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## FORESTS POPULAR AS PLAYGROUND

OVER 6,000,000 PEOPLE USE OUR NATIONAL FORESTS AS PLAYGROUND

Washington, D. C. December 26.—The extent to which the National forests are being used for recreational purposes is shown emphatically by the fact that well over 6,000,000 people visited the forests during 1923, declares W. B. Greeley, chief of the forest service, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture.

In 1917, the first year records of the number of people visiting the national forests were compiled, slightly over 3,000,000 visitors were recorded. In 1922 this figure stood at over 6,000,000, this shows a doubling in the number of visitors to the forests in six years. All indications point to a continued increase for the future, the chief forester's report states.

During the same period 430,000 people visited the forests of Montana and northern Idaho, an increase of about 130,000 over the year 1921.

### Recreational Uses Encouraged

"The use of the national forests for recreational is in all respects deserving of encouragement," Colonel Greeley writes in his report to Secretary Wallace. "It means for no small part of the country's population a valuable opportunity and privilege. Properly provided for, recreational uses will add valuable elements to our national life without seriously impairing the capacity of the forests to create wealth or render other public services."

One of the important duties of officers of the forest service, the report continues, is the protection of game fish and animals, two resources of the forests which are closely related to the use of forested areas as recreational grounds.

"The wild life resources of the national forests," declares Co. Greeley, "must be administered, fostered and utilized much as are the timber and forage resources. The cost of this activity, in common with providing facilities for recreation and conserving the source of water, will never be recovered in the form of commercial receipts, but is justified by the valuable public service which the national forests can contribute."

### More Game Refuges Needed

"More game refuges and fish-breeding streams and ponds should be set aside to provide for protected breeding to meet the rapidly increasing use of the forests for recreational purposes, careful consideration must be given to available food supplies for the desirable animals, and a system of regulated use devised that will prevent depletion of all wild life."

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, The First State Bank of Shelby will reopen its doors, according to advice received from L. Q. Skelton, superintendent of banks for the state of Montana. The institution was closed July 10, this year, during the adverse conditions resulting from the Dempsey-Gibbons fight.

## TWO CANDIDATES OPEN OFFICES IN CHICAGO HOTELS

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The national campaign headquarters of two republican presential candidates opened informally here today—those of President Calvin Coolidge and of Senator Hiram Johnson of California.

The headquarters of the only two aspirants for the republican nomination virtually face one another in two Michigan avenue hotels, separated only by a street. There were no ceremonies or hand wagon gestures as these two headquarters threw open their doors as the official opening awaits the coming of the national campaign managers of the candidates William M. Butler, Massachusetts, republican national committeeman and in charge of the Coolidge campaign, and Frank H. Hitchcock, national leader of the Johnson forces.

Mr. Butler is due here tomorrow to assume direction of national Coolidge headquarters, while James W. Good, former Iowa congressman and midwestern manager of the Coolidge campaign was on the ground today.

## EXTENSION MEN AT BOZEMAN

Extension workers of the state of Montana will gather in Bozeman next week, January 8 to 9, for their ninth annual conference. The conference will draw to Bozeman 21 agricultural extension agents from Montana, counties, five home-demonstration agents and eight specialists.

At the time of the opening of the conference there will be made public the record of the extension work of the past year, a record which is expected to show a substantial gain in co-operative extension work throughout the state. Especially will there be a marked increase in the number of community organizations reported, and the number of actual field demonstrations conducted during the year.

Many of the extension agents are included on the program which has been prepared by Director F. S. Cooley. Director Cooley will open the conference with a review of Dr. True on the "Unsolved Problems of Extension Work."

Extension service headquarters at the State College are now in the remodeled biology building, which is now known as the Extension building. It is the first time that the extension service has had its own separate headquarters building on the college campus.

Chancellor M. A. Brannon of the University of Montana and President Alfred Atkinson of Montana State college will be on the program on the opening day.

Most of the extension workers will remain in Bozeman for the annual Farmers' week, January 7 to 12.

## GETTING THE IDEA



Closer fellowship between bankers and farmers was urged and a resolution adopted affirming faith in the efficacy of the co-operative marketing idea at a meeting of the American Bankers Association Agricultural Commission. —News Item.

## SAVINGS MORE THAN DOUBLE IN DECADE

New York.—Reported savings deposits in banks and trust companies of the United States have more than doubled in amount during the past decade, and the number of accounts have increased by about 141 per cent, figures compiled by the Savings Bank Division, American Bankers Association, show.

"If distributed equally among our entire population, the savings deposits in 1912 would have given \$39 to each

adult and child in the country," the Division's report says, "but in 1922 the portion of each would have been no less than \$158."

The officially reported savings deposits are as follows:

	Deposits	Accounts
1912	\$8,425,275,000	12,584,316
1922	17,331,479,000	30,323,320
Increase	105.7%	140.9%

"This remarkable growth is attributable to improvement in the services of the banks for savers and to the more consistent canvass for accounts through advertising and soliciting," the report says.

## Cases Set For Jury Term Of District Court In February

District court convened yesterday (Thursday) at the regular law and motion day, and a great deal of routine business was transacted.

Judge Green ordered the summoning of a jury to report on February 4th. The calendar was called and both criminal and civil cases were set for trial, the dates for the criminal cases being as follows:

State of Montana vs. John J. Reed, burglar, set for February 4th. County Attorney Foot for the state and Geo. W. Magee for the defendant.

State of Montana vs. John A. Mason, burglary, County Attorney Foot for the state and Geo. W. Magee for the defendant.

State of Montana vs. James Wilson, burglary, set for February 6. County Attorney Foot for the state and Geo. W. Magee for the defendant.

State of Montana vs. Al. Bossler and Guy Newman, grand larceny, set for February 7th. County Attorney Foot for the state and T. H. Pridham for the defendants.

State of Montana vs. Al. Bossler, perjury. Set for February 8th. The county attorney will represent the state and T. H. Pridham the defendant.

State of Montana vs. Kind, perjury. Set for February 8th. County attorney Foot and T. H. Pridham.

State of Montana vs. Jacobson, set for February 9th. County Attorney Foot and T. H. Pridham.

State of Montana vs. Dunc Stewart, possession of intoxicating liquor, set for February 11th. County Attorney Foot and Geo. W. Magee.

State of Montana vs. Jos. Scott, possession of intoxicating liquor, set for trial February 11. County Attorney Foot and Geo. W. Magee.

The cases against Andrew Streng and G. F. Underwood for manufacturing intoxicating liquor were dismissed on motion of the county attorney, it having been recently decided by the court, following the decisions of the supreme court, that all of the available evidence against these de-

endants had been procured in violation of their constitutional rights.

## NELSON STORY, JR. MUCH IMPROVED

Bozeman, Dec. 26.—For the first time since the fatal automobile accident near McCammon, Idaho, November 2, in which Mrs. Story lost her life, Nelson Story, Jr., Montana's lieutenant governor, was able a few days ago to leave his home and the care of a nurse for more than a few hours.

Mr. Story, with his son, Nelson Story, III, Jack Warner and W. L. Hayes went to the Story cabin 62 miles up the Gallatin. The trip was made by automobile, but various short journeys in the vicinity of the camp were accomplished by means of bob-sleds or on horseback. Upon returning to Bozeman, Mr. Story said he felt better than he had at any time since he was brought home from Idaho. Indications are that he will continue to improve in health.

The Misses Maybell Olson, Bernice and Beryl Chatten spent the first of the week in Great Falls.

In order to fittingly celebrate his wedding, High Dults gave a dance at the Bird School house last Saturday night. The invited guests being Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Clarkson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Odenwald, Mr. and Mrs. John LaFevre, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall King, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Meagher, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Odenwald, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Burch, J. I. Burch and family and Mrs. Bennett. Lunch was served at midnight and an enjoyable time was had by all the guests.

## KILLING COYOTES IN DUTTON AREA

H. W. Natz, of North Dakota, who is visiting a brother near Dutton has been having considerable success in killing coyotes with a pack of wolf hounds, according to reports from that section reaching this office.

Mr. Natz will spend the winter with his brother, and he states that although there is no bounty upon the wolves or coyotes in Montana he is making fair pay on the sale of the hides. Neither are coyote hides as valuable as they were a few years ago, \$5 being a good price for a prime hide.

However, Mr. Natz and his wolf hounds clean up the coyotes in a hurry-up manner, and eight or ten of the animals in a day is not unusual hunting, 16 being killed near Dutton one day last week. Going to Great Falls with four of his nine wolf hounds in his wire and canvas covered hound house, Mr. Natz noted four coyotes a few miles north of Great Falls, unloosed the hounds—and in ten minutes the four coyotes were picked up for expenses of the trip.

The Ford car in which Mr. Natz travels has had the rear body removed and a wire cage such as dog catchers use, placed on it. The heavy wire is covered with canvas and made comfortable inside for the dogs and when traveling nine hounds are carried in the crate. When hunting three or four of the dogs are carried, each set taking turns at the work.

On the prairie the canvas sides of the crate are rolled up, the rear door unattached, and the hounds take observations, their eyes being able to sight a wolf or coyote a great distance. When the animal is sighted, Mr. Natz starts for him in the jitney, and the hounds wait until he slackens up and hit the ground running. The prey is overtaken within a short distance, and killed as he plunges through the air.

Mr. Natz has large hounds, being mostly stag and grey hound cross, with a mixture of bull in one or two of them. He does not use the Russian wolf hound, as he says they are a failure so far as hunting in concerned, being too large and tender and at the same time not so fast as his mixed grey breed. The hounds are blue, liver and white, and of different colors, looking mongrel, except for their size and evident ability to split the wind.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens State Bank of Choteau will be held at the banking rooms on Tuesday, January 8th, 1924, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the election of a board of directors and other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JAMES, ECKFORD, President.

## 150,000 LOST LAND IN LAST 3 YEARS

FORECLOSURES OR BANKRUPTCIES HAVE REDUCED THE OWNERS, SAYS REPORT

Washington, Dec. 25.—More than 150,000 owners of farms in 20 of the principal agricultural states have lost their land and homes through foreclosure or bankruptcy in the last three years, according to an estimate based on official statistics compiled by the department of agriculture. Farmers were 14 per cent of all the bankrupts in the country in 1922, as against only 5 per cent in the years before the war, the department says.

In some states where in the years prior to 1914 farmers were only 7 per cent of those formally adjudged bankrupt, they had become nearly 20 per cent of all such cases in 1922. The percentage of tenant farmers who lost their homes through foreclosure or bankruptcy was higher than that of owners.

Speaking of this condition of bankruptcy among agricultural producers, Secretary Wallace, in his annual report says:

"It was found that of the owner farmers in 15 corn and wheat producing states on an average of over four per cent had lost their farms through foreclosure or bankruptcy, while 4.5 per cent had turned over their farms to creditors without legal process, making a total of 8.5 per cent who had lost their farms. In addition more than 15 per cent were in fact bankrupt, but were holding on through leniency of their creditors. Considered by groups of states the percentage of owner farmers who lost their land since 1920 was found to be as follows: for east, north central states, nearly six per cent, for seven west north central states, over nine per cent, and for three mountain states, nearly 20 per cent."

Counting four persons to a family the number of persons affected by these bankruptcies and left in serious straits if not in poverty is approximately 700,000.

Heavy taxation is offered by Secretary Wallace as one reason for the depression of the last three years. He estimates that the property taxes and interest paid by the farmers of the country increased from \$1,457,000,000 to \$1,749,000,000 in 1922. This is a raise of 20 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Connor entertained at cards last Saturday evening in honor of the 80th birthday of S. A. McPhee. C. H. Porter received the gent's first prize, while W. D. Jones received the consolation. Mrs. Malcolm won the ladies' first prize and Mrs. C. H. McGarrett the consolation.

Miss Aagot Lian, former county nurse, spent Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Crary. Miss Lian is now living in Dillon.

### Statement of Condition of

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business September 14, 1923

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks	Deposits
87,215.14	244,977.73
County warrants, real estate, etc.	Capital and surplus
27,198.42	60,000.00
Loans and discounts	
190,564.17	
304,977.73	304,977.73



## A Noble Ambition

The ambition of this institution is to justify the confidence of its customers, to be trusted because of its good judgment, its faithful observance of duty and its financial responsibility.

Conferences with the officers of this bank are cheerfully given to those who desire seasoned and well-reasoned advice.

## Citizens State Bank CHOTEAU, MONTANA

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$65,000.00