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## LEAVITT HAS IRRIGATION BILL

Washington, Dec. 18.—Water charges in connection irrigation project on Indian reservations would henceforth be paid in yearly installments of 5 per cent of the annual acre income of the preceding ten years under a bill introduced today by Representative Leavitt, republican, Montana.

A conference of representatives of all government irrigation districts and water users association was called by Secretary Work today for January 6 at Denver as the first step toward putting into effect a new method of repayment of construction charges on the federal reclamation projects. The system will be based on payment of 5 per cent of the crop returns instead of the present 20 year annual installment plan.

The new method is provided in the recently signed second deficiency bill which calls for classification and zoning of farms in each project and fixing of charges in accordance with soil fertilities. The conference will be attended by former governor Campbell of Arizona and Dr. John A. Widstoe of Utah, appointed a few days ago to head two committees which will reappraise reclamation areas.

Mr. Clifford R. Klutch and Miss Ruth Daley were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Daley at Dupuyer, December 7, 1924.

**Truck That Walks.**  
A German engineer has constructed a motor truck which does not move on wheels, but not unlike the Martians described by H. G. Wells in his "War of the Worlds," can stride with the help of "legs" across deserts and swamps, can wade "knee-deep" through rivers, stamp through snowfields and step across ditches, and fall tree trunk and other obstacles in its path, says a European dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger. For this purpose it is furnished with two pairs of spind, one of which always rests on the ground, while the other is moving forward with the load. When "walking" normally its stride measures about four feet in length, but, like a human being, it can regulate it when walking uphill or when stepping across an obstacle in its way. With its spind, which are ten feet long, it strides along the roads at a pace of six miles per hour, or about twice as fast as an ordinary person can go. It can go backward, turn completely around its axis without moving from the spot, and it even walks sideways if required.

**He Was One of Them.**  
While walking along, enjoying the bright sunshine, Jenkins' ear was assailed by a cry of:  
"Special! Audacious swindle! Evening paper! A hundred persons victimized!"  
Curious to read of the sad downfall of one of his fellow creatures, and of the way in which a hundred more had been victimized, he stopped the boy who was shouting the news and purchased a paper.  
Hastily glancing through the columns he failed to find a reference to any kind of heartless fraud. He searched again.  
Then suddenly upon his ears fell the shrill cry:  
"Paper! Special! One hundred and one persons victimized! Paper!"

## SAMUEL GOMPERS DIES IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is dead.

The last wish of the veteran labor leader,—that he die on American soil—was granted when 11 hours after he returned to the United States from Mexico where he attended the Pan-American Labor gathering, the aged leader breathed his last in a hotel here.

Labor associates of the aged leader who accompanied him on his trip into Mexico were at his bedside when death came at 5:10 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for several months but his condition was not regarded as serious until last Saturday when in Mexico City the ravaged air is said to have aggravated his weakened condition.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Under leaden skies, with a fine mist falling upon the assembled throng of mourners, the body of Samuel Gompers was laid to rest this afternoon in the ancient cemetery at Sleepy Hollow—a spot made famous by Washington Irving.

Services at the grave were the time honored ritualistic ceremonies of the Free Masons, conducted by the officers of St. Cecile lodge of New York City.

The grave of the leader of American labor is near the last resting place of many noted men—Andrew Carnegie, William Rockefeller and John D. Archbold, one time president of the Standard Oil company.

Near the grave were banded high many hundreds of floral tributes sent by labor organizations, fraternal organizations and friends from all sections of the country.

## CLIMATE ENGINEER PREDICTS WARMER WEATHER ENROUTE

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The cold wave in the northwest, pushing its way southward and eastward, with zero and subzero temperatures as far east and south as Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma was expected to extend still farther reaching Chicago and the central valleys by tomorrow. A moderation of temperature is expected to start in the northwest, however, at the same time.

The cold wave is due tonight in southwest Wisconsin, eastern and southern Missouri, extreme eastern Iowa, with generally colder weather tonight in Indiana, Michigan, much of Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and eastern Minnesota with the cold wave proportions reached tomorrow in Illinois and Indiana.

The cold still is severe through the northwest and portions of Nebraska and Kansas today.

Two persons are dead here as a result of the ice covered streets.

## FAMOUS RANCH SOLD ON AUCTION BLOCK

On his bid of \$50,000.00, the famous Flowerree Horse and Sheep company ranch located in Teton and Cascade counties, which includes land in 18 different townships and is one of the few old time stock ranches of the west, was sold on the auction block

## FEAR OF LOSING EYESIGHT CAUSES BARNES TO END LIFE

Despondent because he feared he was losing his eyesight, James H. Barnes, 45, employe of the Porter store at Nelhart, Monday morning committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. Last week he was assured by his physician that his eyes were unimpaired and it was thought he took his own life while temporarily insane. He has been ill for two weeks with influenza.

Ray Porter, his employer, was at Bynum, where he operates another store, over the week end, and Sunday night Barnes conferred with Mrs. Porter concerning the work at Nelhart. He assured Mrs. Porter that he would report for work Monday morning, but suggested that the keys be given to another employe because he might be late in getting down. Monday morning he wrote out a telegram to a sister, telling her of his worry over his eyes, and asked Mrs. Barnes to take it to the telegraph office.

Returning to their home, Mrs. Barnes saw a rivulet of blood running from under the door. Fearing that

her husband had done himself violence, she ran to the store and asked Mrs. Porter to aid her in investigating. Barnes' body had fallen against the door in a way that prevented them from opening it more than a short distance, but a single glance and what had happened. Barnes had placed the butt of Mr. Porter's army Springfield rifle on the floor, laid a stick across the trigger, held the muzzle before his mouth and stepped on the stick. A physician was immediately summoned, but Barnes had died instantly.

Mr. Porter said he could account for Barnes' act only in the belief that the man had been temporarily insane. Barnes is survived by the widow and four children, the youngest five and the eldest 13. Before moving to Nelhart six months ago, he was manager of a lumber yard at Agawam and once operated a farm near Boje. He was a brother of Mrs. William Wallace.

The body was brought to Choteau Tuesday and was buried in the local cemetery Thursday afternoon.

## WOULD MAKE MARRIED WOMEN STAY AT HOME

Omaha, Dec. 11. Revocation of all marriage licenses issued in Nebraska in cases where no children are born within two years, making exceptions for physical disabilities when properly certified by a physician was proposed here yesterday by City Health Commissioner A. S. Pinto. Dr. Pinto announced that he would support such a bill before the coming session of the Nebraska legislature.

Dr. Pinto also announced that he would support a bill requiring physical examination of all applicants for marriage licenses.

There is a growing tendency among men and women to enter the married state when both are regularly employed," Dr. Pinto explained, "and after marriage both remain in employment and have intentions of continuing. In many cases, I would say their marriage is merely to legalize their living together to give an air of respectability to their domestic relations."

"Many young women marry these days and remain in their work because of their love for jewelry, furs and their feeling of independence which comes when both are on a regular wage basis."

## JAZZ OVER RADIO BRINGS JOY TO RURAL DANCERS

Melstone, Dec. 18.—What may be considered another proof that Montana has come back may be found in the fact that a dance is being advertised for December 22 at the Austrian hall, 90 miles north of Melstone, at which the dancing will be accompanied by radio music.

The hall is located on the river 10 miles north of Mecha which is the last stage station on the second section of the star route which follows the river north of Melstone. It is said that the place can be reached only by the saddlehorses, and that much of the equipment was taken into the country on pack horses.

This part of Garfield county, despite the fact that the nearest railroad is the Great Northern, which lies 50 miles to the north, is very prosperous and is rapidly becoming well known because of the high grade alfalfa seed which it produces and which is in great demand by eastern seed houses.

by Sheriff Bob Gordon to Attorney T. B. Weir of Helena.

The property was held under mortgage by the Montana Trust and Savings Bank of Helena. There was a judgment on mortgage against the property of \$90,052, the sale leaving a deficiency of \$30,052.

The property includes about 25,000 acres in all.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burbank gave a turkey dinner Thursday evening to a few of their old friends. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Baart, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Connor and Charles LePage.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

Mr. Williamson was detained from school during the first half of this week on account of sickness. He returned Wednesday noon.

The Red side succeeded in winning the honors of "The Country Gentleman" contest. A party will be given for them some time after Christmas by the Orange and Green teams, the two losing sides.

The boys' and girls' basket ball teams both lost the first game of the season, played at Conrad, last Friday night. They have learned a lesson now that they must get down to real business.

Power will play a double-header basket ball game here on Friday, December 19. We expect this to be a good game as Power is reported to have quite strong teams.

Work has begun on the play to be given by the commercial class some time after Christmas.

The domestic science class has been filling orders for plum pudding and fancy candies this week.

The "Isle of Jewels" the freshman operetta, will be given at the end of this quarter.

The junior and senior normal training girls are giving a Christmas program for the freshmen and sophomore girls who are expecting to take up normal training when they are juniors. The program will be given Thursday afternoon.

## DATE OF HUNTER TRIAL IS CHANGED

Due to the illness of County Attorney W. W. Thorne of Toole County who is now in the hospital at Rochester, Minn., the setting of the case of Edward B. Hunter, held in the jail at Shelby on a charge of murdering his wife (last September on the streets of Street Grass has been vacated and continued until January 20, 1925, in an order signed by Judge John J. Greene.

## TEN MILLION DOLLAR VERDICT RESULT OF 184-DAY TRIAL

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 18.—A verdict of 10,534,109.07 for the plaintiff was returned today by the jury in the \$15,000,000 damage suit brought by Geo. F. Willett against Robert F. Herrick and a group of Boston bankers. Trial of the case in Boston superior court lasted 184 days. The jury has been debating since Monday.

The case, which set a new mark in American court history for trial length, was brought by Willett to recover from Herrick and the banking group sums claimed to have been lost by the plaintiff through an alleged conspiracy in which he was deprived of control of American Felt and Daniel Green Felt Shoe company.

The case is believed to be the only one on record where a special law was passed to raise salaries in compensation for the juror's prolonged neglect of business.

## THE WILD LIFE OF MONTANA

Montana sportsmen are and not taxpayers are supporting the program to perpetuate the wild life resources of Montana of which few states in the union have the abundance enjoyed by this state, according to M. S. Carpenter, secretary-treasurer of the Montana Sportsmen's Association. Literally thousands of dollars are spent annually in Montana by the 70,000 resident and 2500 non-resident purchasers of fishing and hunting licenses in the enjoyment of this natural resource. Seventy per cent of the tourists visiting this state are lead to extend their stay to enjoy fishing and wild life opportunities offered to them here, according to Mr. Carpenter in telling of the importance these resources to Montana.

"There are few states in the Union where the abundance of wild life equals what Montana has to offer devotees of the rod and gun," Mr. Carpenter states. "How great the wild resources of this state is, at best, but a good guess. There is but one organization that is attempting to arrive at an thing like a reliable estimate of the number of game animals in Montana—the federal forest service, whose estimates for the past few years show a gradual increase in our wild life resources, especially since the legis' live session of 1921, when the commissioners of the fish and game department were clothed with sufficient authority to adopt and enforce modern game conservation methods."

"Just what the wild life resources mean to the residents of Montana is difficult to determine, but each year there are some 70,000 purchasers of resident hunting and fishing licenses at the average price of each license is but ten pounds a year. It means that 700,000 pounds of the very choicest of food has been provided her residents by the wild life resources of the state; if the average "bag" amounts to 25 pounds, and that might easily be for we have some exceptional game getters in Montana, then these resources have provided 1,700,000 pounds of highly desirable food."

"But our wild life resources are enjoyed not alone by Montanans, for there are some 2,500 non-residents who annually hunt or fish in the Treasure State, to say nothing of the veritable army of tourists who are attracted here because of the opportunities to see wild life in its multiplicity of phases and in its natural and chosen habitats. The fact of our wild life in this relation being an actual resource of the state does not rest alone upon the receipt of about \$8,000 annually in license fees by the fish and game department, but is established in a much larger way by the larger way by the daily expenditures incident to every tour of every sort.

Statement of Condition of

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF CHOTEAU

At Close of Business October 10, 1924.

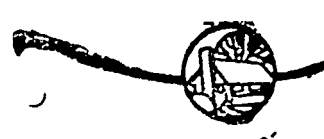
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash in vault and in other banks 120,603.64	Deposits 296,694.00
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds 55,831.97	Surplus and undivided profits 11,670.22
County warrants, real estate, etc. 31,832.84	Capital stock 50,000.00
Loans and discounts 150,095.77	
\$358,364.22	\$358,364.22

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

## 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