

COUNTY AGENTS NEWS NOTES

Rainfall in Last Three Years Is Low

The Mean Maximum for 1922 was 65, 1923 66, and 1924 68.
The Mean Minimum for 1922 was 36, 1923 36, and 1924 35.
Mean for 1922 was 50, 1923 50, and 1924 51.
The Maximum for the 25th of May, 1922 was 85, the 25th of May 1923 80 and the 15th of May 1924 was 74.
The Minimum on the 6th of May 1922 was 26, the 2nd of May 1923 22 and the 9th of May 1924 was 24.
The Greatest Daily Range in 1922 was 54, in 1923 47, and in 1924 38.
Total Precipitation was 2.19 in 1922, 1.84 in 1923, and .30 in 1924.
The number of Clear Days in 1922 was 6, 8 in 1923, and 18 in 1924.
The number of Partly Cloudy Days in 1922 was 18, in 1923 19, and in 1924 7.
Number of Cloudy Days in 1922 was 7, in 1923 3, and in 1924 6.
The outstanding difference between this month of May during the last three years is the low precipitation this year. The thirty hundredths of an inch of rainfall this year is lower than ever before recorded at this station. The next lowest was in 1915, when there was just thirty-two hundredths fell. This May clear days predominated while in 1922 and 1923 the cloudy and partly cloudy days were in the majority.
Low precipitation in May does not indicate in any way that June will be dry. At Cut Bank in 1897 they had one inch of rainfall in May and 7.53 inches in June. At Havre in 1887, 72 of an inch fell in May and in June 9.33. In 1897 had .42 of an inch and in June had 6.39. There are as many wet June follows dry Mays as there are dry June follows wet Mays.

"TRILBY" LIVES UP TO ADVANCE NOTICES

It is not often that a widely heralded screen production so thoroughly lives up to its advance notices as production of "George Du Maurier's immortal romance." Choteau has its first opportunity to witness this cinema masterpiece at the Royal Theater Wednesday and Thursday.
We do not hesitate to add our voice to those which have remarked: "It is Du Maurier's novel come to life."
Andree Lafayette, in the title role, is a delight. A girl of a type unusual to the American theatergoers she adds to the charm of a vivid personality a peculiar talent, and was equally as satisfactory as the heydenish girl of the studios in the opening sequences and the woman fighting her handicaps in the later ones.
Arthur Edmund Carewe scores heavily as Svengali, his characterization of the difficult role revealing an intelligent conception of Du Maurier's villain, both in make-up and in interpretation.
Fay Tincher, veteran comedienne of the screen, who enacts the role of Min in the Gump comedies, is in the cast of "A Million To Burn" Herbert's Rawlinson's latest starring vehicle which comes to the Royal Theater next Friday and Saturday.
Clad in an outlandish costume, a travesty on the veiled garb of a classic Salome, she attempts to imperenate Ruth St. Dennis.
"WEST OF THE WATER TOWER" DUE HERE SOON
"West of the Water Tower," a Paramount picture with Glen Hunter in the stellar role comes to the Royal Theater Sunday. Ernest Torrence, May McAvoy, George Fawcett, and Zasu Pitts are featured. Rollin Sturgeon directed the production which tells a vivid story and has a warning for all picture fans.

MAKING FARMERS IN MONTANA SCHOOLS

Accomplishments of Youths Under the
Smith Hughes Act Set
Good Example

While many farmers and farm leaders in Montana are appealing to the national government for aid in making farm operations greater success, there are a lot of boys and girls, also in Montana, the sons and daughters of farmers, who are setting an example of self-help that in many instances put the adults to shame, according to C. D. Greenfield of the Great Northern Development Department. These young people are doing this practical work thru a number of agencies, he says the boys' and girls' clubs, but more particularly through the agricultural departments of the high schools, largely in rural districts, which are conducted co-operatively by the state and under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act. Under this law help is given the high school in the department named if certain requirements are met.

A concrete illustration of what the agriculture department in a high school means in the development of good practical farmers is furnished by the Big Sandy high school in Chouteau County. This department was established in the fall of 1921 and W. E. Walters was employed as the first instructor. He was a tireless worker, was interested in the work, and with the enthusiastic assistance of Prof. M. P. Moe a good foundation was laid. The next year R. E. Cameron was selected as the head of the department and now is in charge. Mr. Cameron is a Montana boy, was reared in Montana and is a graduate of the Montana state college. The course of study, which has been followed in the two years has been animal husbandry, general farm operations, farm shop work, farm managements and marketing. Under the law, each boy taking the course must carry a home project, planting and caring for a field of grain or complete charge of a number of live stock for a year. This home project requires all the information and practices studied during the second year in the class room. Accurate records of time, labor, expense and returns are kept by each boy. Under the plan the boy learns by doing and actually meets all the problems on a small scale the average farmer has to meet. This work carried on largely during the summer is checked up by the agricultural instructor, who gives advice and suggestions, helping the boy in every way to get the most out of his project.

How the course has worked out in the Big Sandy school is shown in a number of instances. Possibly the most outstanding is in the case of Myron and Charles Enslay. These boys planted 20 acres in corn in 1923 and as a result the 20 acres netted them \$1,000 in addition to the valuable experience they gained.
Russell Hurd, another student in the department, has a liking for live stock, and he undertook a project in pure bred hogs. He introduced a type of Duroc Jerseys in his neighborhood and has sold many hogs for breeding purposes.
The boys do a lot of other things of a practical nature. There is no harness shop in Big Sandy, and as a part of their training the boys must learn to repair harness. So farmers are invited to bring in their harness and have it repaired by the boys. The only expense to the farmer is the cost of the material required. Just now the amount of harness on hand to be repaired by the boys indicates the farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity.
In addition to the repairing of harness the boys judge livestock, cull chickens and many other things.

Harold Forrest of Great Falls, spent a few days the first of the week with his parents in Choteau.

LeRoy A. Foot To Be G. O. P. Candidate for Attorney General

Major L. A. Foot, veteran of the World War, and chief deputy in the office of Attorney General Wellington D. Rankin, Saturday announced himself as candidate for attorney general.

Attorney Foot has been practicing law in Montana since 1916. He was a candidate for attorney general in the primary election four years ago and ran second to Mr. Rankin in a field of seven candidates for the Republican nomination. He is married and the father of two daughters, both of whom are attending the public schools of Helena.

Born in Minnesota in 1882, Major Foot at an early age moved with his parents to Minot, North Dakota. At the time there were only five white settlers in that community. He was educated in the public schools of Minot and later graduated from the state university law school at Grand Forks.

Coming to Montana in 1906 to practice his profession with a cousin, C. H. Foot of Kalispell. In 1913 he moved to Choteau where he was practicing when the call to arms was sounded in 1917.

First to Answer Call
In January 1921 he was selected by Attorney General Rankin as his chief deputy, which position he has creditably held ever since.

Major Foot has always held a high rank among the legal men of this state. Not only does he command the respect of members of his profession but has the full confidence of thousands of the substantial citizens of this state who esteem him as a man of outstanding character, probity and trustworthiness.
The announcement of his candidacy for the post of chief legal officer of Montana has met with expressions of warm support of many Republicans.

Last Part of The "Messiah"

Descriptions of the third part of The Messiah, from Standard Oratorios: "If the Oratorio had closed at this point, it would have disturbed the unities, but Handel carried it into a third part with undiminished interest, opening it with that sublime confession of faith, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' an aria which will never be lost. It is followed by two quartets with choral responses—'Since by man came death, and for As In Adara All Die,' in which the effects of contrast are forcibly brot out. The last important aria in the work, 'The trumpet shall sound,' for bass, with trumpet obbligato will always be admired for its beauty and stirring effects. The Oratorio closes with three choruses, all

in the same key, and of the same general sentiment. 'Worthy is the Lamb' a piece of superb flowing harmony; 'Blessing and Honour be ascribed to thee and tenor in unison, and repeated by the soprano and alto on the octave, and closing with full harmony on the words 'Forever and ever,' several times repeated; then the final Amen chorus in which the composer evidently gave free rein to his genius, not being hampered by words.
Other Oratorios may be compared one with another, the Messiah stands alone—a majestic monument to the memory of the composer, an imperishable record of the noblest sentiments of human nature and the highest aspirations of man."

FARMINGTON NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dolalie and family and the Hanson family were dinner guests at the H. Evensen home last Sunday.

Mrs. Olaf Lindseth went to Great Falls last Wednesday.

Oscar Lindseth and O. Lindseth motored down to Great Falls last Thursday.

Harold Lindseth who has been seriously ill is now reported to be better.
Rev. L. N. Horgland visited with friends last Friday and Saturday. He left Monday for Idaho.

Several people were out on a picnic last Sunday. This picnic was enjoyed by all who attended.

Joel and Alice Onnes motored to Brady last Sunday.

A large crowd attended the surprise party given on Alec Longmuir last Saturday night. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards. At midnight a delicious luncheon was served which was more than enjoyed by all.

Jewell Lindseth from Oregon is expected to visit with friends and relatives this week.

Mabel Hanson is employed at the Connors store.

Eunice Walley and Ruth Andrews visited at the Haynes home last weekend.

Mrs. R. Bruce and children are visiting at her home place.

Several of the Beach boys are working up at the reservoir.

MORE FORESTS BURNED IN U. S. THAN CUT

Government figures show that in agencies depleting our forests, the ratio of burning to cutting is nearly two to one.

During 1923, there were 51,891 forest fires in the United States, burning an aggregate area of 11,500,000 acres with a financial loss in excess of \$16,500,000.

Some idea of the extent of this ravaged area may be gathered from the fact that it is eight times the acreage of the French forests destroyed or damaged throughout the World War—and this too, in one year.

Only 26 states are making definite efforts to protect their forest lands aggregated at 16,000,000 acres, from fire. From July 1, 1922, to Jun 30, 1923, they expended \$1,826,430 for this purpose. This is only a little more than a cent an acre and not enough to weigh heavily on any taxpayer.

THE FARMING SITUATION

Though the situation of the farmers is far from ideal, the average condition of the American farmer has improved nearly 10 per cent during the past year.

The revised estimates of the Department of Agriculture shows that 1923 crops had a total value of about ten billions of dollars, an increase of more than a billion in one year. Total value of exports of principal agricultural products from the United States for eight months ended Feb. 29, 1924, was \$1,509,338,000 as compared with \$1,233,716,000 for the same period during the preceding year, an increase of six per cent.

In a recent statement, the Department of Agriculture says: "The general agricultural outlook for 1924 is a normal production program. It is apparent, however, that agricultural production this year will still be attended by difficulties arising from high wages and other costs."

FRANK W. MONDELL TO SWING GAVEL FOR REPUBLICANS

CLEVELAND O. June 3.—Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming will be permanent chairman of the Republican convention opening here Tuesday, June 10, William M. Butler, national committeeman from Massachusetts, and manager of President Coolidge's campaign, announced this morning.

Mr. Mondell, a member of the war finance corporation and a former congressman from Wyoming, for years has been leader of the republican party leaders. He ran for the United States senatorship from Wyoming but was defeated by Senator Kendrick.

Mr. Mondell wired his acceptance of the honor of Mr. Butler, today.

The appointment is subject to ratification by the committee on arrangements which is considered a mere formality.

WARREN TO MAKE PLATFORM

Charles E. Warren, American ambassador to Mexico, virtually had been agreed upon by Republican leaders for the chairmanship of the resolutions committee at the Republican national convention.

Ambassador Warren is en route from Mexico City to Cleveland and is understood to have been approached regarding the chairmanship prior to his departure from the Mexican capital. The resolutions committee, which drafts the platform, is elected by the members of the committee consisting of one delegate from each state, but it was said today by party leaders here that unless something unforeseen develops, Mr. Warren will be chosen. Mr. Warren probably will not be able to come to Washington to confer with President Coolidge before the committee meets but is said to be well informed of the desires of the president relative to a platform.

The American Legion dance last Saturday night was a success and everybody participated in a good time. The next dance held by the Legion will be the 14th of this month. The boys are contemplating on doing a lot more work on the floor, making it one of the best dance floors in this part of the state.

LOUISE METTA CLEARY PASSES AWAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS, T. C. H. STUDENT

Louise Metta Cleary, age 17 years and 4 months, died at her parents' residence in Choteau, May 31, 1924. She was a junior in the Teton County High School and was one of the most prominent members of Branch 2 of the Girls' Friendly Society and one of the leading students in her classes at school.

She was born January 31, 1907 at Peterson, Iowa, coming to Choteau in 1916. Louise was ill only two weeks before passing away and was buried in the Choteau cemetery. She made friends with all that came to know her intimately and her passing is mourned by a large number of Choteauites, as well as her classmates.

MEASURE IS VOTED DOWN 224 TO 154—EFFORTS TO PUT OVER LESS DRASTIC LAW FAIL

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was defeated today in the house. Last minute efforts of its supporters to put thru a less drastic measure also failed.

When the house finally got back to consideration of the McNary-Haugen bill, Representative Jones, Democrat, Texas, offered the substitute in a motion to re-commit. It was rejected by a standing vote of 101 to 69. A roll call vote on passage of the bill then was taken.

Rejection of the proposal left members of the house and senate farm bloc in doubt as to what, if any, farm legislation could be rushed thru before adjournment Saturday.

The bill was rejected 224 to 154.

Compromise Appears

A compromise farm relief bill was drawn up today at a conference of members of the farm bloc in both the house and senate which it was indicated had the endorsement of the White House.

McDelling on the lines of the McNary-Haugen bill, it would empower the war finance corporation to purchase "exportable surplus" of wheat and meat products, sell these abroad and meet the loss, if any, from the corporation's present surplus of \$161,000,000.

The new bill will carry the "ratio price" section of the McNary-Haugen measure, which will be invoked to determine when the corporation should enter the market. It is to be introduced in the house promptly, it was stated.

FORM OF TAX REDUCTION

While the President covered every subject having a direct bearing on the welfare of the people and treated comprehensively those matters on which the public mind is focused, there was one outstanding feature in his recent address to members of the Associated Press in session in New York.

He again took a firm stand for reduction of taxation and gave unqualified endorsement of the plan formulated by Secretary of Treasurer Mellon.

It is his judgment that the country does not require a greater outlay of money but a greater application of constructive economy.

In face of failure of Congress to agree on a tax reduction bill, the President firmly believes that ultimately the requirements of economy and reduced taxes will be met in a way not inconsistent with the greater resources of the country.

Frank Howard and wife, accompanied by Johnny Weaver, arrived Saturday from Seattle, leaving there last Thursday afternoon by auto. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are planning on returning to the Sound city, but John says that Choteau is good enough for him.

PRESIDENT WANTS MAN LIKE SELF

Coolidge Describes Desirable Running Mate For Election To Party Leaders

CLEVELAND, O., June 4th.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Coolidge has sent direct word to the republican party managers here describing the type of man he wants for a running mate.

The president's word reaffirms the previous understanding that he wants a man of his own political mind and does not wish the national ticket to represent an attempt to recognize the insurgent wing of the party.

Mr. Coolidge has told those to whom he confided his wishes that the vice-presidential-candidate should be a man who could carry an assurance to the country that should he succeed to the presidency there would be no change in the fundamental policies of the administration.

With this in mind, the party managers who are carefully making a pre-conventional canvass of available will be acceptable to the president and agreeable to the president continuing to discuss Secretary Hoover and former Governor Lowden of Illinois, almost to the exclusion of others who have been mentioned.

Word from Washington that Senator La Follette would not be formally placed in nomination for the presidency removed one of the last possibilities for a touch of an old-fashioned convention and left nothing in sight but a ratification meeting.

SENATE ADOPTS HOUSE RESOLUTION ENDING SESSION NEXT SATURDAY—PROGRAM GOES THRU OVER PROTEST OF LA FOLLETTE—VOTE IS 53 TO 36— MUCH LEGISLATION LEFT TO DIE

Congress will adjourn next Saturday under a house resolution adopted today by the senate.

Republican and Democratic party leaders joined in securing final approval for the adjournment plan despite the protests of the La Follette group of insurgents and others who wanted to delay action until there was a definite assurance that farm relief railroad and reclamation legislation could be passed.

The vote by which the house resolution was adopted was 53 to 36.

Just before final action Senator La Follette's proposal for a recess of a month instead of final adjournment was voted down, 36 to 52, and a proposal by Senator Frazier, Republican, North Dakota, to delay the adjournment date until Jun. 21, was defeated 35 to 53.

La Follette's Plan
Senator La Follette immediately after the vote gave notice that as a representative of one of the states in the area of agricultural depression he felt it his duty "to object from this time to any legislation which does not have the relief of the farmer."

Thirty-four Republicans and 19 Democrats including the titular leaders of both parties voted for adjournment. The opposition was composed of 14 Republicans, 20 Democrats and the two Farmer-Labor Senators.

Judge Green has been in Butte for the past few days tending court and from there he goes to Harve to try a few court cases.

Statement of Condition of FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business March 31, 1924

RESOURCES

Cash in vault and in other banks 86,515.11
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 50,433.37
County warrants, real estate, etc. 24,892.18
Loans and discounts 165,346.45

327,187.11

LIABILITIES

Deposits 266,098.86
Surplus and undivided profits 11,988.25
Capital stock 50,000.00

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.



Citizens State Bank
CHOTEAU, MONTANA

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$65,000.00