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FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Ranger W. E. Fry returned Monday from a two week's vacation with his relatives in Chicago.

The Augusta Livestock Association held its annual meeting in Augusta on Wednesday. Forest officers W. E. Fry and W. M. Rush attended.

E. H. Myrick left Choteau Tuesday for a month's detail to the district office in Missoula.

The annual report of the chief forester shows that the total receipts of the forest service for the year 1923 from grazing, timber and other sources to be \$5,335,818.00 and the total cost of administration including planting, permanent improvements and all investigative and scientific work was \$6,595,302.00. Of the receipts the states in which the forests are located received 25 per cent for the school fund, and 10 per cent is expended on the upkeep of county and state roads within the forest.

157,238,807 acres in 148 forests comprise the national forests, which is about 33.4 per cent of the total forest land in the United States.

At the Royal Theatre on January 12 and 13 will be shown the following forest service motion picture films:

KING SNOW HOLDS COURT

(One Reel)

Each year at Gorham, New Hampshire is held a winter carnival which is becoming widely popular and better known. This film shows the winter sports indulged in such as skiing, fancy skating and ski jumping. The pictures of the last are exceptionally good, being quite sensational in character.

PINES THAT COME BACK

(One Reel)

One of the big problems before the country at the present time is the utilization of waste lands not suitable for agriculture. This reel shows how timber will give a profitable return on farm lands not suitable for farm crops. It illustrates good forestry practices, and shows the uses of timber.

Alice Lake, whose Metro pictures have provided her chiefly with dramatic roles, appears in her latest photoplay, "KISSES," in a comery drama and thus returns—at least part of the way—to the medium in which she made her screen debut. It will be recalled that Miss Lake first came to prominence as a comedienne in Mack Sennett pictures. "Kisses" will be seen Monday and Tuesday at the Royal Theatre. Leather Pushers will also be shown.

EVERGLADES SHOWN IN PICTURES

The Everglades of Florida furnish background for much of the action in the Paramount picture, "Fog Bound" starring Dorothy Dalton, which comes to the Royal Theatre next Sunday. This is an Irvin Willat production, a fast-moving melodrama with Miss Dalton in her finest role. David Powell is leading man, and the supporting cast is unusually competent. Don't miss this feature.

CONDITION OF FARMER IMPROVES

Washington, Jan. 8.—The economic condition of the farmer has improved considerably, according to the committee on statistics of the chamber of commerce of the United States and his outlook for 1924 is even more hopeful.

The committee, in a semi-annual review of business conditions, attributes the agricultural improvement chiefly to the diminished spread between prices for farm products and for manufactured articles. This has been brought about to a large extent it says, through co-operative marketing and better opportunities for financing with the "general liquidation" of obligations, "wherever returns from crops permit," and expected reductions in acreage this spring with a consequent adjustment of supply and demand.

Building and construction is described in the report as showing unusual activity for the season, and, since it is progress "almost entirely in the cities," the committee finds "it is one of the many evidences," of the "momentous and significant rate at which the country is losing population to the cities."

Although the output of automobiles "continues at an enormous rate," a slowing down in this and in the building industry is predicted as the year advances, "due generally to a potential capacity of output which overtops any immediate likelihood of demand, especially at this season of the year," and the "general conservatism in buying which prevades all classes."

"Upon the whole," the report states "the situation is healthy and sound, with a strongly strong evidence in"

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.

DOUGLAS MacLEAN ACTS BELL BOY TO LEARN PART

Douglas MacLean, who plays the title role in Thomas H. Ince's hilarious comedy farce "Bell Boy 13," now running at the Royal Theatre, served for several days on the "mourner's bench" of the bell hops in a big San Francisco hotel to learn the art of bell-boying.

Along with tips and a line of funny experiences that he claims are among the choicest of his career, he collected some novel comedy business that he uses with telling effect before the cameras.

A number of the women patrons "fell" for the good looking chap wearing brass buttons and a number "13," and MacLean declares that when the movies are through with him he is going to bell-hopping.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Patty Ann Cain left school Friday. Three new children entered the first grade Monday.

John Greene, James Staples and Edwin Butcher have been absent from school on account of sickness.

Gotch Jacobs is absent from school on account of sickness.

A social meeting of the Parents Teachers was held Monday evening at the high school, refreshments were served after the meeting.

Examinations and book reports are being given this week.

Jesse Innes entered the seventh grade Monday.

Frank Gordon from district No. 20 and John Conquergood from Pendroy entered the eighth grade last week.

RUSSIAN WHEAT

The federal department of agriculture reports that Russia has set up the machinery for resuming the exportation of grain. The marketable amount of foodstuffs which can be sold abroad this year is small, but by next year it may be large enough to reduce the European purchases of American, Canadian and Argentine wheat by millions of bushels. In connection with this report it is perhaps interesting to recall that certain members of congress demanded the recognition of Russia as an aid in disposing of the surplus wheat production of the United States.

The only wheat that Russia at any time was likely to take from us was gift wheat. The moment Russian agriculture was restored it was bound to become a competitor of the American farmers.

Al. Udin of Fairfield was a business caller in Choteau Monday.

BANKER-FARMER MEETING NOTES

A conference of bankers and farmers of the Fifth Federal Reserve District held recently at Raleigh, North Carolina, under the auspices of the American Bankers Association Agricultural Commission, adopted the following principles:

"In order to encourage and promote a safe, sane and constructive system of farm practices, the Banker and Farmer Conference of the Fifth Federal Reserve District would make the following recommendations with reference to the activities of farmers and bankers on which to concentrate efforts during the coming year:

"1. Encouragement of loans by bankers to bright and deserving young men and young women who wish to go to college to study agriculture and home economics.

"2. Promote in a rational and conservative way the economic increase in the productivity of the soils of the district so that a larger unit of crop production may be secured. Small unit yields of necessity are expensive while moderate to large yields of crops are generally the cheapest. Larger yields per acre coupled with a reduction in the acreage, when advisable, should and usually will be more profitable and when handled properly will not lead to an over-production.

"3. Encouragement of a proper system of diversified farming in which farmers will grow as far as practical all the food and feed crops necessary for feeding the family and livestock of the farm, and to keep on the farms the requisite kinds and amounts of livestock best to meet the economic needs of farming.

"4. To formulate and put in motion definite plans for carrying out this program, it is urged that the Agricultural College of the District put a county agent in every county and that a banker-farmer conference be called to meet early in the fall at the agricultural college of each State."

NATION'S SAVINGS PLANT TRIPLED

Savings banks and banks having distinct savings departments, not counting branches, have grown in numbers in the United States from 5,376 in 1912 to 16,709 in 1922 or an increase of about 210 per cent in ten years, says the Savings Bank Division of the American Bankers Association. Savings deposits, it is pointed out, now comprise about one-half of all bank deposits of every description.

DR. LANDSTRUM COMMITTEEMAN

Montana republicans had an old fashioned political field day at the meeting of the state central committee held in Helena Tuesday for the purpose of electing a member of the national republican committee from this state, which election resulted in the selection of Dr. O. M. Landstrum of Helena.

Both President Coolidge and Governor Joseph M. Dixon were endorsed for re-election in resolutions adopted at the meeting. Representatives of the 55 counties of Montana subscribing to the resolutions.

President Coolidge was endorsed because of his statesmanship and ability to lead the nation wisely and well, and Governor Dixon was endorsed for re-election for the special reason that his has been an administration for the whole people of Montana, characterized by economy and efficiency.

The resolutions: "We, the Montana State Central committee, assembled at Helena, Montana, this eighth day of January, 1924, do hereby resolve:

"That we endorse with pride the sanity and statesmanship of our President, Calvin Coolidge. We have confidence in his ability to lead this nation wisely and well. We endorse the past administration of our Governor, Jos. M. Dixon, for the special reason that it has been an administration for the whole people of Montana, characterized by economy and efficiency. We endorse both of these men for re-election.

"Therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our president, Calvin Coolidge, and also to our governor Jos. M. Dixon.

WHAT ADVERTISING DOES

America has the best life on this earth because it has the best advertised life, says Colonel W. G. Edens of the Public Relations Commission, American Bankers Association. He goes on: "American health is the best in the world because American people are best informed in the ways and habits of health, largely through advertising. American business is the largest and most successful in the world because it uses advertising the most. American business men enlarge their business institutions in proportion as they advertise them. American buyers become more shrewd in spending their money in proportion as they read advertisements.

"The press of the United States is regarded by many as the most powerful of our institutions. It must be numbered with the schools, and the churches as one of the trinity of most powerful creators of knowledge and patriotism.

"Advertising is what it is today largely because of the power and success of the daily paper. Nevertheless, it is true that the daily paper is as successful as it is today because of advertising.

"The banking business has been benefited largely by advertising within the last dozen or fifteen years. Banking institutions have done more advertising than ever before. They have installed advertising departments which acquaint their communities with facts formerly regarded in the light of institutional secrets. The banker publishes facts which build up confidence in his institution.

"The result has been that millions of people who formerly would not place their money in the care of bankers, but who hoarded it at home, entrusted it to friends, or invested it in wildcat speculations, now regard the bank as the safest place in the world. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been brought from their hiding places and placed in circulation, much to the advance of America and American institutions, as well as American business. Newspaper advertising has done more for American banks in the last dozen years than any other single agency."

TRUST COMPANY GROWTH

Nearly fourteen and one-half billions of dollars are the total present resources of trust companies in the United States. Institutions reporting number 2,478, as compared with 2,372 a year ago. The actual figures for the year ending June 30 last are \$14,441,500,000 resources, as compared with \$12,739,000,000 in 1922, representing a gain of \$1,702,500,000.

NO ARMS FOR THE MEXICANS

Washington, Jan. 7.—The United States has declared an arms embargo to prevent purchase of war materials in this country by the Mexican revolutionists.

A proclamation putting the embargo into effect was signed late today by President Coolidge.

The action was decided on after a series of conferences between the president and officials of the several departments interested. It is the second act of the American government within a few days to back up the fortunes of the Obregon government at Mexico City and follows out the policy adopted when it was decided to sell the Obregon authorities a quantity of United States war material.

The embargo follows in general the lines of that which was in force during the last preceding revolutionary period in Mexico.

NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Hector Cooper arrived home Friday from a business trip to Great Falls and points west.

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

W. T. O'Donnell, Milwaukee Road Master, with headquarters in Great Falls was here on business Wednesday.

P. J. Reed has purchased a new Maxwell club sedan, through the local dealer, A. M. Rongstad.

Geo. Wright was attending to business affairs in Choteau on Saturday. Henry Roucher and bride returned from their honeymoon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gunther left upon a business trip to Great Falls on Tuesday.

J. F. Babcock of the Montana Elevator Co., with headquarters at Lewistown, was in town on company business the first of the week.

EASTERN STAR INSTALL

The local lodge of Eastern Star installed the following officers at their regular meeting:

W. M.—Ethythe Saylor

W. P.—Stanley Foot

A. M.—Frances Rosengren

Secretary—Florence Meadows

Treasurer—Eva McDonald

Conductress—Ada Truchot

A. C.—Ella Mellon

The W. C. T. U. state president will give an address on "To Have and to Hold" at the M. E. church, Sunday evening, January 13. A small silver offering will be taken.

GIBBONS WILL MEET DEMPSEY

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Champion Jack Dempsey has agreed to meet Tommy Gibbons in a return match, James C. Mullen, Chicago promoter, announced here today. The place and date of the bout have not been decided, but Mr. Mullen said Cleveland and Louisville were anxious for it.

Dempsey Confirms.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 7.—Jack Dempsey admitted today that a match was pending between himself and Tommy Gibbons, but declared any official announcement would have to come from Jack Kearns, his manager. There have been several telegrams exchanged between them since his arrival and Jack has agreed to meet the challenger at terms agreeable to Kearns.

Kearns Denies Agreement

New York, Jan. 7.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, today denied that he had made any agreement with James C. Mullen, Chicago promoter, for a match between the heavyweight title holder and Tommy Gibbons. Kearns said he had been approached by Mullen several weeks ago but had received no definite proposition.

COUNTY AGENTS NEWS NOTES

The December just passed has been an especially warm one as compared with 1921 and 1922 according to the report given by the co-operative observer, Robert Clarkson.

In 1921 the mean temperature for the month was 23.67, 1922 it was 27.82. 1923 also shows the highest and lowest temperatures of the three years, having a maximum of 60 and minimum of -38. In 1921 the maximum was 57 and 1922 58. The minimum in 1921 was -24 and 1922 was -34.

1921 had 10 days below zero. 1922 had 14 days below zero. 1923 had 3 days below zero. 1921 had 10 clear days, 12 partly cloudy and 9 cloudy.

1922 had 15 clear days, 4 partly cloudy and 12 cloudy. 1923 had 21 clear days, 5 partly cloudy and 5 cloudy.

Weather for December, 1923
Mean maximum 40.77
Mean minimum, 14.87
Mean, 27.82
Maximum, 60 on the 16th.
Minimum, -38 on the 31st.
Precipitation, .43 inches.
Snow fall, 8.3 inches.

Leap Year Social to be given by the Epworth League Saturday, January 12. All girls invited to bring escorts.

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	Deposits
128,763.57	292,793.31
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 30,360.53	Surplus and undivided profits
County warrants, real estate, etc.	10,854.29
25,433.17	Capital stock
Loans and discounts	50,000.00
169,100.33	
353,647.60	353,647.60



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