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COUNTY AGENTS NEWS NOTES

CAPOINIZING DEMONSTRATIONS:

One hundred sixty-five farmers and their wives in eight communities were given instructions last week in caponizing by Miss Cushman, in cooperation with County Agent Robert Clarkson. Forty-three actually performed the operation and would be able to caponize their own birds as well as anyone except possibly for speed which can be secured only thru practice. Every community of these eight has from one to seven persons who can perform this operation.

Capons will in a short time be an important product of Teton County. These birds when properly fitted should weigh from eight to twelve pounds and have never known to bring less than thirty cents per pound.

Plans at the present time are to follow these demonstrations up with a production program next year signing up about fifty farmers who will raise about one hundred capons next year. This will be sufficient to ship out one car load.

Two meetings were missed last week on account of rain, one at Farmington and the other at Collins will be held this week on Thursday and Friday. The meeting at Collins will be held at two p. m. July 31st. and Farmington, Friday August 1st. STATE FAIR: Premium lists for 1924 Montana State Fair have been sent out to the committeeman of various communities so that they may know what entries can be made along agricultural lines sufficiently early to give plenty of time for the selection of their material. It is expected that a greater effort will be placed this year on the vegetable show and on the large sample of grain exhibit. Especially do we wish to encourage entries in the special exhibit for the best bushel of Marquis wheat. Last year Teton County won second place with only two exhibits entered. The County Agent will be glad to hear from anyone having a good garden, good grain or any other products that would be of a quality to warrant being shown at the State Fair.

TURKEY REPORTS: The reports on the turkey production of Teton County for the market are coming in very slowly and unless more are sent in it will be doubtful if Teton County

Highest Averages Among Eighth Grade Graduates Announced

County Superintendent of Schools Edythe Saylor has received the averages of all the students graduating from the eighth grade this year and the highest eighteen are:

1. Muriel Blake 89.4; 2. Ivan Riggs 88.1; 3. Bernice Tempel 87.4; 4. Thora Kregness 86.9; 5. Paul Walker 86.5; 6. Blanche Bennetsen 86.2; 7. Jimmie Lemmon 85.1; 8. Maurice Johnson 84.8; 9. Ada Lathrop 84.7; 10. Emerson Cunningham 84.6; 11. Helen Standish 84.4; 12. Bernard Otness 84.1; 13. Eva Thompson 84; 14. Velma Newman 83.9; 15. Wayne Wood 83.7; 16. Gertrude Johnson 83.5; 17. William Olson 83.4; 18. Arthur Dahlmann 83.

HENRY FORD TO MAKE AIR "FLIVVERS"

Henry Ford has turned his attention to airplanes, and an aviation field for experimentation has been provided at Dearborn. Who is the man who dares predict that airplanes will soon be as common as Ford autos? Mr. Ford declares they will soon be turned out by the millions. In that case the "wheels" of the world will be replaced by wings.

If it should come to pass that because of the failure of any candidate to secure a majority in the electoral college, and because of the failure in the house of representatives, and because of the election of a vice president by the senate, Governor Bryan becomes president of the United States, then indeed will one element of the democratic party have cause for tears.

will be able to have enough to make a carload. If there are any farmers who have turkeys that will be ready for market this fall we would like to have you send in your names and the number you will have for the market.

On July 31st at 7:30 p. m. the farmers interested in cow testing association work will meet for the purpose of discussing this subject and making arrangements to conduct a year's test on cows in the Collins community. The purpose of the testing will be to cull out the poor animals in each herd which will be replaced with animals of better breeding and milking qualities.

Stick To The Point

Last week we took issue with the Acantha, solely on the proposition of the economy and efficiency of the present incumbent of the sheriff's office. In what we presume the Acantha's present editor thinks a unadvised reply we are attacked for printing the news, just because the Acantha comes out on Thursday and our issue on Friday. The Acantha prints some of the news and would have us consider as "tabu" all matters upon which it touches. This is aside from the present issue, but we feel free to say that we shall continue to print the news as we find it, no matter if the Acantha has been enabled to "scoop" on account of coming out the previous day. Of course we cannot pretend to the erudition which is now inflicted on the Acantha readers, but we did make 'em understand what we are at hence the broadside. Of course the present sheriff promised to expend his strength and energy toward the cleaning up of the county, and all outdoors, we presume, and we admit that he has expended his strength and energy and also a few thousands of the county's money, but what has been the result? The county is fast being "cleaned up" financially, and with no beneficial result that is apparent to anyone but the Acantha. The Acantha assumes that we are against the enforcement of the liquor laws, but we have not said so. On the other hand whenever the occasion occurred, we have always declared our belief that all laws should be enforced, but your ordinary garden variety of sheriff and the Acantha's editor ignore everything but the burning question of prohibition and always harp on that issue, and why?—because it has proven to be a prolific vote getter. We mentioned 12 criminal cases originated, prosecuted and handled by the present sheriff at the last jury term, but as a matter of fact there were 13. There was 1 horse stealing case with 3 perjury cases tailed on, all of which went up in the air after a 3 days' trial of the first case at a great expense to the county. The Acantha's readers will remember the great blast from the sheriff's horn of "journalism" when the arrest was made, how the former sheriff was accused of indifference but the present distributor of largess to the Acantha was praised for his detective ability but nothing was said about the expensive trips to Great Falls in effort to get an aged father and mother to declare their son to be a perjurer, which was a bootless effort, of course.

We have not yet charged the sheriff with extravagance—that is possibly, yet to come—but we did and do question his efficiency and economy in the light of what he has failed to accomplish. It may be true that the expense of the sheriff's office was about \$1000 less for 1923 than for 1922, but it is also true that the present sheriff was a deputy in 1922, superfluous, probably, but nevertheless the beneficiary of what is now suggested on his behalf as the extravagance of his former chief. The former sheriff gathered in around \$4000 for the county in

liquor cases and the present sheriff is \$3975 in the red ink on that proposition. We are not fighting the prohibition law but we prefer to state facts rather than campaign bunk. We agree with the Acantha that the sheriff is not the prosecutor, but we re-assert that the present incumbent of the office exercises so far as he can make it stick, the functions of prosecutor, judge and jury. The Acantha points with pride to the alleged fact that the absence of "notorious dives", that formally flourished can be noted, but as a matter of fact there has been no abatement proceeding brot in this county. There were 2 confiscations of fixtures under the former sheriff which were brot to a successful conclusion, while the present sheriff actually made what he thought was a seizure, but had to let loose upon his own statement of facts when his action was questioned. We ask that the Acantha stick to the point as to the efficiency and economy of the present sheriff, for it threw its gauntlet into the ring on that proposition and now tries to make a hash out of the matter by questioning our right to publish the news and assumes that our views of the prohibition law are not such as endorsed by that paper. We are for the enforcement of the law, by a sheriff who will proceed under the law, with an eye single to his official duty rather than to the possible result at the primary, and, equally with the Acantha, we have the right to name a candidate who, if elected, can fill the bill. With all due respect to our contemporary we name Archie Murchie as a deserving candidate for the office of sheriff of this county.

FARMINGTON PEOPLE HAVE PICNIC AT THE HANSON GROVE

The Rocky Mountain Teleglad had its yearly meeting last Sunday in Hanson's grove. About two hundred and fifty people were gathered. The program was rendered in Norwegian except for the national anthems, "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America." Several good speakers as well as many good singers helped in the entertaining. Many tables were set with the delicious Norwegian eats. In the afternoon were all the old fashion "Telemarkren" dances after which supper was served. In the evening was the American dance which was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lindseth Mrs. Belle Lindseth and Mr. Rorvick returned home from a few day's trip in Glacier Park. They enjoyed their trip very much.

Joel Otness visited with home folks last week end.

Mr. J. J. Otness and Joel and Alice Otness and Kora Oien, autoed to Great Falls last Tuesday.

Several of the Bench people went on a picnic up to the river last Sunday. All reported of having a very good time.

James Sulgrove Only Republican Candidate For District Judge

James Sulgrove, the only republican candidate from Teton county for judge of the 19th judicial district was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, and came to Montana in 1891 and was admitted to the bar of the supreme court in March, 1892, and opened his office in Choteau in April of that year.

In 1893 Teton county was created and he was appointed county attorney by the legislature. His careful advice to new officers in a new county and his just administration of his duties brought him his re-election without opposition in 1894. He was again elected and served during the term of 1901 and 1902. Since then he has devoted himself to his law practice giving particular attention to waters and water rights, corporations and probate law. He has prepared an office digest of over 200 Montana water cases, and, many special and criminal law briefs. He has been admitted to the U.S. Supreme, Circuit and District Courts and is a member of the American Bar Association.

He has always believed in keeping a client out of court rather than coaxing him into court or "Compromise is better than waste", "Equal justice to all, powerful or poor" is his slogan and "Equal enforcement of all laws for or against all equally". Mr. Sulgrove served as Chairman of the committee for the establishment of the Teton County High School and his work is evidenced by the fact that every vote in Choteau precinct but one was for the school. He also served one year as Chairman of the district school board resigning on account of ill health. During this year he established three schools in the Fairfield and Bole country. For several years he was sole trustee of the Library Association paying all the expense himself. Mr. Sulgrove has probably the largest general library and historical library in the county. He still lives in Choteau with his wife and six children.

Grain Growers Are Arranging To Put Over A Big Deal

Grain growers are arranging to acquire five of the largest

FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Supervisor Myrick, of the Lewis and Clark National forest, states that the district forester has placed all of the North Fork of Sun River watershed lying within the Lewis & Clark national forest closed to the building of camp fires without a permit from August 1 to 31, inclusive.

Persons entering the area via Ear Mountain may obtain permits at the supervisor's office at Choteau or at the Ear Mountain Ranger Station, and in case the ranger is absent, permits may be obtained from the fireman at Wrong Creek, which is the first camping place within the area.

The Sun River patrolman and district ranger at Hannan gulch will issue permits for person entering by way of the Sun River canyon.

All persons entering by way of the Willow Creek station can obtain a permit there or from the firman at Benchmark, which is ordinarily the first camp used by the public entering the area affected.

Mr. Myrick stated that the dryness of the season, together with the large number of fires in the forests of district 1 which have been traced to transients, makes such drastic measures necessary if the damage from this source is to be controlled, but that every effort would be made to minimize the inconvenience to the public.

Violations of the regulations will be prosecuted in the federal courts and carry a stiff fine and jail sentence to those parties violating it.

grain elevators companies in the United States valued at \$26,000,000. This Grain Marketing Association will be the largest co-operative body in the United States. The purchase was sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation; its purpose is to place at the disposal of farmers a single marketing structure to eliminate middlemen's profits, and thereby increase the profits for the producer.

—VOTE FOR COOLIDGE—

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close Of Business June 30, 1924.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks	Deposits
40,467.07	230,374.13
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	Surplus and undivided profits
54,279.27	10,584.80
County warrants, real estate, etc.	Capital stock
31,915.84	50,000.00
Loans and discounts	
164,296.75	
	290,958.93
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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

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$65,000.00