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STRONG FOR COMMISSION

Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the Dakotas are organizing strong for the export commission plan, according to word received at the Lewistown headquarters of the league. And the corollary states are likewise supporting the league, as is evidenced by farm journals from the Mississippi valley.

According to H. E. Goldsworthy, secretary of the Washington Export Commission League, there is great enthusiasm in his state for the plan, as well as in Oregon.

"Mr. Wilmer and myself," he says, "attended a mass meeting in Oregon last Saturday. There were about seven hundred present and the plan went over with a bang."

"We hope," continues Mr. Goldsworthy, "to have a similar meeting in Idaho this coming Saturday."

Over two thousand petitions are being circulated in North Dakota urging a 60-cent duty on wheat, repeal of the drawback privilege and the establishment of a government export agency as provided in the bill recently introduced by Senator McNary of Oregon, and Representative Haugen of Iowa, according to officials of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' Association.

The situation in South Dakota is yet in the early stages of organization. Letters and telegrams from the South Dakota Wheat Growers' Association have asked that officials of the Montana Export Commission League be sent to South Dakota to help in the work there. At a recent meeting of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, it was arranged that a Montana speaker should address the convention, but at the last minute it was impossible for the speaker to attend from here. However, the South Dakota Wheat Growers' Association is proceeding with the organization of that branch of the export league, and doubtless will report good progress at an early date.

ANOTHER HAT IN THE RING

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—United States Senator James A. Reed is a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, Ed. Glenn of Louisiana, Mo., his 1922 primary campaign manager announced this afternoon. "The announcement followed a conference Reed held with a large number of friends and supporters. Reed did not make the announcement himself, and in an address merely said he was "in the hands of my friends."

The senator was careful to avoid any mention of his candidacy, and asserted he was interested in the selection of delegates to the national convention who were representative of the Democrats of Missouri, and would "reflect credit" on the state in the preparation of a platform and in the selection of a candidate.

JURY LIST FOR DISTRICT COURT

The following have been drawn as the jurymen for the term of court beginning Monday, February 4, 1924.

Geo. Dollemore, Bole
J. N. Robertson, Choteau
Haler Thomas Power
Alex Gilchrist, Dutton
B. G. Trescott, Choteau
Ole Grasdock, Fairfield
A. Bromeroe, Dutton
Jas. B. Connor, Farmington
John Howanach, Dutton
W. J. Watson, Choteau
Luke Keogh, Bole
Walter Wood, Bole
L. J. Otness, Farmington
E. J. Erickson, Bole
J. B. Olson, Fairfield
T. Ritzschke, Dutton
Hans O. Holm, Gilman
A. L. Berkland, Dutton
Jacob Bergh, Dutton
Peter Nasse, Fairfield
Ross H. Mayer, Collins
H. O. Kleiv, Gilman
W. B. Crittenden, Fairfield
Jas. LeDesky, Choteau
T. Goodwell, Dutton
J. B. Peterson, Choteau
J. F. Campbell, Dutton
E. A. Dolalie, Farmington
J. C. Morgan, Choteau
J. W. Butcher, Farmington
J. C. Moore, Choteau
C. B. Johnson, Dutton
Robert Neil, Dutton
John Chase, Dupuyer
Thos. Swenson, Dutton
L. J. Nasset, Farmington
W. G. Irwin, Blackleaf
Harry Perkins, Choteau
E. J. Mullen, Farmington
Nick Garich, Agawam
J. Lisjette, Choteau
G. Bradford, Fairfield
C. Jensen, Dutton
H. Bremer, Farmington
Jim Cowan, Choteau
E. W. Wall, Dupuyer
O. T. Wiprud, Dutton
W. Chalmers, Farmington
H. Mack, Dutton
S. F. West, Fairfield
H. Hagener, Fairfield
G. W. Rieken, Bynum
T. J. Cheatham, Dutton
W. J. Griffin, Fairfield
B. Hemstad, Dutton
Wm. B. Brown, Power
J. H. Rutledge, Power
H. D. Cameron, Choteau
J. S. Nelson, Power
Robert Altman, Pendroy

PRIZE WHEAT NETS FAIRFIELD FARMER 31 CENTS PREMIUM

Fairfield, Jan. 29.—an offer of \$1.00 a bushel, f. o. b. Fairfield, for a carload of Macaroni wheat has been telegraphed Al Udin by the Quaker Oats company of Chicago. The offer followed receipt of a sample of the wheat submitted a few days ago. Mr. Udin has wired his acceptance and will load out the wheat within a week or ten days. It was from this wheat that Mr. Udin selected the sample which took sixth place at the Chicago grain show in December. Macaroni is quoted on the local market at 69 cents. The order nets Mr. Udin a premium of 31 cents a bushel.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The seniors are to debate this week on the following questions:

Monday—Should the Soldiers be Given a Bonus?

Tuesday—Resolved That the Mellon Bill is the Best Method of Tax Reduction.

Wednesday—Resolved That Turkey Should be Driven From Europe.

Thursday—Should Germany be Made to Pay the full Reparations Demanded by France?

The girls' glee club has started working on the operetta which will be given in about two weeks. No definite date has yet been made.

Lucille Brown from the Great Falls high school entered the sophomore class this week.

The boys' basket ball game Wednesday with Fort Shaw was won by Teton. The score was 18 to 21.

The girls' basket ball team played against Cascade January 25 and won by a score of 5 to 31.

Prof. Williamson and the boy's basket ball team left Tuesday afternoon to play a series of games at the following places: Havre, Fort Benton and Big Sandy.

NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Mrs. Wm. Doyle returned Saturday from her visit to Choteau.

Val. Kirsch and B. Derksen were among those transacting business in Choteau on Friday.

V. Nyberg was a passenger on the Milwaukee for Great Falls Saturday.

Miss Dolly Graves of Choteau visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wagnild the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Schaefer left for Great Falls on Monday.

Adolph Moser received a message Monday informing him of the serious illness of his mother at Loveland, Colo. Mr. Moser left Tuesday for that place.

Mrs. W. Petri and Val. Kirsch, Jr. left for Boulder, Mont., Wednesday.

Joe Smeltzer of Lewistown is relieving W. P. McDonald as brakeman on the Milwaukee train for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wright, Mrs. P. J. Reed and Jack Reed were visitors in Choteau on Sunday.

John Kramer was pleasantly surprised by neighbors at his home on Wednesday night. Games and dancing, after which a delightful lunch was served, was the pastime of the evening.

J. W. Quale, prominent resident of Dupuyer, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

C. S. McDonald, president of the Stockmens State Bank, was a business visitor in Great Falls the first of the week.

Choteau Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F., have moved from the Connor building to the K. of P. hall, where they will hold their meetings in the future. Their meeting night will be the same as heretofore—every Tuesday.

OIL LEASES CANCELLED

Washington, Jan. 31.—The resolution demanding the resignation of Secretary Denby was taken up today by the senate after it had passed unanimously the Walsh resolution proposing annulment of the Sinclair and Doheny oil leases.

Final action was taken after all efforts to modify the language of the resolution, so as to eliminate direct charges that the leases were entered into without authority and in violation of the law had been voted down. Eighty-eight senators cast their ballots.

Mrs. Julia Humble of Bynum was a business visitor in Choteau Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Jones of Bynum visited friends and relatives in the city Thursday.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Ranger Fry returned from the Sweeney sawmill on the Teton River Saturday. The mill will finish sawing for this winter the first part of February. This winter has been very favorable for lumbering and the Sweeney mill has sawed out over 100,000 feet of lumber.

In 1922 the national forests contained 110 million feet of grazing land in the eleven western states and were used by 9 million cattle, horses and sheep owned by 36,000 stockmen. These lands served 21 per cent of the cattle in these 11 states and 32 per cent of the sheep.

125 million feet of timber, for which the government received \$29,000, was cut from the forests in Montana and Northern Idaho in 1923. Eight hundred and seventy-four commercial sales were made, of which seven hundred and fifty-nine were for amounts less than \$100, and in addition 1106 sales were made to ranchers at a nominal cost to cover the expenses of administration by the forest service.

Counties in which the forests are located receive 25 per cent of the total receipts of the forests for school purposes and the forest service expends an additional 10 per cent of the receipts on road maintenance within the forests.

Ranger Halvorson reports that the government hunters who went on to the Sun River game preserve a week ago have succeeded in killing three mountain lions so far.

HEALTH NOTICE

In view of the threatened epidemic of contagious disease, particularly measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and small pox, it is urged that in all cases of illness of children, the nature of which is unknown, great care be exercised to prevent the possible spread of disease by promptly consulting your physician and guarding against the possible exposure of others.

Attention is called to Section 2478, Revised Codes of Montana, 1921, as follows: "Whenever any household knows or has reason to believe that any person within his family or household has any communicable disease, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the health officer of the town or city in which he resides if within the corporate limits of a town or city or to the county health officer if without the corporate limits of a town or city; and such notice shall be given at the office of the local or county health officer within the shortest possible time and by the most direct means of communication."

It is the duty of any person, having knowledge of the existence of unreported communicable disease, whether in his own household or not, to notify the proper health officer and it is the duty of the health officer to cause the arrest of any violator of the above provisions.

Notify Dr. E. B. Maynard, city health officer of Choteau, or Dr. H. W. Bateman, county health officer.

By order of the local board of health.

J. W. HALL, City Clerk.

The triumph of love and the surgeon's knife over the policeman's club in the redemption of a fearless crook forms the fertile soil from which springs the remarkable story in "Skin Deep." Thomas H. Ince's special production at the Royal today and tomorrow.

When the cops in the tenement district step up to Dad Doyle, played by Milton Sills, and remark that they would like "to bend a club over his head," the crook merely cracks a cynical smile.

Later Bud's pals and his former wife railroad him into the penitentiary. He escapes but is fearfully injured in making his thrilling getaway by means of a speeding train and an airplane.

He wakes up in the hands of his nurse, a beautiful girl, played by Florence Vidor. She opens up a line of thought in the crook which the police had failed to open with clubs.

In these leading roles in "Skin Deep," Miss Vidor and Mr. Sills are at their best.

ANOTHER OLD TIMER PASSES

William James Watson of Bellevue passed to his reward Tuesday morning about 2:00. Mr. Watson, or Billy, as he was familiarly called, has been ailing for some years, but has been under a physician's care for only a short time, and the end came swiftly and painlessly.

Billy Watson was born in San Francisco, January 18th, 1862. He came to Montana in 1885 and located on a homestead on Willow Creek. He has lived in the Bellevue country ever since, engaged in stock raising. In March 1907, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Ida Pauley of Brainerd, Minnesota. Mr. Watson is survived by his wife.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at 2. The services were held in the Episcopal church, of which his family were members in California before coming to Montana.

STATES INCREASE THE PER CAPITA DEBTS

Washington, Jan. 29.—The States of the Union spent \$120,792,768 more than they received in 1922, making a per capita excess of expenditures over revenue of more than \$1.12. In making this announcement the census bureau stated that the state government revenues were sufficient to cover their ordinary running expenses, pay the interest on the public debt and part of the cost of permanent improvements, the difference being met by the issuance of bonds.

The total cost of government of the 48 states was \$1,280,247,898 or \$11.82 per capita and total revenue receipts were 1,159,445,130 or \$10.71 per capita. The net indebtedness (founded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) amounted to \$879,075,619, or \$8.12 per capita.

In 1915, the per capita debt was \$4.31. The assessed valuation of property subject to ad valorem taxation for state purposes was \$106,170,655,119, the amount of taxes levied was \$350,851,753, and the per capita tax levy \$3.24.

HEIRS CLERK IN NEW COMEDY

Walter Heirs' latest Paramount comedy, "Sixty Cents an Hour," is due at the Royal Theatre next Sunday and Monday. The romantic adventures of a soda clerk at \$7.50 a week is the theme. He is a believer in Coue, bent on making his pet lines, that every day, in every way he is getting richer and richer, come true. Jacqueline Logan is his leading woman. The supporting cast is composed of thoroughly capable screen players, among them Ricardo Cortez, Charles Ogle and Lucille Ward.

Henry Jensen returned from Great Falls Thursday on the Milwaukee, where he had been to have his ear treated.

COUNTY AGENTS NEWS NOTES

TETON COUNTL POTATOES RANK HIGH

In a test which was completed last fall of the productive qualities of the registered potatoes in the state of Montana the Netted Gem potatoes raised by J. E. Hodgskiss, of Choteau and Henry Radcliffe, of Fairfield, stand well up in the list.

Farmers wishing to secure Netted Gem potatoes cannot afford to secure them from any other source than those grown at home. Mr. Hodgskiss' potatoes ranked third in the state, producing 27,941 pounds while those of Mr. Radcliffe's produced 27,380 pounds.

These tests were conducted at Bozeman from samples of all the certified seed growers of the state, and in a short time it will be used as a basis for the registration of seed. The Montana Potato Growers association believes that production in addition to freedom from disease should be considered as a standard to work for.

In a test which was recently completed in Alabama Montana potatoes were ranked higher than any other state in the union in production, which is going to help sell Montana potatoes and make it a seed producing state.

Potatoes of high yielding qualities can only be produced by proper seed selection and farmers who are interested in the seed should become acquainted with the methods of eradication of diseases during the summer by proper vine inspection.

Weather Report for January, 1924
January, 1924, was the coldest that we have had in the last three years, having had more days below zero, and the maximum and minimum temperatures averaged have been lower than either 1922 or 1923. The mean temperatures for the three years is as follows:

1922, 19.29
1923, 24.8
1924, 17.32

The lowest minimum temperature recorded for the last three years is as follows:

1922, -24
1923, -21
1924, -32

This year also shows more precipitation than during any of the previous years.

Ruth St. Denis, one of the Terpsichore's favorite children, was engaged to supervise the dance scenes in "Look Your Best," which Rupert Hughes personally directed at the Goldwyn studio. She taught Coleen Moore and Antonio Moreno to do the beautiful peacock dance which furnishes the brilliant climax to the picture which will be seen at the Royal Theatre for two days commencing Wednesday. The elaborate setting, flanked by shimmering silver columns, was designed by Cedric Gibbons, Goldwyn art director.

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 292,793.37
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	
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