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## COOLIDGE CARRIES MICHIGAN STATE

Detroit, April 8.—Calvin Coolidge yesterday over Senator Hram W. Johnson for republican preference in Monday's presidential primary.

Henry Ford continued to hold a meager advantage over Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris for the democratic preference.

Returns from 2005 out of 2890 precincts in the state in Monday's presidential primary show:

Coolidge (R) 163,731; Johnson (R) 73,864; Simpson (R) 6,266.

Returns from 1,966 precincts give:

For president: Ford (D) 29,146; Ferris (D) 25,716.

Both Ford and President Coolidge carried Wayne county (Detroit, figures from all but a few scattered outlying precincts indicated. Ford's margin in Wayne county was 2,834. Because of the closeness of the race in the rural sections and smaller cities, where the missing precincts are located the outcome of the Ford-Ferris contest still is unsettled.

President Coolidge carried Wayne county by a margin of 15,287 votes over Senator Johnson.

The more populous centers—Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint—failed to prove the Johnson strongholds claimed by them and all returned substantial pluralities for Coolidge. The rural sections and the upper peninsula were overwhelmingly in favor of the president. A survey of returns early today showed that the Californian carried only two of the 77 counties that have reported. The six counties not heard from represent 107 precincts.

**PRESIDENT GRATIFIED**

President Coolidge regards as gratifying the results of the Michigan presidential preference primary. This statement was made today at the White House.

## DEATH OF WELL KNOWN PIONEER

A. J. Cowell, one of the old settlers of this county and a prominent sheep and cattle man, died at the Choteau hospital last Sunday at about 12:45 p. m., from an attack of heart trouble from which he has been suffering for some time.

The deceased was taken sick at his ranch Sunday morning and phoned to the Jos. I. Liberty ranch for assistance. He was brought to town, arriving here at about 11 o'clock. One hour and a half later he passed away.

He was 61 years of age at the time of his death. About 35 years ago he came to this country from Missouri and engaged in the livestock industry shortly after his arrival. About a year ago he interested California capital in a pure bred sheep venture and the Los Angeles Sheep Co. was the result. A herd of Rambouilletes being run on the Cowell ranch. He was part owner and general manager for this company.

The body was shipped to the family home in Los Angeles, where interment will be made. It was accompanied to Great Falls by a number of intimate friends of the deceased as far as Great Falls. Mrs. T. H. Givens a close friend of the family, accompanied the body to its resting place in California.

Deceased leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Leeds and Miss Helen Cowell, and two brothers and a sister, Chas. and Mrs. Amy Timothy of Los Angeles and Ray of Regina Sask., Canada.

M. Belle Kempton, v. p. president of the Rebekah lodge of Montana will visit the local order tonight (Friday).

## THE TOURIST—A COMMUNITY CUSTOMER

The tourist is a community customer. When he stops at your camp over night he does so largely because he is attracted by the comforts you have provided. Your tourist camp is your community sales room and the tourist is your customer. Extend to him the invitation to look over your offerings of community advantages. Furnish him with prices of your land, give him visible proof in displays of products of the possibilities of your section. Prepare literature setting forth some of the things that you have to offer. Give him a mental picture of the country round about. Furnish him the names of successful farmers in your neighborhood and give him their location. Provide him with literature, including a picture of your tourist camp, so that he will carry with him definite and correct impressions of your section of the state.

Put forth as much effort in providing him with proper information concerning Montana as you do in providing for his comfort and you will serve him doubly well. Your state and community will be benefited.

Put yourself in his place. Consider the kind of a place you would choose for your home if you were planning a change. You would certainly appreciate complete, accurate information, readily available, as to the resources and opportunities offered and the chances are that you would decide to stay in some locality where the people seemed genial and hospitable and where the advantages had been so graphically presented to you that you felt that here was a place or a real home.

So it is with the average tourist. He, as well as the rest of us, appreciate service. If we are to sell Montana, we must bring home to the tourists the many advantages we have here. They must become familiar with our many opportunities and gain something of that affection for the state which we all have.

If we neglect this opportunity to impress the tourist with the possibilities of our communities, we cannot hope to bring him back through further advertising. We have already advertised and he is answering that advertisement in person. He has come to see and to confirm the statements which have been made through song, story and picture and he has come to discover for himself new opportunities and greater possibilities than he now has in his present environment.

Many tourist camps are bare sales rooms to which the customers have been attracted. Let's provide these sales rooms with the most attractive merchandise ever offered—genuine information concerning the opportunities offered by Montana communities. Now is the time for action. The tourist season will soon be here. Place this suggestion before your commercial club for their consideration and endorsement.

Let's get going and make this a profitable year for Montana and the tourist as well. Test out your salesmanship and benefit by the renewed confidence it will inspire within you in your town, your community and your state.

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## WHEELER INDICTED BY FEDERAL JURY

Great Falls, April 8.—United States Senator B. K. Wheeler was indicted by a federal grand jury here today on a charge of having accepted money, as a retainer fee after he became United States senator to influence the granting of oil land permits.

Gordon Campbell, noted in the western oil states as a geologist and L. C. Stevenson, an oil operator and promoter were indicted with Senator Wheeler.

Senator Wheeler is technically charged with the violation of section 113 of the penal codes.

Campbell and Stevenson who were the discoverers of the Sunburst-Kevin oil fields in Montana are charged in a single indictment with using the mails to defraud.

Charles L. Blumhoff and E. H. Dailey, all men were indicted in a third separate indictment charged with sending fraudulent matter through the mails.

The size of the fee which it was alleged Senator Wheeler received was not stated officially, newspaper men being told by department of justice officials that it was \$10,000.

The money was alleged to have been paid to Senator Wheeler as a member of the law firm of Wheeler and Baldwin of Butte and not as an individual.

The fee it is charged was paid by Gordon Campbell, Stevenson and Campbell formerly were associates in the oil promotion business but later became business rivals, dividing their acreage in the Kevin-Sunburst field.

Great Falls, April 9.—United States District Attorney John L. Slattery for the district of Montana this afternoon made the following brief statement upon the indictment of Senator B. K. Wheeler of Montana by the federal grand jury here yesterday, in answer to statements made in the senate today.

"In answer to Senator Wheeler's insinuation of his indictment by the federal grand jury being a 'frameup' I have this to say: The indictment of Senator Wheeler was based upon legal and competent evidence deemed sufficient, presented to an intelligent and courageous grand jury.

Great Falls, April 9.—There is no intent to humiliate Senator Wheeler in any unnecessary way or to interfere needlessly with his duties as a United States senator, John L. Slattery, United States district attorney for Montana declared today in commenting on a statement issued by the Montana senator. In his statement Senator Wheeler attributed his indictment by a grand jury here yesterday to a desire on the part of sinister interests to interfere with his work as prosecutor of the Daugherty investigating committee.

"So far as I am concerned," said Attorney Slattery, "the Senator Wheeler case will take the regular channels and it should be tried in this jurisdiction it will not come up for at least two months. This would give him all the time he needs to conduct his investigation."

## 1923 REVENUE BILL WILL SOON PASS

Washington, April 8.—The New revenue bill was ordered favorably reported to the senate today by the finance committee.

It provides, as reported, for a retroactive reduction of 25 per cent on 1923 income taxes which are payable this year; permanent revision of the income tax rates, in accordance with the plan Secretary Mellon; a special reduction of 25 per cent in taxes on earned incomes; and repeal of many of the miscellaneous and excise taxes.

**Scope Narrowed**

The scope of tax reduction was narrowed, however, from that provided by the house bill, warning of a treasury deficit under its terms leaving forced restoration of some of the miscellaneous taxes stricken out during house consideration of the measure.

The measure was ordered reported on a strictly party vote, 9 to 7. Democrats announced their opposition was based on the Mellon income rates schedule carried by the bill.

The committee will be called either tomorrow or Thursday to take up the soldier bonus bill, Chairman Smoot said. He predicted not more than three days would be required to get a report on the bill.

The chairman does not expect to call the tax bill up for consideration in the senate before the middle of next week.

The city election of last Monday was rather a quiet affair, only about 150 ballots being cast. The only contest being in the first ward where E. J. Cray and Otis Mellon were after the alderman's job. Mr. Cray received 61 votes to 51 for his opponent. In the second ward John G. Jackson was re-elected. Mayor Coffey, candidate to succeed himself, received 157 votes.

## TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH IN CHOTEAU

As announced in this paper some weeks ago, the local post of the American Legion will stage a Fourth of July celebration this year. At the post meeting Tuesday evening, the following were named to head the committees for that affair:

General Arrangements—C. James Smith.

Rodeo—Ole Lestrud.

Dance—C. Denzil McDonald.

Concessions—Stanley R. Foot.

Knowing that in order to have a successful affair the ladies will have to take an active part, the boys have granted the Womans Club all of the stands in the park.

There is still a small balance due on the Legion pavilion, and the members have hopes of making this celebration take care of the outstanding notes and bills.

As far as we can learn at present Choteau is the only town in this part of the state putting on a celebration this year, and this should insure a large crowd, when the fact of its natural advantages, such as plenty of shade, abundance of cool and pure water, good roads and business houses, of the best, is taken into consideration.

## NEWS NOTES FROM AGAWAM

Miss Helen Hanson returned home Thursday from Great Falls where she had been spending the winter.

Several from here attended the Paderewski concert at the Grand Theatre, Great Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nelson transacted business in Pendroy the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wagnild were guests at the ranch home of his father, Ole Wagnild, on Sunday.

O. F. Schaefer was a business caller in Choteau on Friday.

Bernard Nelson has purchased a Maxwell touring car from M. E. Jones.

Miss Magda Wagnild from Dutton spent Sunday with home folks—south of town.

A. M. Rongstad and M. E. Jones left for Whitefish last Sunday via Conrad on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Reed and Jack Reed motored to Farmington Wednesday evening.

Nick Gerich was among those in Choteau on business Monday.

Geo. Wright and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. Nelson motored to Choteau Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Barnes and Mrs. P. J. Reed visited the Agawam school on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Doyle was in town shopping on Monday.

## PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT

Whereas, it is essential to the comfort, welfare and prosperity of the people of the United States that abundant forests, widely distributed and maintained in a condition of high productivity, be forever wely conserved as one of our greatest natural resources, and

Whereas, because of our constantly increasing need for wood and other forest products, together with our past failure to provide for reforestation, we are drawing upon our supplies of timber four times as fast as they are renewed through growth, and

Whereas, the most formidable agency of forest destruction and prevention of reforestation is fire and of the fires which annually devastate vast areas, four-fifths are ascribed in origin to human agencies and virtually all may be controlled and made innocuous through prudence, care and vigilance.

Therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, do urge upon the governors of the various states to designate and set apart the week of April 21-27, 1924 as Forest Protection Week, and wherever practicable and not in conflict with state law or accepted customs, to celebrate Arbor Day within that week. I also urge all citizens, either in associations or as individuals, all schools, and the press of the land to give common thought to the protection of our forests from fire, to the end that, in the future as in the past, these forests may supply us with wood, protect the purity of our streams and otherwise serve the people of the United States.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 15th day of Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred forty eighth.

CALVIN COOLIDGE  
By the President:  
CHARLES E. HUGHES,  
Secretary of State.

## MANY REHABILITATED VETERANS READY FOR EMPLOYMENT

General Frank T. Hines, director of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, announces that between 1 and July 1, 1924, there will be 721 men in the tenth district which includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, who will complete their vocational training courses, and be ready for employment.

These men, as a result of wounds received in battle and of sickness and injuries received in military service during the World War, were made incapable of carrying on the the particular lines of occupation that they pursued before entering the wr. The United States government, in order to make them productive factors in our country's work and development, is endeavoring to educate and to train them, so that they will be able to make their living in new lines of occupation wherein their physical and mental abilities will be equal to the demands made upon them.

The Veterans Bureau can go only so far in the rehabilitation of these men. It can train them up to the point of employability, and then it must call upon the various employers of the country to carry on from that point.

These men served their country and they now only ask for a fair chance to become employed in the lines of industry, for which they are trained and wherein then can faithfully serve their employers and society as well.

Therefore any one who has a position for a skilled workman in any line of trade or industry is urged to write at once to the nearest office of the Veterans Bureau, stating his needs and the bureau will furnish a good man for the position. Write the U. S. Veterans Bureau at Fargo, N. D.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Helena, Montana; St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

The following eighteen pupils of second grade received Palmer pins: Adeline Bennetson, Walter Logan, Orval Tallison, Carol Metzler, Dinblazer, Edzear, Anna Lee, Laura Miller, Warren Rhoads, Warren Burch, John Robertson, Bessie Jacobson, Guy Upman, Jessie Moore, Gerald Archibald, Marie Amaline, Mary Dornblazer of the second grade has moved to Sunburst where she will finish the term.

A number of the children from the first grade have been absent on account of sickness.

Richel Andrews is absent from the sixth grade on account of sickness.

Mrs. Foot was substituting in the sixth grade for Miss Andrews Monday.

The following pupils are absent from the seventh grade this week: Morris Tallison, Grace Andrews and Charles Coho.

The public school, after being closed for one week, opened Monday, April 7, but with the lowest attendance of any day in the year. Tuesday's attendance showed very little improvement.

The children who intend to take part in the field meet have been finding out what they can do.

Anne Eckford, Helen Coho, Lillian Spears, Blake Andrews, Lawrence Taylor and Phillis Kaeh are absent from the third grade.

Edwin Butcher one of the third grade pupils has gone to Sunburst to live.

Alta Dornblazer of the eighth grade has gone to Sunburst.

—Eva Thompson.

## QUARANTINE FOR CALIFORNIA STOCK

A quarantine calling for the exclusion or inspection of all livestock, meats, hides, fruits, fodder, vegetables, milk, cheese, butter, cattle cars and even farm hands from the state of California was ordered Wednesday by Governor Dixon to prevent the spread into this state of the foot and mouth disease.

One-day old chicks may be shipped into the state, under the proclamation, under certain regulations, as may trees, shrubs and roots and biologics if released by the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

All forms of livestock, dressed carcasses of beef, swine and other ruminants are absolutely barred. So is hay, straw and similar fodder.

Livestock consigned to other states cannot pass through Montana unless accompanied by a federal certificate of health and shipped in sealed cars.

Milk, cream, cheese and other dairy products are excluded unless it is shown that they are made from pasteurized or sterilized milk. Fruits and vegetables must be shipped in new containers and only from areas approved by the California agricultural department.

Because of the extremely contagious nature of the disease Governor's Dixon's proclamation provides that all sheep shearers, farm and stockyard laborers in general, coming from the state of California where the foot and mouth disease is rapidly eating its way into the livestock industry, must furnish affidavit evidence that they have not been in infected areas or subject themselves to a thorough fumigation.

Governor Dixon's proclamation follows in substance, a plan of defense formulated at a meeting April 1, in Salt Lake of the Western States Livestock and Sanitary Officials, which was attended by W. J. Butler, state veterinarian, and representatives of all western states, including California. It supersedes his official quarantine issued March 6, or shortly after the dreaded disease first broke out in the stockyards at San Francisco.

Since then it has manifested itself in other parts of the state, including Los Angeles and neighboring counties.

As far as is known it has not made its appearance in any other part of the United States, though a federal embargo has been placed on the stockyards at Denver.

A special appeal to all stockmen in Montana to cooperate in averting its spread to Montana has been issued by Dr. Butler, who warns ranchers of the drouth in California which is driving thousands of farm hands out of the state.

"The disease is so infectious as to be easily communicated in this manner," Dr. Butler declares, "and stockmen and sheepmen should make it a point to see that any new hands boil their clothing and sterilizing the shears before permitting them to come in contact with their livestock."

## RANKIN FIGHTING TO CLEAN UP BUTTE

Butte is receiving at the hands of Attorney General Rankin the most thorough and painstaking housecleaning that it has ever had. For clever workmanship, industry and determination, the mining city has never seen anything, since the advent of prohibition, that is so complete as the attorney general's system for eradicating the bootlegger and the rum peddler. Those denizens of Butte have received the shock of their nefarious careers. Mr. Rankin has, in launching his undertaking, the commendation and support of all good citizens.—Anaconda Standard.

Statement of Condition of

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business March 31, 1924

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks \$6,515.11	Deposits 266,098.86
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 50,433.37	Surplus and undivided profits 11,088.25
County warrants, real estate, etc. 24,892.18	Capital stock 50,000.00
Loans and discounts 165,346.45	
327,187.11	327,187.11

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