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## CONGRESS LEAVITT GIVES OPINION ON BURTNES BILL

Washington, January 2.—The Coulter plan to further diversified farming in northwestern states, which is embodied in a bill introduced last month by Representative Burtneß of North Dakota, is not intended to take the place of the Montana Export Corporation proposal to increase the price of wheat, according to Congressman Scott Leavitt, who favors both measures. He was the Montana member of the house of representatives committee that drafted the Burtneß bill, and he has expressed his willingness to introduce the export corporation bill, and work for its enactment into law.

There is a sentiment among members of congress, according to Mr. Leavitt, against continued emergency legislation. It is his opinion that the Coulter plan, which is intended to provide means for further diversified agricultural activity in the wheat growing states, strengthens the chances of passage of the export corporation measure. This is based on the idea that the Coulter plan provides a permanent prosperity.

The Burtneß bill has been referred to the house committee on agriculture.

## JOHNSON PRIMED TO TEAR OFF LID OF OHIO POLITICS

Cleveland, Jan. 3.—The first gun in his battle to wrest Ohio from the "Orthodox Republicans" and President Coolidge will be fired here tonight by Senator Hiram W. Johnson in an address at Masonic temple. Forcing issues, his friends say, will have only a minor part in the speech. "He is going to tear off the lid," according to his secretary, Roy A. Burr, who arrived here yesterday to make preliminary arrangements for Mr. Johnson's visit. "We realize we have a very hard fight in Ohio, but we are used to hard fighting."

## IN BANKRUPTCY NOTICE

This is to give notice: That in the District Court of the United States for the District of Montana, W. L. Barrett of Choteau, Teton County, Montana, has been duly adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, that the payment of any debts or the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him is forbidden by law; that the first meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, for the purpose of filing and proving claims, to choose one or more trustees of his estate, for the examination of the bankrupt under oath, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden before A. H. Gray, Referee in Bankruptcy, Room 1, Dunn Block, Great Falls, Montana, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 27th day of December, A. D. 1923.  
A. H. GRAY, Referee.

## HARRY K. THAW TO SEEK FREEDOM

New York, Jan. 2.—Counsel for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White and since 1917 confined in Kirkbride's asylum in Philadelphia, are seeking to have him adjudged legally competent, says a copyright story from Philadelphia appearing today in the New York Sun.

If free, Thaw's counsel hope to obtain for him restoration of his personal fortune now estimated at nearly a million dollars, according to the story. Then he would proceed to New York and surrender there to face charges of having beaten a bi-chargées of which his counsel hope to clear him.

Find Grounds for Rumor  
The Sun states that after a three day investigation of rumors current for months that Thaw planned to seek his liberty it was able to confirm the report "from impeccable sources" and outlines the legal battle by which his counsel hopes to obtain his liberty.

Thaw stands accused here of having lured Frederick Gump, Jr., son of a Kansas City manufacturer, to a New York hotel and having beaten his naked body with a whip after having locked the boy in a room.

## CAUSE OF SUSPICION

Whenever we get a communication which begins, "Your name has been given to us as one of the prominent citizens of your community," we read just that far. There is always a coupon at the bottom.

## ANNUAL MEETING

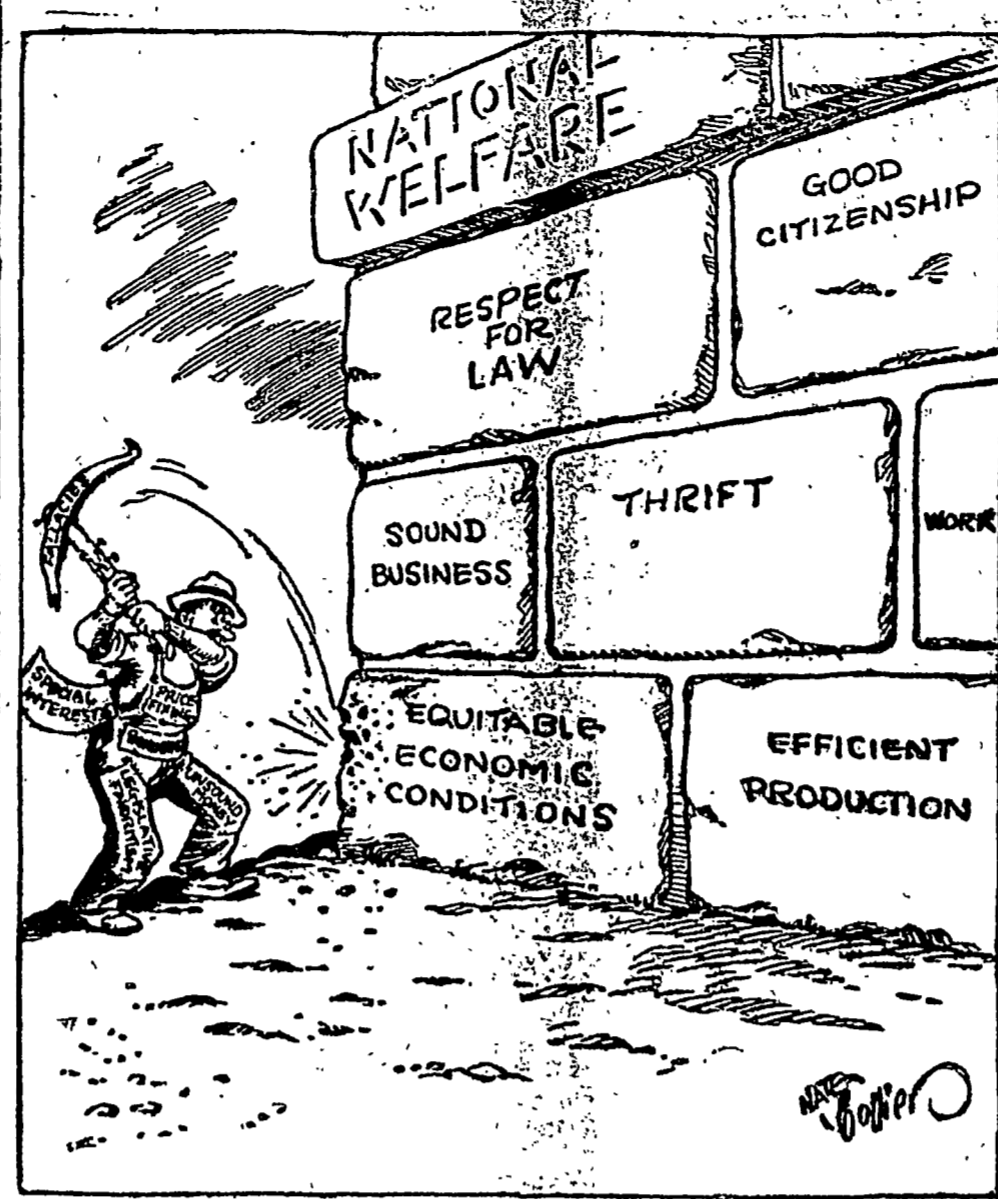
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Teton County Colonization Company, will be held at the company's office on February 4, 1924, at 7:30 p. m. for the election of a board of directors and other business as may properly come before said meeting.

T. A. MEAGHER, President.

## IN BANKRUPTCY NOTICE

This is to give notice, that in the District Court of the United States for the District of Montana, Elmer E. Rowland, of Bynum, Teton County, Montana, has been duly adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition, that the payment of any debts or the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him is forbidden by law; that the first meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, for the purpose of filing and proving claims, and to choose one or more trustees, for examining the bankrupt under oath, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden before A. H. Gray, Referee in Bankruptcy, Room 1, Dunn Block, Great Falls, Montana, on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Dated this 3rd day of January, a. D., 1924.  
A. H. GRAY, Referee.



THE COMMON ENEMY

## Arrest Many On Charges of Violation of The Liquar Law

Monday afternoon Sheriff Reiquam and Deputy Streeter, armed with a search warrant, entered the soft drink parlor of H. C. Peters, in this city, and, after going to one of the back rooms, found some illicit liquor. They confiscated same as evidence and placed Mr. Peters under arrest and closed his place of business. Mr. Peters gave bond and is now at liberty.

At the same time the sheriff's force was in the Peter's place, County Attorney Foot and B. E. Boyer searched the Choteau House hotel, but were unable to find any trace of liquor on the premises, although they did find L. H. Thompson behind the hotel with some "moon" in a small handbag. They arrested Mr. Thompson but he was admitted to bail.

A search was also made of the Beaupre Hotel, but nothing was se-

ctured. Tuesday the sheriff, accompanied by Boyer, went to Bynum and placed D. Stewart under arrest, charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor. No search was made of his place of business. Mr. Stewart was successfully giving bonds.

J. M. Weaver was also arrested on Tuesday, charged with selling intoxicating liquor.

Clyde Kraber and Leslie Gray were the next ones arrested on liquor charges and both furnished bonds.

It is reported that warrants are out for a number of others in different parts of the county, and more arrests are looked for.

Evidence in all of the above cases was secured by B. E. Boyer, who has a homestead west of town. It is reported that he is now a member of the sheriff's force.

## NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Geo. Wright returned Monday from Geraldine, where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. Henry Gemar, who has been seriously ill with an attack of asthma, is reported much better at the present writing.

Jim Barnes left for Pendroy Tuesday, where he will spend several days on business.

Misses Clara Pearson and Ella Pearson were visitors of friends in Choteau the latter part of the week.

Miss Edythe Nyberg of Choteau was an Agawam visitor between trains on New Year's day.

Ruby Barnes, who has been confined to her home with a cold, is able to be about again.

Miss Magda Wagnild of Dutton, Mont., was the guest at her brother Otto's home here on New Year's day.

John Gerich returned from Great Falls Wednesday where he spent the Christmas vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. Val. Gerich.

Wilda Simons, Orville Simons, William Moser, Ralph Wright, Arthur Pearsch and Frank Kramer returned to Choteau Tuesday to resume their studies at the Teton high school.

## MORE COURTESY NEEDED

The old question of hospitality and courtesy should enter the present day life more than they do, we think. It used to be against good taste to become a man's guest and then criticize his hospitality one received. It is such a pity that this has gone out of fashion.

## GOOD ROADS

Mud stalls the horse. Grade cuts down his load. Mud stalls the truck. Grade cuts down its speed. "Load" and "speed" are both synonymous for "profit." Good roads, proper grades, quick, sure, heavy hauling at low cost—that's the answer to the farmer's need of some way to make his business pay better. When the farmers of the United States unitedly say that they must have good roads everywhere, they will get them.

## PEOPLE'S CREED

People are real greedy. Just as read about the poultry saving the country along comes some fellow who wishes to make the hens lay two eggs a day. The next thing will be to insist on grease enough to fry them in.

The following item of news was received too late for last week's issue: Mrs. J. A. Monkman entertained at a five o'clock dinner on Thursday in honor of her brothers, Carl and Louis Vigen, who are leaving after the first of the year on an extended trip in and through Canada. Covers were laid for Misses Grace, Florence and Olive Talifson, Messrs Carl Vigen, Louis Vigen, Arlie Talifson, Ted Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vigen and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Monkman.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking our many friends and neighbors, the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges of Choteau and Great Falls and the W. G. W. for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MARY B. deYONG  
JOE deYONG

## FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Large quantities of young Douglas fir Christmas trees are reported to have been shipped from Oregon this year to California and Hawaii. Oregon's firs will help us to make it seem like Christmas in balmy Honolulu. In the United States 5 million Christmas trees are used each year, and in the eastern states with their relative dense population, trees suitable for use at Christmas are becoming scarce. This year the New England crop was shut off on account of a quarantine against the spread of a gipsy moth. On the Atlantic coast it is reported that it is becoming profitable to grow Christmas trees. Some day we may come to that in the northwest.

Does the age long custom of cutting Christmas trees at the holiday season constitute a wasteful use of forest material? This is a question often asked of government and state officials. In December of each year the U. S. forest service received letters protesting against the cutting of young trees for this purpose. It is usually pointed out that several million trees are used each year which, if left to grow to maturity, would produce a considerable quantity of lumber, and the question is asked if it is not, therefore, an economic waste to use them as Christmas trees?

The forest service believes that this use of young trees is entirely justified. To what higher use can trees be put than by bringing joy and happiness to little children?

The greatest caution, however, should be urged against the indiscriminate cutting of trees with no regard to the number or condition of those left. Nature is often very bounteous in the number of young trees which spring up on old cut-over areas or burns. Frequently there are so many that growth is retarded. Under such conditions, it is a well recognized principle of forestry practice that a portion of the trees should be removed to afford room for the remainder to make their best growth. In stands of young second growth of this kind, the cutting of Christmas trees can be made to serve as an actual benefit if made in the nature of a thinning rather than a clean cutting.

On land which will soon be put to some other use than growing timber, such as farming or settlement, the

## 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.

## UNCLE SAM CALLS HIS SEA FIGHTERS OUT FOR PRACTICE

Washington, Jan. 2.—from points points on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts more than 100 ships set out today for the Caribbean to form the greatest armada ever assembled under the American flag in the navy's winter maneuvers at Panama, with them going more than 3,000 miles from Quantico, Va., and 87 airplanes.

The fleet, which is commanded by Admiral Robert E. Coontz will comprise, when gathered in the southern waters 15 battleships, four light cruisers, 63 destroyers, 11 submarines, one airplane carrier, one airplane tender, four destroyer tenders, three submarine tenders, five mine layers, two transports and 33 train vessels.

The marines, who have been preparing for the expedition for more than a month, will participate in the maneuvers in Panama and on Culebra Island, getting their first tryout under war conditions in their role of an accompanying landing force with the nation's fleet. They are under the command of Brigadier General Eli K. Cole.

## MONTANA'S JUDGE BIGGEST PUZZLE COOLIDGE FACES

Appointment of an additional judge for the district of Montana is expected shortly.

President Coolidge conferred with O. H. P. Shelly, republican national committeeman from Montana Wednesday, regarding the appointment, which has been one of the most difficult with which he has had to deal because of the numerous recommendations presented. Shelly has been urging the selection of S. C. Ford; of Helena.

situation is different. On such land trees will probably be cut before reaching maturity in any event, and it is probable that their value when cut for Christmas trees is greater than at any subsequent period. Under these conditions, it is not of much importance whether all or only part are cut.

Automobiles and good roads are contributing heavily to the despoiling of shrubbery along our routes of travel. It has become the practice for people to drive out and cut their own Christmas trees, and this is often done without proper regard for growth of trees along the roadways. Select and cut only the trees you are sure will be used, and in doing this go back some distance from the road and take trees that do not contribute to the scenery along the way. Take them from dense thickets rather than from places where unsightly openings would be left.

Statement of Condition of

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks .....128,753.57	Deposits .....292,793.31
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 30,360.53	Surplus and undivided profits .....10,854.29
County warrants, real estate, etc. ....25,433.17	Capital stock .....50,000.00
Loans and discounts .....169,100.33	
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MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

## 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