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Reply to Bynum News.

Bynum, Mont., Aug. 11.
To the Montanan:—In the last issue of the Bynum News many of our prominent citizens were unjustly attacked by the editor of that publication, and if you will kindly permit me space in your paper to do so, I will endeavor to enlighten the citizens of this community and your many readers as to the animus which prompted our (?) editor to attack these worthy persons in such a vile, indecent and cowardly manner.

In the first place, when Mr. Maple moved his printing plant to Bynum from Valier, after having been started out of that community, he borrowed the sum of \$50 from Dunc Stewart, our hotel keeper, with which to pay the freight bill on his outfit. Mr. Stewart, who is always liberal and generous to the less fortunate, and who is one of the best boosters for Bynum and Teton county that ever lived in this section, was only too glad to accommodate the editor with that amount, as he had long advocated the establishment in Bynum of a live local newspaper which would help in boosting along this section of the county by giving publicity to our many and varied resources, thus assisting in the upbuilding of our hometown and surrounding territory. But Maple, evidently, did not consider this \$50 as a mere loan. He was probably looking for something for nothing. At least Stewart had considerable difficulty in collecting his money. He asked for it personally several times and finally had to place the account in the hands of an attorney. The lawyer made many trips to Maple's place of business in an endeavor to collect the account, and was finally met with the statement from Mr. Maple he did not intend to repay the \$50 because "Stewart has sold beer in case lots to women of the underworld, and I consider the amount received from him simply as hush money." "If Stewart makes me pay the \$50 I will expose him," etc. While Mr. Stewart is free and easy going, and generous to a fault, he cannot be bluffed very much. He at once proceeded to collect his \$50, which, after considerable haggling and bluffing, was paid over by Maple. That's his whole grievance against Dunc Stewart.

He has even less grounds for his attack on Ray Porter, one of our merchants. Mr. Porter, finding that the News was not assisting in boosting the town along, and that its subscription list was practically nothing, refused to advertise further in its columns, as he did not consider it a paying investment. It was simply a plain, business proposition with Porter. It did not pay him to advertise his business in the Bynum News and he quit.

Maple, however, at once started in to force him to advertise. His attack in last week's issue was but another one of the weapons he stoops to use in his attempt to force business to come his way. It is a disgrace to any community that its business men should be forced to submit to such indecent attacks. No business man should be forced to pay "hush money" nor "blood money" to such a drunken, idle, ill-mannered, grafting hooblum as Maple has proven himself to be since coming to Bynum.

It is not my intention to defend the harlots nor their male companions who now infest our city. This so-called social evil question is one upon which men honestly differ. For myself, I believe that they should not be tolerated in any civilized community. But at that

Enlarged Homesteads.

The following lands have been designated for entry under the enlarged homestead act, and are now available:

West half section 27. North half and southeast quarter section 28. township 21 n, range 3 w.

All of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, township 22 n, range 1 west.

All of sections 1 to 29 inclusive All of sections 32 and 33, north half section 34, township 22 n, range 5 west.

All of sections 1 to 29 inclusive, and sections 32, 33, 34 and 35, township 22 n, range 6 w.

Northeast quarter section 3, all of sections 4, 5 and 6, township 23 n, range 1 w.

North half of north half section 5, north half and southwest quarter section 6, west half west half section 7, township 23 north, range 2 w.

All of sections 1 to 10 inclusive, 15 to 18 inclusive, 22, 26 and 27, township 23 n, range 3 w.

West half section 17, sections 18 to 20, 30 and 31, west half and southeast quarter section 32, township 23 n, range 4 w.

All of sections 13, 22 to 35 inclusive, township 23 n, range 5 w.

All of sections 19, 20, 21, 27, to 34 inclusive, township 24 n range 1 w.

All of section 19, south half section 20 and 21 to 35 inclusive, township 24, range 2 w.

All of sections 23 to 26 and 35, township 24 north, range 3 w.

Northeast quarter section 7, northwest quarter section 8, northwest quarter section 13, northeast quarter and southwest quarter section 14, southeast quarter section 15, township range w.

All of sections 6, 34 and 35, township 27 n, range 7 w.

Northeast quarter and east half north west quarter section 3, township 27 n, range 8 w.

Naturalization Papers

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

David Leroy Scarrow, a subject of Canada, residing at Choteau.
John Elmer Howard, a subject of Canada, 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 Cascade Bank of Great Falls, Montana, a corporation, vs. T. J. Twedt, suit on note. Filed Aug. 7th.

L. A. Peterson, vs. Arthur Ellingson, suit on note. Filed Aug. 8th.

Rogers-Templeton Lumber Co., a corporation, vs. Julian Urland, debt. Filed Aug. 11th.

Rogers-Templeton Lumber Co., a corporation, vs. J. H. Fay and Ed. Frederickson, doing business under the firm name and style of Fay & Frederickson, suit on lien. Filed Aug. 11th.

H. F. McClurg vs. Fred Deering, appeal. Filed Aug. 11th.

REWARD—\$10 reward will be paid for the recovery of a brown work horse, branded A bar reverse two. Animal last seen about seven miles southeast of Choteau.
FRED LEE.

I am confident that the houses of prostitution in Bynum are not as great a menace to the community as is the Bynum News and its irresponsible owner and publisher.

Thanking you for the space used in the above communication, and assuring you that I regret very much that I considered it my duty to thus impose on your time and good nature, I remain,

Very truly yours,
A BYNUM BOOSTER.

Fletcher Maddox

Republican Candidate for Nomination for Congress



The List of Candidates for County Officers.

Following is the list of all candidates of the various political parties for county office whose names will appear on the ballot at the primary election to be held on August 25, 1914.

State Senator	Thos. O. Larson, Choteau, republican C. D. Powell, Valier, democrat M. Thos. Manix, Dupuyer, progressive Ole Wagnild, Bynum, socialist
Representative	D. F. Mains, Valier, republican C. S. McDonald, Choteau, republican John W. Coburn, Cut Bank, republican O. B. Scott, Valier, democrat P. J. Anderson, Conrad, democrat E. R. Alquist, Conrad, progressive A. E. Leech, Valier, progressive Dan Lindseth, Farmington, socialist Benj. F. Harris, Fairfield, socialist
County Commissioner, 6-year term	W. D. Jones, Bynum, republican Ernest A. Savory, Dupuyer, democrat Joseph Rowekamp, Conrad, democrat H. O. Burton, Valier, progressive C. O. Lindseth, Farmington, socialist
County Commissioner, 2-year term	Martin Jacobson, Cut Bank, republican Dick Heim, Conrad, republican Dan Ledgerwood, Fowler, democrat C. T. Dussell, Conrad, progressive Martin Larson, Bynum, socialist
County Clerk	E. C. Garrett, Choteau, republican Harry G. Pitt, Cut Bank, democrat Alfred H. Hanson, Choteau, socialist
County Auditor	Chas. S. Parker, Choteau, republican C. James Smith, Choteau, republican John G. Weitzel, Conrad, democrat H. A. Prescott, Choteau, democrat Elmer C. Moe, Valier, progressive
Sheriff	Kenneth McKenzie, Choteau, republican R. P. Dean, Dupuyer, republican Wm. Miller, Valier, democrat John Angus, Collins, socialist
Treasurer	A. C. Burbank, Choteau, republican E. D. Forrest, Choteau, democrat Marshall P. Bird, Fairfield, socialist
Assessor	John L. Lundgren, Conrad, republican Oren R. Nelson, Choteau, republican James S. Innes, Choteau, democrat C. S. Hanson, Farmington, socialist
County Attorney	T. H. Pridham, Choteau, republican R. M. Hattersly, Conrad, republican LeRoy A. Foot, Choteau, republican David J. Ryan, Conrad, democrat John J. Greene, Conrad, democrat Stephen J. Rigney, Cut Bank, democrat Thos. W. Robinson, Conrad, progressive
Surveyor	Colin N. Ward, Choteau, republican Freeman A. Daley, Choteau, democrat
School Superintendent	Edward J. Markle, Dutton, republican Ethel I. Reid, Bynum, republican Nellie R. Brown, Choteau, democrat Ella Wilke, Valier, progressive
Coroner	W. A. Hulbush, Cut Bank, republican L. M. Maguire, Brady, democrat E. B. Maynard, Dupuyer, progressive
Public Administrator	Byron Corson, Choteau, republican John R. Gleason, Choteau, republican Geo. E. Sullivan, Williams, progressive

*Two representatives to elect.

Tax Levy for 1914

At the meeting of the county commissioners held in this city last Monday morning the tax levy for the year 1914 was fixed as follows:

STATE PURPOSES.	
General fund	2.50 mills
Sinking fund	0.10 mill
Insane hospital fund	0.25 mill
Bounty fund	3.50 mills
*Stock inspection and det. fund	0.50 mill
*On live stock only.	
COUNTY PURPOSES.	
General and Contingent funds	5.00 mill
High school fund	0.70 mill
Road and bridge bond fund	0.50 mill
Sinking fund	0.50 mill
Court house bond fund	0.30 mill
Road fund	3.00 mills
General school fund	4.00 mills

Fierce Forest Fire.

A forest fire of considerable proportions has been raging on the summit between the Teton and Sun rivers, west of Choteau, for the past couple of days. Forest Supervisor Spaulding sent out about 20 men from here last evening to fight fire, and this morning at 2:15, 60 men arrived from Great Falls on a special train and they were at once taken out by auto. Although the fire is at least 40 miles west of Choteau the atmosphere is very hazy with smoke.

The fire is located on what is known as Wrong creek, between McDowell and Rock creeks, and is burning in a northeasterly direction, and is reported to be at least five miles in length and is spreading rapidly. There is considerable valuable timber in that section, but it is feared that most of it will be destroyed before the fire is extinguished.

J. J. Hannon is moving his stock of goods from the old Silverman & Cohen building, on Main avenue, to his new quarters in the Larson building on First street N. W.

Episcopal Church Bulletin

Sunday, August 16, there will be church services in the morning at 10:30, to which all are cordially invited. Keep in mind the work of the church during the summer, and the state of your mind and body will be healthier thereby.

I believe in the religion that heals the sick and saves the sinner.
REV. L. F. HALEY, Pastor.

FOR RENT—A small house. Apply to Ross Houck, at the hardware store.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(REPUBLICAN)
Chas. N. Thomas, Cut Bank
John E. DeHaas, Choteau
John W. Shields, Conrad
Frank E. Vandemark, Jr., Cut Bank.

(DEMOCRAT)
J. H. Hines, Valier
B. J. Mathews, Conrad
M. A. O'Neil, Cut Bank

CONSTABLE.

D. E. Williams, Brady, republican.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN

(REPUBLICAN)
Nels Nelson, Fairfield, No. 2
J. I. Cain, Choteau, No. 1
S. L. Potter, Cut Bank, No. 26
George McLean, Brady, No. 15
V. M. Miller, Dutton, No. 13
G. S. Jameson, Choteau, No. 30
R. L. Stonehouse, Bynum, No. 4
(DEMOCRAT)
John Dinger, Valier, No. 20
E. M. Davis, Cut Bank, No. 27
Wm. J. Darrington, Choteau, No. 1
G. Masengill, Cut Bank, No. 26
W. C. Boucher, Conrad, No. 17
H. W. Conrad, Conrad, No. 18
(PROGRESSIVE)
Alfred Stromstad, Conrad, No. 17
W. F. Paterson, Conrad, No. 18
Jos. Sturgeon, Valier, No. 20

Marriage Licenses

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

Guy Eric Woodward, 34, of Fletcher, Mont., and Florence Mildred White, 24, of Seattle, Wash.

Alois Jung, 25, and Catherine Wagner, 25, both of Valier.

Mrs. F. M. Anderson, who has been a patient at the John Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md., for several weeks, arrived in Choteau last Saturday evening and will remain here for some time with her daughters, Mrs. J. I. Cain and Miss Lucille Anderson. We are pleased to be able to report that she returns to Choteau greatly improved in health.

Methodist Conference

The eighth annual session of the North Montana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Choteau on August 18-23. It is expected that nearly 100 ministers of that denomination will be in attendance. Rev. Naphtali Luccock, Ph. D., D. D., resident bishop, of Helena, is the chairman of the conference. The district superintendents are Revs. W. W. VanOrsdel, J. A. Martin and A. D. Welch. Rev. P. W. Haynes is the secretary. An interesting program has been prepared for the conference, which commences on Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. In the evening of that day, at 8:30 o'clock, addresses of welcome will be delivered on behalf of the town of Choteau by Mayor Coffey, from the commercial club by President R. M. Farrington, and from the local church organization by Phil I. Cole. These addresses are to be responded to by Bishop Luccock. On Friday evening the annual banquet in honor of "The Order of Caleb" will be held at the Glenloyd hotel.

Born, on Thursday, August 11, to the wife of T. C. Spaulding, a son.

OUR COUNTY EXCHANGES

M. A. O'Neil was injured yesterday while hauling hay. He was loading hay on a wagon and one of the bale wires broke causing Mr. O'Neil to fall from the wagon. He struck on his head. At this writing he is doing nicely.—Cut Bank Tribune.

Fire destroyed two large stacks of alfalfa hay for A. E. Sprague last Sunday. The fire started at about 2 o'clock and was noticed by Mr. Sprague as he was going out in the fields, but before he could get to the scene the flames had gained such headway that the stacks and barn were doomed. The loss is a keen one to the owner, as he had just completed cutting every bit of hay on the big ranch, and to lose all his feed at this time is extremely serious, as hay is hay this year. The loss is estimated at about \$600.—Conrad Observer.

Threshing operations are being started this week, and it is expected that quite a little grain will be safely stored in the bins by the last of the week. The crop of winter wheat is very good, and in many places the spring wheat is good. The oats and flax suffered principally by the long hot spell, and even this crop will be fairly good. On the whole the crop is going to be much better than last year, and with the high prices prevailing, the farmers haven't much to complain of this year.—Conrad Independent.