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The "Messiah" to be Given In Choteau on June 19th

The "Messiah" to be given in Choteau June 19 is rapidly taking form. The following is a brief description of the opera:

From the Standard Oratorios "The Messiah" is divided into three parts. The first illustrates the longing of the world for the Messiah, prophesies His coming, and announces His birth; the second part is devoted to the sufferings, death and exaltation of Christ, and develops the spread and ultimate triumph of the Gospel; while the third is occupied with the declaration of the highest truths of doctrine—faith in the existence of God, the surety of immortal life and the resurrection and the attainment of an eternity of happiness.

"The first part opens with an overture or rather orchestral prelude, of majestic chords, leading to a short fugue, developed with severe simplicity and preparing the way for the accompanied recitative, 'Comfort Ye My People,' and the aria for tenor, and 'Every Valley Shall be Exalted,' which in turn leads to the full, strong chorus 'And The Glory of the Lord Shall be Revealed,' the three numbers in reality forming one. The prophecy is announced only to be followed by the human apprehension in the great aria for baritone 'But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming.' The aria leads to the exquisitely constructed number 'And He Shall Purify,' a fugued chorus closing in simple harmony. Once more the prophet announces, 'Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive,' followed by the alto solo: 'Oh Thou That Tellest,' which preludes a chorus in the same tempo. The next aria 'The People That Walked in Darkness' with its curious but characteristic modulations, leads to one of the most graphic choruses of the whole work; 'For Unto Us a Child is Born,' emphasized with sublime announcement of the names of the Messiah in full harmony and with the strongest choral power. The grand burst of sound dies away; there is a significant pause, and then follows a short but exquisite Pastoral Symphony for the strings, which with the four succeeding bits of recitative tells the message of the angels to the shep-

herds on the plains of Bethlehem. The chorus follows suddenly with 'Glory to God' which is remarkably expressive and affords sharp contrasts in the successive clear responses to the fugue. The difficult, but very brilliant aria for soprano, 'Rejoice Greatly,' the lovely aria, 'He Shall Feed His Flock' and a short chorus 'His Yoke is Easy' close the first part.

A description of the second part of the Oratorio will be given in next week's issue.

Another number of the musical festival program will be the Sextette from Lucia. This opera is founded on Sir Walter Scott's novel, "The Bride of Lammermoor." Lord Henry Henry Ashton, Lucy's brother, knowing nothing of her attachment to his enemy, Edgar of Ravenswood, has arranged a marriage between Lucy and the wealthy Lord Arthur, in order to retrieve his fallen fortunes. Learning that Lucy is in love with Edgar, he intercepts her lover's letters and executes a forged paper, which convinces Lucy that Edgar is false to her. Convinced of her lover's perfidy, and urged by the necessity of her brother, she unwillingly consents to wed Lord Arthur. The guests are assembled for the ceremony, and Lucy has just signed the contract, when Edgar appears at the back of the room dressed in sombre black. The wedding guests are dumb with amazement at the daring of the young noble in thus presenting himself unbidden at the house of his enemy. Edgar remains standing, with his eye steadily fixed on the unhappy Lucy, who is unable to meet his glance. This dramatic and thrilling number in the entire range of opera. Edgar is driven from the castle, and the shock, being too much for the gentle Lucy, she becomes insane, kills her husband and dies. Edgar, overcome by these tragic happenings, commits suicide among the tombs of his ancestors.

Paul Cudd of Portland, Ore., was a visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Craig.

Mrs. Beulah Lesring is opening a dressmaking shop in the building next to the bakery.

Big Meeting Of Ex-Service Men to be Held In Helena

The greatest meeting of service and ex-service men and women ever held in the state of Montana will take place in Helena on June 19th, 20th and 21st, when the state conventions of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans of the World War meet in conjunction with reunions of the Ninety-first division and the 163rd infantry associations.

Practically every military and patriotic organization in Montana is cooperating in making this veterans' reunion the biggest gathering of its kind. The proper background for this event is furnished by the encampment of the national guard of Montana which will be underway between the dates of June 14th and 28th. A battalion of fourth infantry will be in camp at the same time and one of the big events of the program of entertainment will be the pa-

rades and maneuvers which is to be staged by those troops.

One fare for the round trip. That is the rate granted by the railroads for the reunion. This rate applies to every point in Montana more than 150 miles from Helena. Inside of that radius a fare of one and a third is in effect. This is the best rate ever made in Montana for such a reunion.

The three days of this meeting are to be filled to the limit with entertainment of a varied character. One of the best boxing cards ever pulled in Montana, dances, swimming parties, 49-and-8 initiation, reviews, parades, talks by the national commanders of the participating organizations, military maneuvers—and best of all the kind of a time that ex-service men make for themselves when they get a chance to talk it all over with their buddies.

County Agent Gives Advice On Grasshopper Poisoning

Where two men are available to mix grasshopper poison a good deal of the affects of arsenic on the skin of the mixers can be done away with the use of what is known as the wet method of mixing. With this new method use four pounds of arsenic and mix in a ten pound pail with sufficient water to make into a thick paste, then take twelve gallons of water in a tub, add two gallons of syrup, four pounds of salt and three ounces of banana oil, and mix thoroughly. To this all the arsenic paste and while one of the two men are stirring and pouring the material on the bran the other should keep the bran thoroughly stirred. This method will get away from the disagreeable arsenic dust that results from the dry mixing. The amount given above is sufficient for the treating of one hundred pounds of bran which will cover from ten to twelve acres of ground is spread properly.

Don't mix poison the day before needed as weather conditions might be such on the following day that the poison could not be used.

Don't put out poison on cloudy, cold days.

Don't put out poison in the afternoon. Grasshoppers eat best from evening until twelve o'clock in the morning.

Don't use more than four pounds of arsenic per hundred pounds of bran as that is sufficient and there is no use to waste the material.

Don't use more than three ounces of banana oil because if used any stronger this material will serve as a repellent instead of an attraction for the hoppers.

Mrs. L. H. Thompson was Great Falls visitor the first of

While enjoying a ride on the highway north of town, Robert Miller had the misfortune to overturn his car, with the result that he is now in the hospital with a broken shoulder and a couple of broken ribs. With his in the car at the time was Mrs. Cora Bitting, who was uninjured.

Believing that most of the republican voters of this County are in favor of Calvin Coolidge for president, the Montanan is publishing a list of candidates favorable to him.

Presidential Electors:
(Vote for Four)
May C. Bartos
Dr. James H. Irwin
W. D. Kyle
George E. Snell
For Delegates at Large, National Convention:
(Vote for seven)

W. R. Allen
Mrs. George H. Berry
Carl L. Brattin
W. J. Brennen
Harry B. Brooks
E. F. Burmeister
W. H. Hoover
Mary E. Jones
Charles F. Juttner
John Lindquist
Robert Orr McMillan
F. C. McWilliams
Dr. W. B. Rogers
W. A. Selvidge
For delegates first congressional district:
(Vote for two)

Grace Catlin
Vora Blanch De Lano
J. A. Poor
For delegates second congressional district:
Robert A. (Honey Boy) Bray
Charles Haflet
Mrs. A. E. McLeish
James W. Speer

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Streeter entertained Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stephens, who will leave soon for Colville, Wash., where Mr. Stephens has accepted a position in a garage. Those present were Messrs. Chester Hale, Otto Schaffer, J. H. Stephens, Henry Hammond, V. M. Steele, Otto Warnild, Obert Peterson, Wallace Weaver, W. E. Howard and Mesdames Hale, Schaffer, Stephens, Chapman, Hammond, Steele, Peterson, Howard, Wagnild and Miss Elizabeth Kraber and Dolly Graves. The evening was spent in playing 500. Mrs. Chapman winning the prize for high score. The consolation score being awarded to Otto Schaffer.

FARMINGTON NEWS NOTES

Joel Otnes visited with his folks last week end.

Mrs. Alva Kieffer and Miss Manda Lindseth returned last Friday from Butte.

A school picnic was given at the Burton school last Saturday.

All the school children are very glad school is out.

Harold Lindseth is visiting with friends here. He is planning to go west soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Evenson and family and Hansons were visitors at the Dolalie home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forseth and son, Oliver, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Peterson last Sunday.

The Luther League met in the church last Friday night. The attendance was not very large but the few that were there greatly enjoyed it.

The Ladies Aid met at the Wm. Chalmers home last Wednesday.

Services were held in the German Lutheran church last Monday. There was a large attendance who greatly enjoyed the sermon.

Mrs. John Edwards visited with Mrs. Edwin Anderson last Thursday.

Several of the Bench young people attended the dance at Fairfield last Saturday.

When the critics saw Pauline Garon's screen personality in "Reported Missing," they yelled "found." That's why Director Frank Borzage brought her all the way from New York to Hollywood to play in "Children of Dust," a First National picture which comes to the Royal Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Chasing Fame and thrills is the life of Filmland. See Hoot Gibson in his latest success, "The Thrill Chaser"—a Universal production at the Royal Friday and Saturday.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Mr. William Rush left for fire duty at Sandpoint Monday night. The fire situation on the forests of western Montana and Northern Idaho is the worst in the history of the forest service for this time of the year, and, unless relieved by rains within a few days, the country will be experiencing the worst conflagrations in its history. It is sincerely hoped that everyone entering the mountains will be very careful with his fires and keep this locality from losing one of its best resources as well as recreational grounds.

G. A. Fredrikson, of Fairfield, Montana, passed through the city last week enroute to the Blackleaf Ranger station, where he will assume the duties of ranger on the Lewis and Clark national forest, replacing Mr. McVey, who resigned to start in ranching near Lewis-town, Montana.

Supervisor Myrick states that he now has a crew repairing and improving the Sun River road and will have it in good condition for travel within the next ten days.

R. P. McLaughlin, the state forester, and the local forest office would appreciate it very much if the public would refrain from burning any trash during the present dry season in the hopes that the present rate of man-caused fires can be reduced and the tense situation now at hand to that extent relieved.

Hundreds of fires are now burning out of control in the best stands of timber in western Montana and every one of them was caused by people burning trash or brush which afterwards got beyond control.

Miss Medley, Miss Williamson and Prof. R. F. Williamson left Thursday afternoon for St. Louis, Mo. C. L. Streeter, of the Glenloyd, taking them to Great Falls.

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	Deposits
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	Surplus and undivided profits
County warrants, real estate, etc.	Capital stock
Loans and discounts	
327,187.11	327,187.11



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.



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