notwithstanding the fact that Toole county has been created out of portions of Hill and Teton counties, thereby materially reducing the assessed valuation of Teton county, the valuation of real and personal property has been increased \$696,253.00, showing a healthy and very substantial growth. It is thought the railroad valuation lost by the creation of Toole county, will be more than made up by this increase in real and personal property, and the new railroad which has been built during the past twelve months, and the total valuation of the county—including the railroads, will amount to at least as much, if not more, than in 1913.

Following is the comparative statement of the 1913 and 1914 statements:

Real Estate other than town lots	\$3,431,655.00	\$3,943,598.00
Improvements on same	589,705.00	658,802.00
Improvements on Homesteads	386,645.00	331,209.00
City or town lots	503,092.00	512,407.00
Improvements on same	488,115.00	543,225.00
Telephone, telegraph and R. R.	136,173.00	190,610.00
Gravel beds, etc.	50,973.00	.....
Total value of real estate and imp.	5,886,255.00	5,989,241.00
Total value of all personal property	2,863,763.00	3,157,020.00
Total of all property	8,450,018.00	9,146,261.00

HORSES	No	No
Thoroughbreds	33	37
Range	6012	6510
Work and mules	6909	7182
Grades and jacks	34	42

CATTLE	No	No
Beef	73	57
Yearlings	1012	1339
Two-year olds	554	684
Cows	2521	2477
Stock cattle	6594	9648
Thoroughbreds	193	54

SHEEP	No	No
Stock	197916	122070
Lambs	14705	3700
Rams	1325	578
Hogs	2308	4550

MISCELLANEOUS	1913	1914
Mortgages	150,720.00	220,757.00
Watches and precious stones	1,295.00	925.00
Household goods and furniture	117,210.00	111,180.00
Musical instruments	26,675.00	26,745.00
Libraries	2,850.00	3,915.00
Stocks of Merchandise	371,960.00	395,177.00
Fixtures of stores, offices, etc.	48,615.00	51,240.00
Farming utensils	210,902.00	101,522.00
Wagons etc, harness, etc	138,520.00	129,267.00
Machinery	.....	81,055.00
Automobiles	33,780.00	40,485.00
Solvent credits	11,900.00	51,415.00
Money on hand or special deposit	13,890.00	15,365.00
Bank stock	79,798.00	171,521.00

State News

Butte, July 11.—The city of Butte will resist the claim of \$138,291 formerly made by the Butte local of the Western Federation of Miners for the destruction of miner's union hall. The city intends fighting to the last ditch the suit which Clarence Smith and Deputy City Attorney Davis are the authorities for the above statements. Each declares that there are circumstances surrounding the destruction of the building which constitute a good legal defense for the city.

Deputy City Attorney Davis added that while there are a number of defenses which the city will set up, one of the principle ones will be that the miners destroyed their own property.

Butte, July 13.—Butte Mine Workers' union, the organization formed by miners seceding from the Western Federation of Miners, tonight held a meeting at the auditorium when further readings of the proposed new constitution were heard. The meeting was addressed by two delegates from the Great Falls smeltersmen, J. P. Barrett and Herbert Gallagher, and by delegates from the Cobalt miners' union. The latter are en route to the Denver convention of the Western Federation. The Great Falls men are here on a commission of investigation from their union.

The embargo declared more than a year ago against the importation into Montana from Utah of farm and garden products, has not been lifted, and published reports to the contrary are erroneous. The latter part of June Governor Spry telegraphed Governor Stew-

art asking him to lift the embargo and explained he had been informed thousands of dollars worth of cherries were rotting for lack of market. Governor Stewart after conferring with the board of entomology, declined to raise the quarantine, explaining the experts advised him this was the most dangerous period for the spread of alfalfa weevil and that in view of the fact that Montana has four times the acreage in alfalfa that Utah has, it would be unwise to jeopardize this acreage.

Gun Club Shoot

There were only three 25-bird events at the weekly shoot of the Choteau Rod and Gun Club last Sunday. Hayden made one perfect score—in the first event. Following is the score for the day:

Shooter	1	2	3
Hayden	25	17	21
Cowell	.....	21	19
Burbank	.....	19	14
Radcliffe	.....	13	.....
Larson	.....	14	21

Call of Progressive Party Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Teton county central committee, at Bynum, July 21, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Bynum Hotel, for the purpose of completing the county organization and circulating petitions for county candidates.

JOS. STURGEON,
Chairman Teton County Progressive Central Committee.
This ad is paid for by the Progressive party.

Center Stakes Set

While there has been no official announcement of that character, word comes from points along the Great Falls-Choteau extension of the Milwaukee railroad that indicates plans on the part of the Milwaukee company to start track laying at a very early day. The center stakes for the track location have been set for several miles out of this city during the last few days and the work of driving the piling for all bridges requiring that sort of work is almost completed. The center stakes are so new that the chalk markings still shows a fresh appearance. The engineers are busy completing the placing of the stakes fixing the location of the track and automobilists who have have passed through that part of the country where they could see the road bed declare that the entire work will be completed at an early date.

One person came in yesterday from Choteau who asserts that he was told a few days ago by a Milwaukee official that the work of laying the iron on the line through Choteau to Agawam will be started very early in August and that trains will be running by the first week in October. He declares that the statement was made by the Milwaukee representative that the company will have the road ready to handle the fall crop, without fail.

Setting the center stakes by the company supports rather strongly the report of the plan to have the road ready by October. Track can be laid at the rate of three miles a day with a full working crew and making an average of only two miles a day the track can be laid into Agawam in 35 days. That would give considerable time for ballasting work but ballasting would not be absolutely necessary to handle freight. It is said to be the custom of railroad companies to start work of track laying very soon after the center stakes have been put in for if there is a long delay much of work has to be done again, entailing useless expense which can be saved by letting the placing of the stakes go until just before beginning putting down the track.

Another reason for expecting early operation in track laying and completion of the Choteau line comes in the fact that the Great Falls-Lewistown line will have been completed by the construction department and ready to turn over to the operating department within a few days. There is a current rumor that the road will be turned over on August 1 and that a passenger train schedule will be announced to be effective on that date but this is not said on the authority of the Milwaukee company. If, however, that should transpire, it would most likely happen that the construction department would at once take up the work of completing the Choteau line.

There is a great force employed just now on ballasting the line between here and Lewistown. On July 3 there were 1500 men at work under Superintendent C. L. Whiting who has charge of the completion of the road. But the Fourth was a disastrous date with the crew, so far as numbers is concerned. More than half of them celebrated vigorously and the following day the ranks were sadly depleted. Less than 60 per cent reported for work on July 5. The others had "fallen" in their attack on John Barleycorn or had acceded to the inclination for less work and had quit. Superintendent Whiting has been vigorously endeavoring to recruit his forces to "fighting strength"

Won Both Games

A double header was played on the local diamond last Sunday afternoon, Choteau winning both games. The first one was with the B. and M. team of Great Falls and went to Choteau by a score of 5 to 1. Kapp, our new pitcher, was in the box for Choteau, and gave a good account of himself. He struck out 12 men, while McRae, the B. and M. twirler, had only five strike outs to his credit. Following is the score:

B. M.	AB	R	H	SH	PO	A	E
Thomas, ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gray, 2b	4	0	1	0	3	0	1
Broughton, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moe, c	3	0	0	0	5	0	0
Coen, 1b	4	0	3	0	9	0	2
Laughlin, 3b	4	0	1	0	3	4	0
Samuelson, rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	0
Martin, lf	4	0	0	2	1	0	0
McRae, p	3	1	1	0	1	6	0

32	1	7	0	24	13	4
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CHOTEAU	AB	R	H	SH	PO	A	E
Crawford, c	3	2	1	0	12	1	0
Howard, 2b	3	2	2	1	2	0	1
Buckley, 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	1
Crouch, 1b	3	1	3	1	5	0	0
Ellis, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cardell, lf	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
Burke, ss	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
Connor, cf	4	0	1	0	3	1	0
Kapp, p	3	0	1	0	2	0	0

30	5	9	4	27	6	2
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Augusta was the victim in the second game. The boys came over from the other side of Sun river with considerable confidence that they had the game practically cinched. They had a different story to tell on their return home. The score stood 15 to 1 in Choteau's favor at the end of the 7th inning, when the game was called. While the Choteau-B. and M. game was in progress, Augusta discovered that they were one or two players short. As the game progressed more Augusta players got cold feet, and it was found necessary to play four B. and M. men to fill out their club. Our old stand-bys—DeMars and Crawford—were the battery for Choteau, while Manix was on the mound for Augusta, with Moe of Great Falls on the receiving end. The errors of the visitors were made with such surprising frequency that the scorer gave up his task in disgust during the second inning, and contented himself with simply keeping track of the outs and the runs as they were made.

Society of Equity

A local union of the Society of Equity was organized at Liberty Centre last Saturday afternoon, by Organizer J. E. Cashman. The new union starts off with nine members, with Fred Dalstrom, president; C. L. Wonch, vice-president; W. W. Edwards, secretary-treasurer; Chas. Crane, business manager. There are now eight local unions in Teton county and the prospects are that at least three or four more unions will be organized within a short time.

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.

Joint installation of the officers of Choteau Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F. and of Queen Rebekah lodge will be held at their hall in the Connor building tomorrow (Saturday) evening. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited to be present.

again and has added several score but still has need for a few hundred to complete the roster which he would like for his ballasting crew.—Great Falls Tribune.