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CHARLES N. PRAY FEDERAL JUDGE

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Coolidge after weeks of consideration disposed of two of the four additional judgeship appointments by sending to the senate today the nomination of Charles N. Pray to be federal judge for the eastern district of Missouri and Charles N. Pray of Great Falls to be judge for the district of Montana.

INTERESTING CAREER

Charles N. Pray, who for three successive terms was Montana's lone congressman, has had an interesting career. He was born at Pottsdam, N. Y., in 1869, the son of John R. Pray and Julia A. Sweet Pray. His an-



cestors on both sides were soldiers in the Revolution. His parents died when he was young.

As a boy he played on the shores of Lake Champlain, and as he grew up he became an expert boatman. In 1888 he was graduated from Middlebury college in Vermont. His athletic ability made him pitcher of the college baseball team. Then young Pray went to Chicago where he was a reporter on a newspaper making many notable friendships, among them Eugene Field, the poet and Tracy Drake, hotel owner. In Chicago he attended law school while he continued his newspaper work and was graduated from the Chicago College of Law in 1891. He practiced law in Chicago from 1898 to 1895.

To State in 1896

In 1896 Mr. Pray came to Fort Benton, entering a law firm with Colonel Donnelly. Then in 1898 he was elected county attorney of Choteau county, holding the position four terms and making an unusual record. June 30, 1901, Miss Edith Wackerlin of Fort Benton became his bride.

Montana elected Charles N. Pray to congress in 1906 and re-elected him in 1908 and 1910. In 1912 he was party nominee for re-election, but that was the Bull Moose year when the republicans lost all along the line.

Returning to private life, Mr. Pray, and L. L. Callaway, now chief justice of the Montana supreme court, formed a law partnership in Great Falls which continued until Chief Justice Callaway was elected to the supreme bench. In 1916 Mr. Pray was the nominee for United States senator.

COOLIDGE ASKS MORE ECONOMY

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Coolidge added to new planks to the administration's platform of government economy today in an address at the semi-annual meeting of federal executive officers comprising the government's business organization. He will permit no expansion hereafter of the system of federal subsidies to state governments and will contenance no incurring obligations by federal agencies in excess of their annual appropriations except in extreme circumstances.

The president, who, with Director Lord of the budget bureau, reviewed the administration's management of the government's affairs since the meeting last June, touching only lightly on the tax question, pointing merely to the relationship existing between economy in federal expenditures and the resultant decrease in revenues required. He told the thousand or more officials that to increase the tax burden was to disregard general welfare and held up tax reduction as the means of enlarging "the reward of everyone who toils."

There can be no deviation from the economy program, Mr. Coolidge asserted, and he called upon all spending agencies of the government to increase their efficiency and curb the outgo at every turn.

ALICE BRAD'S LATEST PICTURE IS "THE SNOW BRIDE"

Alice Brady's latest Paramount picture, "The Snow Bride," which will be presented at the Royal theater next Sunday is a story of Canada, but there isn't a mounted policeman in it. The story is of a fur trader and the north and the love of a fur buyer's daughter for a young and intrepid sheriff. It affords Miss Brady an excellent opportunity for a new screen character.

One of the thrills in this picture is a mountain snow-slide, actually photographed, which buries most of the little Canadian village where most of the action of the story takes place.

Miss Brady is surrounded by an excellent cast, including "Lefty" Flynn, Mario Majeroni, Nick Thompson, Jack Baston, Stephen Gratton, W. M. Cavanaugh and Margaret Morgan. Henry Kolker directed and George Webber photographed the picture.

Leavitt Last Minute O. K.

After President Coolidge had nominated Charles N. Pray of Great Falls to become federal judge of the new district of Montana, the announcement was made that a last minute endorsement of Congressman Leavitt in favor of his fellow townsman had been given and it was indicated that this had considerable to do with the final decision of the president who has had the Montana appointment under consideration for a number of weeks. It is declared here the Montana judgeship has been one of the most difficult questions that has confronted President Coolidge since he assumed office.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Bud McNeal, our Teton delegate to the vocational congress at Bozeman, has returned and we expect an interesting report. Vernon Best, Miles Standish and John Salmund were sent as the stock judging team. Out of the 175 teams represented, ours took 9th place. They scored 815 points out of a possible 900. The boys left a week ago last Saturday and returned last Friday.

There were no basket ball games last week, but the team will be away next week for four games.

The high school teachers went to Great Falls last week to see the play "The Cat and the Canary."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YOUNG OLD TIMERS

The annual gathering of the "Sons and Daughters of Teton's Oldest Settlers" will take place at the K. of P. hall on the evening of Friday, February 22.

The officers and executive committee have been working hard for the past week or more getting things in readiness. It is their desire that they have the names and addresses of all who are eligible for membership, and whose names are not on the membership list. With this end in view, they have requested that we publish the requirements, which are as follows:

All persons over 18 years of age who is a son or daughter of a member of Teton's Oldest Settlers.

Persons knowing themselves to be qualified will send in their names to Mrs. Lee Brown, Choteau, as soon as possible.

The following committees have been appointed to act on the evening of the dance:

Floor Committee—J. E. Hodgskiss, Earl Yeager and Jesse Gleason.

Door Committee—V. M. Steele, Mrs. Lella Ashworth and Richard M. Trescott.

GOVERNMENT TRAPPER DEAD

Harvey Price, a government trapper, died last Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis which he suffered December 28, while out trapping about 7 miles north of Choteau. He leaves a wife and three children who reside at Gilman, Montana. The deceased was 46 years of age at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the C. H. Connor undetracking parlors. Rev. R. E. Culbertson officiating. Interment was made in the Choteau cemetery.

A truly excellent picture has Marshall Neilan created, Consider the characters. Minnie, a Cinderella of the Sink, so homely that she writes love letters because no one else will—and in the end she has to live them all.

Horace, the forgetful reporter, who sees a pinched faced girl claim the body of a crook and goes out on the "World's greatest human interest story." He gets it—but to use it will break the heart that cannot stand any more pain. He tries to forget it, but fails. Leatrice Joy is Minnie; Matt Moore, the reporter. Surrounding them in action alive with the Neilan genius are Helen Lynch, Josephine Crowell, George Barnum and Raymond Griffith, who played Tony the gang leader in "Fools First." And they are characters—not caricatures. The National Board of Review has listed "Minnie" among the exceptional photoplays. No wonder! It is the special for Friday and Saturday at the Royal Theatre.

The Great Northern train from Pendroy was wrecked this (Friday) morning by the spreading of the rails. Several cars were derailed. A crew from Great Falls brought up a wrecking train and are busy clearing the tracks at the present time.

OLDEST SETTLERS NAME COMMITTEE

The annual gathering and banquet of Teton's Oldest Settlers will be held on Friday, February 15, 1924. The executive committee have appointed the following committees to serve on that evening:

Reception Committee

Mrs. A. C. Burbank, Mrs. Klockler, Mrs. J. W. Ward, Mrs. C. H. Connor, Mrs. J. Daggett, Mrs. Ed. Bailey, Mrs. Halladay, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Chas. Crane, Mrs. E. D. Forrest, Mrs. Joe Baird, Mrs. C. S. McDonald, Mrs. H. Radcliffe and Mrs. J. E. Cashman.

Door Committee

Rasmus Fugelli, Henry Radcliffe and John W. Ward.

Music Committee

James Sulgrove, chairman, Mrs. W. W. Cole, Mrs. J. E. Cashman.

Floor Managers

Jas. Sulgrove, Fred Perry, H. J. Loomis, C. J. Smith and E. D. Forrest.

Serving Committee

Mrs. Lucy Dennis, Mrs. Henry Radcliffe and Mrs. Mary Bair, chairmen, assisted by Mesdames Fred Perry, Carlson, Drinkwine, Gibson, Sulgrove, Burns, Geo. Porter, J. C. Taylor, H. T. Rhoads, Rudolph, Lucy McNeal, C. J. Smith, Humble.

Qualifications for Membership

21 years of age or over when you became a resident of Teton County and have resided in said county 21 years prior to January 1, 1923.

And all persons over 52 years of age and in Montana 30 years, including a residence of 10 years in Teton county, prior to Jan. 1, 1923, may apply for membership. Meeting Feb. 15th, 1924.

Send applications to Jennie M. Green, secretary, Choteau, Montana.

MRS. DORNBLAZER DIES

Mary Ann Dornblazer, daughter of James and Louinda Anderson, born in Ohio, February 14, 1849, died Sunday, January 28th, 1924, at the home of her son in Choteau. The deceased was united in marriage to Joseph Dornblazer, June 30, 1870. To this union four children were born, two dying in infancy and one, Mrs. Lennie Morgan, died in 1902. Her husband died September 11, 1902. Since 1913 Mrs. Dornblazer has made her home with her son and an adopted daughter in Nebraska.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Ferguson of Buffalo, Okla., and Mrs. Hattie Jeffries, of Okmeo, Okla., and one brother, Charles Anderson of Illinois, and one son, Mark, of Choteau. She was a member of the M. E. church and also a member of the Eastern Star.

The services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 being conducted by Rev. Culbertson and the order of Eastern Star had charge at the cemetery.

SIX SENTENCED AT CONRAD

Six convictions resulted at a recent criminal term of court at Conrad. Five men getting jail sentences and fines, and one getting a sentence in the state prison on being convicted of the theft of some horses. He was granted a stay of execution pending motion for a new trial.

GREAT FALLS TO KEEP U. S. LAND OFFICE

The proposed closing of the U. S. land office at Great Falls, by consolidating it with the Helena office, has been staved off by the efforts of the register and receiver, the Great Falls commercial club and Congressman Scott Leavitt. Facts and figures were brought forth to show that the proposed policy of retrenchment is not justified, the receipts of the office being nearly up to the expenditures and the growing of the oil industry being such in relation to the public lands within such district that it would be an unwise policy to consolidate with the Helena office. It was originally proposed to eliminate both the Great Falls and Kalspell offices by consolidation with the office at Helena.

The Teton basket ball team defeated the Fort Shaw team by a score of 20 to 18 at the high school gymnasium Wednesday night.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Nine pupils were absent from the first grade this week: Jim Baker, Elizabeth Green, James Meagher and Joseph Cruze were absent from the second grade on account of sickness. Gotch Jacobs returned to school after one month's absence on account of rheumatism.

Mrs. Wypper is absent from the fourth grade. Miss Denison and Miss Swenson are teaching her pupils with Blanche Bennetson as an assistant.

The Eighth Grade Citizens League held a meeting last Friday afternoon and a delightful program was rendered.

Mrs. H. T. Rhoads and Mrs. J. T. Robison were pleasant visitors in the second grade room Wednesday morning.

NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Hector Cooper left for Choteau last Friday.

Ole Wagnild was in town visiting with his son, Otto, Saturday.

Jim Barnes returned to Pendroy Monday after spending Sunday with his family.

Jos. Lindseth arrived home Monday after a business trip to Brady and Great Falls.

Mrs. Otto Wagnild spent the first part of the week in Choteau visiting with friends.

Miss Ethel Nyberg came up from Choteau Wednesday to spend a few weeks with her mother.

Pete Cross of Lewistown was in town on Wednesday, calling on old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Morhart left upon a visit with relatives at Tuttle, N. D., on Wednesday.

Nick Garich, Wm. Breeding and N. Petri were among those on business in Choteau Saturday.

MRS. LEON FINDLAY DIES

Mrs. Leon Findlay wife of B. L. Findlay of Pendroy, died Wednesday morning at 9:35 o'clock at the Choteau Hospital from after effects of influenza, from which she had been suffering for some time.

Deceased was 38 years old at the time of her death and was the mother of seven children, all of whom survive. The oldest being 15 years and the youngest one only one month and one year. She leaves besides, her mother, four sisters and one brother all of whom reside in Michigan.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2 o'clock, Rev. Culbertson conducting the ceremony.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

The grazing fees on the national forests will not be increased until 1926 according to advice received here from the secretary of agriculture. Beginning with 1926 1/4 of the proposed increase will be added each year, thus bringing the full increase into effect in 1929. Ten year permits will be issued beginning with the season of 1926. These ten year permits should be of great benefit to the stockmen, as they will know exactly what they can depend on from year to year.

Applications will be approved for the season of 1924 for not to exceed 7,750 cattle and horses and 30,950 sheep. Periods and charges will be as follows:

Cattle—June 1 to October 15, 45c.
Horses—June 1 to October 15, 50c.
Cattle—June 16 to October 15, 40c.
Horses—June 16 to October 15, 50c.
Sheep and goats—July 1 to September 30, 8 1/4 c.

Applications will be received by the various forest rangers and at the supervisor's office for grazing privileges up to February 10.

Ranger Fry made a trip to Ear Mountain Tuesday to mark and scale saw logs for the Svanby sawmill.

Mr. Lloyd Thompson of the U. S. Biological Survey accompanied by a hunter with two lion dogs passed through Choteau Saturday on his way to the Sun River game preserve to start warfare against the predatory animals on this preserve. They will be assisted by Deputy Game Warden Bruce Neal, Forest Ranger Hendron and a state hunter. They will camp at Medicine Springs, Benchmark and Two Shacks, and after hunting lions for about a month they plan on trapping, hunting and poisoning coyotes for about another month.

This is the first active work against the predatory animals on the Game Preserves since its creation in 1913 and should result in a big increase in game in the next year or two.

DISTRICT COURT IS IN SESSION

Judge J. J. Greene held a session of district court Thursday and today for the purpose of arraigning those taken in a liquor raid a few weeks ago. The defendants who are H. C. Peters, Lewis Thompson, F. G. Underwood, Dutch St. Germain, Dunc Stewart, Leslie Gray, J. M. Weaver, Clyde Kraber and Erickson.

Pleas of not guilty were entered by all the defendants.

In the case of Lewis Thompson, the judge held that the search warrant was not served according to law and all the evidence secured by same be destroyed.

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks128,753.57	Deposits292,793.31
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 30,360.53	Surplus and undivided profits10,854.29
County warrants, real estate, etc.25,433.17	Capital stock50,000.00
Loans and discounts169,100.33	
353,647.60	353,647.60

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