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AGRICULTURE OF MONTANA SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Billings, Nov. 25.—(Special to the Montanan)—Montana agriculture is rapidly getting on to a sound, profitable basis and while few people fully realize the remarkable progress that has been made in the use of scientific principles, the 1924 crop returns demonstrate anew the fact that the day of haphazard methods and the one-crop gamble is gone forever, according to W. A. Selvidge, president of the Montana Development Association.

"In comparing the reports for the past five years we have found that while the state's wheat acreage has been steadily decreasing, until this year it is ten per cent less than that of 1920, yet each year, with one exception, has shown a decided increase in yield, the 1924 total being thirty-five per cent more than that of 1920. Such a tremendous increase in yield, in the face of the very considerable cut in acreage seeded, clearly indicates that the practice of seeding on summer tillage, or inter-tilled crop land, affords the most efficient way of raising wheat and is here to stay. A further study of the large yields, running as high as 64 bushels to the acre, furnishes additional proof of this, for in practically every case it was found that these yields were produced on land handled in this way.

"During this period, too, there has been an increase of 200 per cent in the corn acreage, resulting in a yield this year 380 per cent greater than that of 1920, as well as a 35 per cent increase in the acreage of oats, showing this year a yield of 90 per cent above that of five years ago. Since 93 per cent of our corn and 83 per cent of our oats are not sold, but consumed on the farm, it is plainly evident that there is a distinctly marked trend away from wheat production and toward the producing of the feed for the cow, sow and hen on the farm. We feel sure that such practices cannot fail to bring certain, lasting success to Montana farmers, for our studies have shown beyond the question of a doubt that only by raising the feed for the sock and the living of the family on the farm can their hopes and ambitions be realized.

"Reports recently received from certain sections of the state indicate that there will be a considerable increase in wheat acreage in 1924," says Mr. Selvidge, "and I am questioning whether there may not be some farmers who are considering seeding larger acreage than they can prepare right, forgetting our experiences during 1917-18-19. Many people fail to recognize the fact that the present comparatively high level in the price of wheat is due principally to the big shortage in other countries. With anywhere normal production outside the United States next year, and especially if here is a decided increase in acreage here, prices will fall to equal the cost of production."

FARMINGTON NEWS NOTES

There will be English services in the Norwegian Lutheran church at 11 o'clock, Dec. 7, 1924. Everyone welcome.

Luther League was held last Friday evening. Quite a number attended and the delicious luncheon served by G. I. Tangen and Johnny Richem was more than enjoyed by all.

Gus Depner started to finish some threshing for Jack Kerr last Friday, but due to the fact it stormed he had to quit.

Mr. and Mrs. Oluf Lindseth were visitors at the S. Lindseth home last week.

J. B. Connor has purchased a new Dodge car.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson were in Great Falls last week, returning with Miss Edna Howe who is going to visit with them.

Mrs. Frank Hynes, who has been ill in the Great Falls hospital for some time, returned to her home last Thursday. She is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Bertha Anderson from Belt is visiting with relatives and friends here.

Miss Alice Otness visited with Miss Martha Chalmers last week.

Wm. Chalmers has installed a new radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Kieffer left for Kansas last week to visit with his relatives.

Mrs. John Edwards and Mrs. S. Lindseth were dinner guests at the R. Anderson home last Monday.

51 DAYS OF RACING

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA
New York, Nov. 25.—Word was received today from Luke Cassidy, manager of the Miami Florida Jockey club, and widely known in racing circles throughout the United States giving first complete announcement of entries to date for the 51-day racing season to begin in Miami January 15. One thousand and eighteen stables were ready at the track November 1, and a this writing manager Cassidy has received application for 1,198 horses, and more are coming in every day.

GORE PROMOTED TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, Nov. 22.—Howard M. Gore of West Virginia was today appointed secretary of agriculture to succeed the late Henry C. Wallace.

Mr. Gore, who has been serving as acting secretary since the death of Mr. Wallace, can serve only until next March 4, when he becomes governor of his home state.

HUNTER TRIAL IS SET

The E. B. "Tex" Hunter trial has been set for December 15 in Toole county.

It is the only criminal case set for this term of court. It is understood 60 names have been drawn, but they will not be made public until a later date. Hunter is charged with the murder of his wife, Katherine Hunter, the killing taking place on the streets of Sweet Grass, some two months ago.

WHEELER TO HAVE COLLEAGUE'S AID

Washington, Nov. 25.—Senate members will be actively associated with the defense of Senator Wheeler of Montana, it was announced yesterday in event the federal proceedings brought against him in his own state of charges of misuse of his office, is pushed to trial next month.

While Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, has been retained by Senator Wheeler to take charge of his defense, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, have volunteered to assist and indications are that the offers will be accepted.

Senator Borah was chairman of a special committee which investigated the charges brought against Mr. Wheeler in Montana while he was prosecuting the investigation into Harry M. Daugherty's administration of the department of justice.

ONE THOUSAND TEACHERS MET IN GREAT FALLS

Two general meetings of the North Central division of the Montana Educational association, nine sectional sessions all of which were well attended, two large banquets, a score of smaller dinner parties together, work by committees of the general association and an election of officers combined to keep the thousand teachers who were visiting in Great Falls Monday and Tuesday very busy. In galore and many little theatre parties and other entertainments provided for the visitors by local hosts.

GORDON CAMPBELL IN NEW BIG OIL DEAL

Gordon Campbell is reported to be enroute to New York City to close up his deal for the sale of acreage in Kevin-Sunburst field to the Thompson interests. He went to Lewistown earlier in the week, accompanied by his attorney, S. C. Ford, and from Lewistown left, it is reported, for New York.

It is understood that Campbell is selling 48 40-acre tracts to the Royal Canadian Oil & Refining company for \$202 an acre or a total of \$96,000. A hitch resulted from bad titles incident to litigation now pending. He is reported to have already received \$25,000.00 on the new deal.

THE UNDER-SHERIFF

The Acantha recently expressed itself as being willing to support the newly elected officers, but last week came out with the announcement that Sheriff-elect Collins had selected J. L. Billings as his under-sheriff, and a criticism is suggested on the ground that "Shell" lives at Brady, in Pondera county. "Shell" is an old time resident of Teton county, but was registered into the office of sheriff upon the creation of Pondera county, and at that time named Jim Collins as his under-sheriff. The sheriff's office in Pondera county was efficient and economical under Sheriff Billings' administration, and we think the people of this county will be satisfied when they find that the sheriff's office is about to be a going concern. YOU KNOW ME, AL.

GOMPERS RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF LABOR

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 25.—Samuel Gompers, completing 63 years of service in the American labor movement Tuesday, was unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, a post he has held every year but one since the organization of the federation in 1881. Closing in his 74th year the forty-fourth annual convention of the organization which the daring flights of his boyhood imagination conceived more than a decade before the federation came into being. Mr. Gompers, militant, erect looking to the future, dedicated himself anew to the prosecution of his work. Re-elected with Mr. Gompers, were eight vice-presidents, the secretary and treasurer. All were unanimously elected.

BAZAAR

The Ladies Guild will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles at Gorman's, Saturday, Dec. 6th, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. Luncheon will be served in connection. Everybody welcome.

DIXON MAKES PLEA FOR MONT. MONTH

Calling official attention by proclamation to Montana Month—December—in the railroads' advertising campaign of the northwest Governor Joseph M. Dixon urges the cooperation of the people of the state so that the opportunities of Montana may be more fully appreciated by persons capable of availing themselves of the advantages the Treasury state offers.

"Our people have emerged from the trials of the past six years stronger by reason of their experience and efficient because of their more intimate acquaintance with the state which they delight to call home," says the proclamation. "It is fitting that the citizens of this state acquaint themselves with the reasons for its potential greatness and strive in every proper way to extend our own view of Montana far abroad."

PRIMATE OF ALL IRELAND BURIED WEDNESDAY

Armagh, Ireland, Nov. 25.—This was a city of mourning today the occasion being the funeral of Cardinal Michael Logue, primate of all Ireland.

Despite a heavy rain, thousands came here to attend the obsequies. Virtually all of Ireland was represented, the mourners coming from Dublin, Belfast, Derry and other outlying points.

The burial was preceded by the celebration of a pontifical mass in St. Patrick's cathedral. Almost every one wore a mourning symbol and so great was the desire to attend services that many had to be content with kneeling on the long tier of steps leading to the central aisle. There were 600 priests at the ceremonies.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS NOTES

Teton county will receive \$521.07 as its share of national forest receipts, this sum representing 25 per cent of the Yewis and Clark forest receipts in this county, according to advice received from the Missoula office.

In lieu of paying taxes the national forests pay to the state 25 per cent of all receipts from grazing permits, and this is apportioned to the county according to the net area of each county inside the forest, and the receipts of the particular forest the county is a part of. Since 1908 Teton county has been paid a total of \$18,040.60 as its share.

The law permits the counties to use the money only for schools and road purposes. An additional 10 per cent of receipts is expended by the forest service in construction and maintenance of roads within the forest. This is in addition to the large sum of money expended by the forest service in road and trail construction and maintenance.

Lewis and Clark county's share this year is \$2,313.46 but part of this is derived from the Helena forest. Pondera county's share is \$252.96 and Glacier's is \$52.28, all of which is derived from the Lewis and Clark forest.

The total amount paid to counties in Montana this year is \$82,786.75 and since the law became effective, Montana has been paid a total of \$1,361,576.18.

For the year ending June 30, 1924, the receipts for the Lewis and Clark forest total \$6,745.29 and came from the following sources:

Timber sales, \$733.44.
Trespass, \$28.76.
Grazing, \$5587.03.
Special uses, \$396.06.

NEW YORK PAPER FACING CHARGES FOR TAX MUDDLE

New York, Nov. 25.—The federal grand jury today returned an indictment against the New York Tribune company, publishers of the Herald-Tribune, alleging the unlawful printing and publishing of parts of the income tax returns.

ROD & GUN CLUB HAVE ELK FEED

Twenty-six members of the Choteau Rod and Gun Club attended an elk banquet at the New Choteau House last Saturday evening. E. H. Myrick, president of the club, presided. G. C. Core, vice-president and John T. Moore, secretary, are the other officers. C. H. McDonald, E. L. Jourdonnais and Clarence Looney was on the entertainment committee.

George Coffey, Jr., chairman of the propagation committee reported on the work being done by those under him. In his report he said it was customary for this county to receive 20,000 and 40,000 trout fry for planting, but through the work accomplished this year it had been raised to 100,000.

President Myrick reported that the Lewis and Clark forest, of which he is supervisor, is making a survey for the Montana Sportsmen's association of the territory around Choteau, furnishing his association with data on planting locations, etc.

This work includes depth of the streams, speed of flow and temperature of water, etc.

Report of a committee, composed of W. E. Howard, Geo. F. Miller, E. H. Myrick and John T. Moore, as to the number of predatory birds and animals the number of eggs of the birds was submitted.

Several rabbit and coyote drives will be put on this winter by the club.

FIFTY-THREE NEW SEATORS WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

Fifty-three senators are now serving their first term and eighteen of these entered the senate on March 4, 1923. With the death of Senator Lodge, Senator Warren, of Wyoming, becomes the oldest member in point of continuous service as he took his present seat on the 4th of March, 1895. Senator Warren outranked Senator Lodge in respect to length of actual service as he came to that body first in 1890, retired in 1893 and returned in 1895. Senator Warren is in his 81st year. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, is next in order of seniority, coming to the senate in March, 1901. Senator Overman, Senator Simmons' colleague from North Carolina, came in 1903 at the same time as Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 22.—Directly under the Northern lights, was their shifting brilliance fills the air with a sound he likens to faint rustling of silk or crackling of tissue paper, Donald B. MacMillan, arctic explorer, will establish next summer a permanent scientific station where he hopes to discover what the aurora is and how it can be harnessed to serve civilization, he said yesterday at Oswego.

His first task, he said, would be to measure the distance of the Northern lights from the earth in order that its potential power might be estimated.

FOUR SENATORS FACE CONTESTS OVER ELECTION

Washington, Nov. 25.—The senate of the next congress will be called upon to decide at least three election contests. A fourth will be added to list unless the present senate disposes of he contest against Senator Mayfield, democrat, Texas, which has been the subject of investigation for nearly two years.

Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, has informed senators in Washington he will contest the election of Sam G. Bratton, democrat, who was awarded the election by the official count.

UNUSUAL SITUATION

Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa will be forced to defend his election, Daniel J. Steck, his democratic opponent having announced plans for bringing a contest. An unusual situation has developed in this contest, as several republican leaders, including Senator Smoot of Utah, have announced their intention of supporting Steck. Out of a total of more than 1,000,000 votes, Brookhart was declared winner by around 755 ballots. Steck claims he would have won if ballots marked with arrows placed there by over-zealous supporters, had not been thrown out.

Friends of Senator Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota, says he will contest the election of his opponent, Representative Schall, republican. Senator Johnson claims Schall made untrue charges against him during the campaign in violation of Minnesota's corrupt practices act.

DISAGREEMENT

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, democratic member of the senate committee on privileges and elections, said the law required that the committee observe the state law regulating elections in deciding contests. He disagreed with Senator Smoot's statement that the committee had set a precedent for deciding contests by seating Senator King, democrat, Utah on the ground that it was the "intent of the voters to vote for King." Senator Ashurst declared the law of Utah required that the "intent of the voter" should guide the election and not the law. It states where the law demands that contests be decided solely on the law, the committee will be forced to consider the contest only from that standpoint.

GROVER FORGY HURT

Grover Forgy, employed on the Dearborn by the Elde company, was quite badly hurt, when a load of hay tipped over on him, according to advice received in Choteau this week. He was taken to the Augusta hospital and in the absence of Dr. Keller was attended by one of the doctors who happened to be there from Fort Harrison. Several ribs were broken but he is now getting along nicely.

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

Capital, Surplus and Profits over \$65,000.00

Statement of Condition of

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business October 10, 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	
\$358,364.22	\$358,364.22

