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MORE INQUIRIES FROM BACK EAST

"Landseekers from central, southern and eastern states are showing interest in western lands and this is one of the most hopeful signs for better times and solid prosperity in the northwest," according to A. B. Smith, passenger traffic manager of the Northern Pacific.

"We are receiving more inquiries these days about farm opportunities in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho and Washington and Oregon than for any similar period since 1917. We look for land settlement activity in 1924 equal, at least, to that of the years just preceding the war."

According to information received there are many farmers who are looking to Montana and other parts of the northwest for cheaper lands than those in some of the middle west states and railroad men feel confident that Montana will get a good share of those who will come west during the coming season.

COOLIDGE GETS COLORADO VOTE

Deenver, March 10.—Delegates to the republican national convention from the first congressional district of Colorado, named today, were instructed to vote for the renomination of President Coolidge.

MONTANA MEETING TO STUDY RELIEF NEEDED IN STATE

Representatives of the \$10,000,000 agricultural credit corporation will hold a meeting in Montana within a few days to canvass the situation and arrange ways and means for practical assistance in that state, Ed. Schulenberg, who is directing relief activities for the corporation here, announced today.

The Montana meeting will follow similar meetings held at Bismarck last Friday to discuss the North Dakota situation and at Huron Saturday to work out plans for South Dakota's relief.

Mr. Schulenberg did not say where the Montana meeting would be held.

Judge John J. Greene was a business visitor in Helena the first of the week.

Emil Bell was fined \$12.50 for exceeding the speed limit in this city last Saturday by justice of peace J. E. DeHaas.

STATE COMMISSION TO HANDLE STOCKING OF MONTANA STREAMS

Missoula, March 13.—An important step has been taken by the state game and fish commission in the decision that it will distribute and plant all of its own fish fry in the streams and lakes of Montana in the future. Chairman Thomas Marlow said on his return from a meeting of the organization at Helena, it was the opinion of the members of the commission that the proper results had not been obtained from the fry distributed by various sportsmen's associations, so it will undertake the work itself as far as funds will permit. Three trucks are to be obtained to be used in this work, with experts in charge of the planting. One of these trucks will be used solely in western Montana, working at Missoula, Hamilton and Ovando.

In order to further the campaign against the natural enemies of game and birds, the commission has offered \$500 to be distributed in 10 different prizes among sportsmen's clubs making the best showing in killing the most destructive species of hawks, owls, crows and magpies, as well as predatory animals. Because gophers cause so much damage to the farmers and the commission desires to cooperate with them in controlling the rodent they will also be included in the contest, as a measure of assistance to the farmers.

URSULA MANNIX RECEIVER OF BANK

Miss Ursula Mannix of Augusta has been appointed receiver of the People's Bank of Augusta, succeeding Malcolm Christman who died Sunday night with pneumonia. Miss Mannix has been chief clerk to the receiver. Her bond is fixed at \$25,000 in the order by Judge W. H. Norman.

Mr. Christman had long been a resident of the northern part of Lewis and Clark county, having been engaged in banking, banking and livestock enterprises. He was about 45 years of age. Mr. Christman is survived by his family.

Pythian Sisters Entertain

On Monday of this week the Pythian Sisters of Choteau gave a social entertainment in honor of the ladies who composed the drill team on the night of the Knights of Pythias Diamond Anniversary celebration. Lunch was served at midnight. A most enjoyable time was had by all fortunate enough to attend.

LENROOT RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF LAND COMMITTEE

Washington, Mar. 11.—Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin has resigned as chairman and member of the public lands committee, which is investigating the oil scandal.

His letter of resignation is on the way here from Southern Pines, N. C., where he has been for a week resting. This statement was authorized by Senator Lenroot:

"Since coming to Southern Pines I have not recuperated as I had hoped, and it will not be possible for me to continue my work on the committee on public lands and surveys.

"I realized some time ago that I was nearing the point of exhaustion and stated upon the floor of the senate that if the oil investigation continued indefinitely, I would feel compelled to resign from the committee.

"I have given nearly four months in this investigation, trying as best I could to keep up with other work as could not be neglected, with the result that I cannot in my present state of health continue any longer.

"I hope to be able to return to Washington next week, but shall not attempt any thing more than routine work of my office until my health is restored."

The senator's warning that he might retire as chairman was given during a senate speech two weeks ago in a debate in which he was assailed from the democratic side for having visited Albert B. Fall in his hotel here before Fall informed the committee he had borrowed \$100,000 from Edward B. McLean.

Senator Ladd of North Dakota, a member of the LaFollette group in the senate is next in line for the chairmanship. He has been acting chairman in the absence of Senator Lenroot.

Doctors say that in another hundred years everybody will wear glasses. Hair specialists say that we are becoming a bald headed race. Dentists tell us that we are gradually losing our teeth. Politicians warn that the world is going to the bolshevik, and congress has found that the oil and timber of the nation is being given away. Pedestrians no longer dare to go unprotected on the streets of the great cities for fear of autos and bank messengers have to go in armored cars to make their deliveries. Revivalists say the Devil is right after us, and New York preachers announce the discovery that there ain't no such animal. With less and less sugar in the candy and more and more water in the gasoline, alarmists are getting a listening ear. But there's a solace on the way—a general election. By the time the speeches and the arguments are over, everything will be settled, and all the public will have to do is to wait until a future election to again have the same experience.

A marriage license was issued to Leslie L. Honberg of Helena and Miss Helen Cleary of Augusta by Justice of the Peace Mrs. Blanche Jacobson.

NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Jim Barnes has purchased one cow.

H. H. Wuest was transacting business in Choteau the latter part of the week.

C. K. Malone returned Saturday from an extended visit with relatives in Portland, Ore., and other points west.

Mrs. Otto Wagnild returned to Choteau Monday after spending Sunday with her husband here.

Ralph Breeding left for Great Falls the first part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Morhart returned Saturday from a six weeks visit with relatives and friends in Tuttle, N. D.

Quite a number from here attended the auction sale at John Edward's place near Farmington.

Valentine Kirsch, Sr., was a business caller in Choteau Wednesday.

Jim Barnes transacted business in Bynum Wednesday.

August Arndt (one time smithy) of Agawam, now living three miles west of here, will soon move to Pendroy where he will establish a blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Martha Billings, teacher of the Dyer school, and daughter, left Wednesday for Choteau to attend the teacher's institute.

Mrs. Geo. Wright left Wednesday for Rochester, Minnesota, for medical treatment at the Mayo Bros. clinic.

YANKEE "MOVIE" VIM STARTLES LONDON

Seldom does the making of a motion picture make news of such importance that it is cabled across the ocean. But that is what happened when Maurice Tourneur and his Goldwyn company used Trafalgar square London for scenes in "The Christian," Hall Caine's greatest story, which will be shown at the Royal Theatre for two days beginning Wednesday.

Here is the cabled account carried by the press associations:

"Londoners returning home early Saturday morning enjoyed a demonstration of American film making that left them astounded at American enterprise and made them wonder how permission had been gotten to stage such a spectacle, because the mob scene was given in historic, revered Trafalgar square.

From 1 o'clock until dawn Nelson's column was lit up by a fantastic bluish light which made falling rain look like snow and threw garish shadows over the mob of 2000.

"Twenty arc lights flooded Trafalgar square with glare and ten cameras clicked thousands of feet of film. Scotland Yard sent real policemen for the occasion and they mixed with the stage police. Bullies with caps over their eyes and with broken noses and brutal faces accompanied East End women arrayed in cheap finery, while directors shouted from megaphones their instructions to the mob to beat up the hero."

One show only at 8 o'clock. Nine reels. Adults 40c, high school 25c, and children 10c.

County Clerk Will H. Webb, who has been confined to his home on account of illness, is able to be around and attend to his duties.

WHEAT AND FLOUR WILL PAY HIGHER TARIFF RATE NOW

Washington, Mar. 10.—Putting into operation for the first time the flexible provisions of the tariff act, President Coolidge has ordered increases of 1 cent a bushel in the duty on wheat imports and 26 cents a hundred pounds on wheat flour, advancing these two rates, respectively to 42 cents and \$1.04. At the same time, the ad valorem rate on mill feed has been decreased from 15 per cent, as fixed in the law, to 7½ per cent.

The new rates, established by a proclamation issued by President Coolidge on the basis of information gathered at his reception by the tariff commission, will become effective 30 days from the date of his action and therefore will be operative at the beginning of the usual April flood of wheat imports from Canada.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The high school boys and girls gave a program Thursday night for the benefit of the teachers taking part in the teachers' institute. In connection with the program there was a basketball game between the high school girls and the alumni girls, the same evening.

The play, "The Gypsy Rover" that we have been working on so hard for the last two weeks, will be given Friday night, March 14. Tickets may be had at the Choteau Drug store. Reserved seats, seventy-five cents, regular seats fifty cents and school children twenty-five cents.

The senior normal training girls are going to Fairfield next week to finish their normal course.

The cooking class is making good progress. Yesterday they served a breakfast in which half the class cooked the meal and the other half acted as the family.

This is examination week and every one is looking forward to a great deal of hard work, for this quarter will determine the fate of a good many students, especially that of some of the high-toned seniors.

See the new silk dresses \$17.50. Hirshberg's.

VETERANS TERMS AGREED UPON

Washington, March 12th.—Terms of the new soldier bonus bill providing paid up life insurance policies, were agreed upon Wednesday by a subcommittee of the house ways and means committee and will be taken before that body for decision Thursday.

Chairman Green announced he would attempt to have the measure acted upon next Monday under suspension of the rules which would limit debate, prevent amendments and permit a vote in one day.

The insurance policies it was decided, would be 20-year endowment valued on length of service, with \$1 allowed for day of home service and \$1.25 for each day of overseas service, but with the first 60 days excluded. To this total would be added 25 per cent and the face value of the policy then would be determined by computing the total amount of adjusted service credit plus the 20 years of compounded four per cent interest.

In figuring the adjusted service credit, maximums of \$500 would be allowed for home service and \$625 for overseas service. It was estimated then that the maximum face value of and certificate would be about \$1,400 for a veteran who served full time at home of \$1,900 for on who served the full time overseas.

Under previous agreement all veterans up to the rank of Captain in the army and marine corps and lieutenants senior grade in the navy would be eligible to the policies. It was also decided to include dependents of all veterans who have died since the close of the war. Cash payments would be made to veterans not entitled to receive more than \$50.

The dependents of those who have died since the war, eligible to receive payments from the government would be fathers and mothers and children under 18 years of age.

The total cost of the bill, it is estimated would be about \$2,000,000,000 and not more than \$90,000,000 would have to be expended in any one year.

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business December 31, 1923

RESOURCES

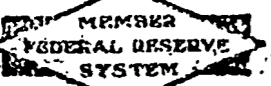
Cash in vault and in other banks 129,752.57
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 30,800.52
County warrants, real estate, etc. 25,433.17
Loans and discounts 159,100.33

LIABILITIES

Deposits 292,793.31
Surplus and undivided profits 10,354.29
Capital stock 50,000.00

353,647.60

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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

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