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## LEAVITT LUCKY ON COMMITTEES

### MONTANA CONGRESSMAN LANDS IN PLACES WHERE CHANCES FOR SERVICE ARE GOOD

Completing his first term as congressman from the second Montana district, Scott Leavitt of Great Falls, is presenting to his constituents a distinguished record in his campaign for re-election on the republican ticket and one that is making a strong appeal to the voters.

When it is considered that nearly one-fifth of all federal reclamation project acreage lies in Montana, Mr. Leavitt's district, it will be seen that his appointment to the irrigation committee places him in a position to be of substantial service to his state.

As a member of the house committee on Indian affairs Congressman Leavitt has a say in matters of vital interest to both the Indians and to white settlers on Indian lands, while as a member of the public lands committee the Montana representative is in a position to further advance the interests of his constituents.

In fact Mr. Leavitt's committee assignments have been particularly fortunate in that they have given him exceptional opportunities to serve his constituents and the state he represents generally. It is seldom that a new member of congress is recognized by appointment to important committees as Mr. Leavitt has been.

A speaker of convincing ability, Congressman Leavitt quickly won recognition in the house. Last spring he was sent by his colleagues to deliver an address at the unveiling of a monument to war veterans in Portland, Maine, and won many compliments from house members for his masterly effort.

As an illustration of how his committees dovetail for the good of Montana it is cited that last winter a senate bill came to the house, introduced by Senator Phipps of Colorado, proposing to defer time for making payments of water charges, both on project under bureau of reclamation and commissioner of Indian affairs. The house irrigation committee held that it had no jurisdiction over Indian affairs. Mr. Leavitt immediately introduced a bill of a like nature covering Indian projects, got it favorably reported out of the Indian affairs committee, writing the report himself, and as a result had the satisfaction of having the Indian project clause inserted in the general land bill by the conferees of the two houses.

Congressman Leavitt also is a member of the mines and mining committee, the importance of which to Montana may be gathered from its name.

When congress convened last fall, Mr. Leavitt was named on a special committee of northwestern congressmen to draft farm and and development legislation of special importance to their states. He was also on a special joint congressional committee to confer with the department of agriculture on grading of wheat. As the result of these discussions a new grade is this month being made effective, No. 1 hard, which outranks the

## FARMINGTON NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Otness and Mrs. L. J. Otness went to Belt to attend the funeral of Mr. Anderson who died in Great Falls last Tuesday.

Miss Inez Lindseth visited at the Belle Lindseth home last Sunday.

Rev. Tjaseth of Conrad will have Norwegian services at the Norwegian Lutheran church, Oct. 19, at 11 o'clock and 7 in the evening. Everybody welcome.

Several of the Bench young people attended the speech given by Scott Leavitt last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dunn and son and Mrs. Pete Clieve are visiting at the home of their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lindseth.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Crawford visited the first grade Friday.

The third grade built a sand table showing a lumber lunge on a mountain slope. It carries the lumber from the forest on the mountain side down to the sawmill in the valley below. Then the railroad carried the lumber to distant cities.

June Edgar of the third grade has left for Bremerton, Wash.

Jennie Jacobson entered the third grade this week.

Mrs. Sutton visited the fourth grade last Friday afternoon.

Leonard Lewis of the fourth grade was absent Monday on account of illness.

James Meagher of the fifth grade was absent Friday.

The fifth grade will soon start to make rag rugs. Any contribution of rags will be gladly accepted.

Margaret Edgar of the sixth grade left for Bremerton, Washington.

Alice Loose of the sixth grade was absent today on account of illness.

Tommy Moore of the seventh grade was absent Monday.

Grace Allum of the eighth grade is back to school again after being absent for a week with the mumps.

Johnny Conquergood and Julian Stenson are absent from the eighth grade.

Clarke Coffey is coaching the seventh and eighth grade boys in football.

Glenn Archibald of the eighth grade had the misfortune to break his arm playing football.

Mrs. Otis Mellon and Mrs. A. B. Guthrie were visiting mothers of Parent-Teachers' Association this week.

Waneta Price and Mary Sulgrove, Reporters.

The Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will give a chicken dinner election night at the Merchant's Cafe. Dinner Served from 6 p. m.

old No. 1 dark northern spring. This takes care of a large quantity of Montana wheat, giving the farmer who produces it the benefit of the unusual quality when he sells on the local market. He was also on a special committee of western members that drafted a bill to use more advantageously federal aid in road building in sparsely settled states of the west.

## The Shoe Pinches

In its issue of October 2nd the Acantha opens the campaign for the general election with an article devoted to the re-election of the sheriff with the caption "Time to Start Working," and, after having read our reply seems to realize that the caption was prophetic. Having been on the political fence ever since it has been under its present ownership, it has at last and by piece-meal, evidently launched itself as a republican paper. Its first and only interest is in the publication of sheriff's notices of sale, which is controlled by the sheriff and for which the Acantha receives legal rates, providing its meal ticket. Last week it conceded a little more and came out for the republican nominees for president and vice-president, which is very magnanimous. This week it goes two or three steps farther and gives some of the local candidates besides the sheriff a write-up, evidently realizing that to boost the sheriff alone would cause comment. So, at last, the Acantha claims to be republican; a wonder of wonders caused by its appetite for the sheriff's patronage. Having started its campaign by praising the sheriff and expecting everyone to swallow it, the Acantha is much peeved because we found it necessary to doubt many of its bald statements, so peeved that it draws upon its imagination as to who is the author of what has appeared in our columns editorially, and tries to make it appear to the public that the opposition to the sheriff lies only in the heart of one individual. The articles that have appeared in the matter of this candidacy are our own and will continue to be our own throughout the campaign—we assume the responsibility, and whether or not we gain information from the public records or from some other source is no business of the Acantha, but "you know me 'AL' and if the truth hurts we can't help it—we quote truth, only. An editorial is not anonymous, for the reason that its responsibility is assumed by the publisher and it matters not whether Mr. Magee or anyone else is a writer for this paper, so long as it tells the truth.

We do not know that the sheriff ever received any threatening letters, but we understand that he did receive some anonymous letters directing suspicion toward an individual, that he foolishly acted upon the purported information thus given him, and has been broken hearted ever since because his action in the matter resulted in an emphatic "dud," if there is such a thing. Isn't it a fact that a rattlesnake gives fair warning? The Acantha quotes figures but they are not based upon the records of the fiscal years and were evidently sorted out to prove its contention of economy on the part of the sheriff, and if true show a saving of less than the salary of a deputy sheriff, which is the only saving made, distort it as you will. Apparently the present incumbent preferred to take care of the mileage himself, rather than divide with a deputy. Mileage is the meat of the proposition and the collection of it is practically the only velvet in the office. The record shows that Sheriff Martine, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, collected \$1,682.56 as mileage from the county; that for the next fiscal year the first six months were handled by Martine and the last six months by Reiquam, and the mileage had increased to \$2,071.08; at this time we do not attempt to show who was responsible for the increase, but we find for the next year, ending June 30th, 1924, the sheriff's mileage is the sum of \$2,051.94, a decrease of about \$20, only, which demonstrates that under the nursing of Reiquam mileage is rather a lusty kid. These figures and all that we quote, are of public record in the county clerk's office. The Acantha don't like to have us refer to the August bill, items of which we published last week. We happened to pick on that one, but the others are about the same. Note that the sheriff traveled 126 miles on August 25th, the day before the primary, on a purported horse-stealing "investigation," but we hear of no arrest. August 25th was an anxious day amongst candidates and a swing around the circle at the county expense was not a bad idea, but do you think Jim Collins would adopt it?

We note that the sheriff of Pondera county charged the county \$18.20 for mileage during the month of August, still he was a candidate for re-election but had conscience enough to campaign upon his own expense, apparently. Mileage is NOT allowed the sheriff by law for investigations. It is allowed only when he has papers in his hands for service. In emergency cases when the sheriff can show the absolute necessity of a trip, his ACTUAL EXPENSES, only, are allowed. One who is now a high officer of this state was removed as a county commissioner because he charged an item of \$8.00 per day without proper authority. Learn these things, AL, and get your mind off the shoe that pinches.

E. C. Leedy, general agricultural development agent at St. Paul, Minn., has made a personal investigation of the corn situation in Montana and has solved a method by which the farmers may secure the best results in case of having early frosts. The following is an extract from his letter:

"Owing to the fact that so much of the corn in this state will probably be damaged by frost before it reaches the best stage of maturity for silage it is of the greatest importance to

keep in mind the fact that its feed value can be greatly improved by making silage of it.

"Corn that has been damaged by frost may be cut and shocked or corn that has stayed in the shock for some little time and become dry may be successfully converted to silage in a trench silo by running plenty of water into the trench on it and thoroughly packing the silage.

It is of special importance to notice that whole corn fodder in bundles may be packed in the trench silo,

## FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

### LOCAL BOYS PLAY BELT ON HOME FIELD

With the invasion of the eleven from Belt High School the local boys will open the football season on the home field next Saturday. It has been impossible so far to predict a great deal of advance dope on either team as this is the first game for the locals and the visitors have played only one game. However, the football fans of Choteau and vicinity can expect a great battle and need never be in doubt about getting their money's worth. Come out and back your team to win Saturday.

Under the leadership of Bill Burns, crack 180 pound fullback, who was recently elected captain by his team mates, the team is rounding out in good shape and is rapidly taking on the appearance of a football aggregation. Coach Midgett has instituted a complete new code of signals and plays this year and this together with the constant coaching in fundamentals has transformed a bunch of raw materials into a fighting eleven.

Men that will probably see action and the positions they will play are: Center, H. Moore, W. Mosier.

Guard, B. McNeal, A. Dale and S. Kelley.

Tackles, C. Satterley, W. Mosier. Ends, L. Cvary, W. Upman and H. Jourdonnais.

Quarterbacks, W. Cohoe, B. Moore. Halfbacks, H. Crane, E. Evenson, B. Burns and C. Davis.

Fullback, W. Burns, E. Evenson.

A number of other men will be in suits among whom are Earl Bennett, H. Bleeker, G. Radcliffe, L. Gyeen, B. Tedrow, A. Bannatyne, H. Geren, Wright, J. Mozer, R. Helme, G. Stokes and Joe Slanger.

### HIGH SCHOOL FROSH TRIUMPHS OVER PUBLIC SCHOOL TEAM

In a hotly contested battle Wednesday afternoon the team composed of the seventh and eighth grades of the public school went down to defeat at the hands of the H. S. freshman to the tune of 33 to 0.

Despite a shortage in weight in both the line and backfield the plucky graders made constant gains and threatened to score more than once. Johnny Sulgrove, dimittive quarterback of Coach Coffey's team, starred throughout the contest and showed good headwork at all times. Others who shared the limelight for the

wet down and packed thoroughly by horses. More water is required for corn that has stood in the shock or been damaged by frost than for fresh cut green corn put directly in the silo. By using plenty of water and having the silage thoroughly packed it will not spoil. Be sure to cut the bands on bundles where it is put into the silo without shredding."

## FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

### FIVE-YEAR CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE LAUNCHED

Missoula, Montana, October 3:—In conformity with legislation enacted at the last session of congress enumerators will take the field shortly to secure the information necessary for compiling a complete census of agriculture in the United States. In counties within or conveniently near the national forests the work will be done under the immediate direction of the forest service, cooperating with the Bureau of the Census, and instructions will be placed in the hands of forest supervisors promptly, according to announcement made today by Fred Morrell, district forester.

The Bureau of the Census is charged with taking the census, and has requested this cooperation from the forest service in the interest of economy and promptness in getting the work under way. Being situated conveniently throughout much of the western states, and having intimate acquaintance with local people and conditions, forest officers will receive appointment as census enumerators are in a position to handle the work uniformly and effectively.

The census is made regularly every 10 years. This is strictly an agricultural census to be based on 1924 crops and conditions, and should indicate the present nation-wide status and trend of agriculture. The field canvass is to be completed by January 15, 1925.

Tuesday evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs joined in a celebration to commemorate the founding of Rebekahism. Card playing and dancing furnished entertainment. At midnight a delicious lunch was served. Several members speaking upon different subjects pertaining to the order at this time.

Drs. Eula and Howard Waters of Conrad were the guests of Mrs. Brant Tuesday. Mrs. Waters was returning from a visit to Canada. She was accompanied by her mother.

Mrs. Edwin Anderson of Farmington is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mozer.

graders were Talifson, husky fullback, Bill Bateman at tackle, and in fact every fellow on the team did fine work and was a credit to his team.

Bud Burns played good ball for the frosh and closely filled by Earl Bennett, H. Jourdonnais, Bud Moore and Russell Helme. Other members of the team also did their share but did not have an opportunity to pull any stellar work.

If it can be arranged another game will be played between the same two teams next Wednesday afternoon.

### 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
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	Surplus and undivided profits
County warrants, real estate, etc.	Capital stock
Loans and discounts	
290,958.93	290,958.93



## 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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CHOTEAU, MONTANA

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