

JOHNSTON FREED ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

Great Falls Meat Dealer's Acquittal Leaves Young John Guernsey of Vaughn Sole Perpetrator of Thielbar Cattle Stealing Venture.

"Not guilty," was the verdict returned by the jury in the grand larceny criminal case of the State vs. Edwin A. Johnston, at 5 Thursday afternoon in Judge J. B. Leslie's department of the district court.

Johnston's acquittal leaves young John Guernsey, a Vaughn farmer, the sole perpetrator of the Fred Thielbar cattle stealing venture, the latter who owned some fine cattle near Vaughn suddenly discovering one day that 18 head had been driven from his pasture and stolen. Investigation unearthed a confession from young Guernsey that he had taken the cattle

and driven them to Great Falls, which is considered some feat by cattlemen. Guernsey's story showed that the theft was committed entirely by himself on February 13, and on the morning of the fourteenth, knowing Johnston who is a local meat dealer, he went to Johnston's shop and informed the latter he could sell him some nice cattle cheap. Johnston accompanied him to the old fair grounds near Great Falls, where he had left the cattle over night, and bargained for the cattle at \$60 per head, \$1,080, giving the boy a check for \$1,040 and \$40 in cash, the smaller sum being asked for by the youth to defray some of his ex-

penses in coming to the city. The check was made payable to T. B. Dent, at one time said to have been a well known rancher near Vaughn, Guernsey telling Johnston the cattle were Dent's and that he brot them to this city to sell.

It is generally conceded that Johnston paid only about one-half what the cattle were actually worth, and the grand larceny charge was placed against him by the Thursday attorney because of a suspicion that Johnston knew at the time he bought the cattle from Guernsey that they were stolen. The prosecution endeavored to prove Johnston was implicated in the deal.

The entire outcome of the suit hinged principally upon this one point, did Johnston, or did he not know that these cattle were stolen when he purchased them?

The jury evidently believed there are grounds for reasonable doubt in this question and returned a verdict accordingly.

Verdict This Morning.

The jury verdict in the case of W. H. Call vs. the Marcus State Bank of Cascade will be read in Judge H. H. Ewing's department of district court this morning, Judge Ewing instructing the jury at the conclusion of the afternoon session Thursday to return a verdict. The suit has taken three or four days to try.

The plaintiff is suing the defendant bank for an alleged interest in the business, stating he had a contract which was terminated abruptly without his compliance, and that he also has some back salary due him. The matter of back pay amounts to \$2,370 and the judge instructed the jury this sum must be included in the verdict, as both parties to the suit had agreed upon this, the only question left for the jury to decide being whether or not Mr. Call is entitled to an interest in the bank and how much, if any.

Divorce Decree Issued.

Judge J. B. Leslie Thursday afternoon issued a divorce decree in the suit of Ellen Powers vs. James Powers. The plaintiff alleged non-support on the part of the defendant.

GUARANTEES \$600 FOR A MEMORIAL

Rotary Club Makes Offer That Insures Soldiers' Monument for City.

Expenditure to the amount of \$600 for a memorial to the soldiers of the great war in Memorial park is guaranteed by the Rotary club of Great Falls and, with the co-operation of the park commissioners, a granite block will be erected.

Ideas differ as to the exact form the monument should take, some favoring an obelisk and others a pedestal. No definite plans, however, have yet been submitted and committees will be named later to inquire into details and make recommendations.

The grade has been made and the landscape laid out and the foundation will be prepared.

Dedication services and ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument may not come, however, this year, dependent upon the ability to secure the right kind of a monument.

FOR CONFERENCE ON RATE QUESTION

Great Falls Men Will Have Part in Meeting at Helena on Saturday.

A special meeting of the Montana Freight Rate association has been called to meet in Helena Saturday June 7 by J. W. Goodman, of Great Falls, secretary of the association. O. S. Warden of Falls will preside at the meeting. Matters affecting contemplated legislation before congress and rulings of the railroad administration of particular concern to Montana will be discussed. Members of the association, all of whom have promised to attend the session, are, besides Mr. Goodman and Mr. Warden: J. F. Roche, Butte; F. E. Kiel, Billings; L. T. Cramer, Helena, and D. D. Richards, Missoula. Shirley S. Ford of Great Falls, treasurer of the association, will not attend the meeting.

LOUIS BENNISON DRAWS ANOTHER LARGE AUDIENCE

The Alcazar played to large crowds again yesterday with the second day showing of Louis Bennison in his newest picture "The Road Called Straight". Mr. Bennison is getting to be quite a favorite with the Great Falls fans and is gaining in popularity. Today will be the last showing.—Adv.

OIL DRILLER PREPARES TO SINK A WELL IN FORSYTH

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Forsyth, June 5.—John Johns, one of the best known oil men in this part of the state, has arrived here with a complete drilling outfit and will commence work at once a short distance north of the city where the indications for a flow of oil seem good.

All Educational Institutions Suffer Shortage of Teachers

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Helena, June 5.—Shortage of teachers in educational institutions of all kinds is acute, according to Chancellor E. C. Elliott, who returned today from a trip thru the middle west searching for more teachers for Montana. The shortage is due to poor salaries, Mr. Elliott said. Mr. Elliott has filled half the vacancies in the state schools. The names will be made public at a meeting of the state board of education to be held here July 7.

HELENA WATER USERS ARE PAYING FINES FOR SPRINKLING OUT OF HOURS

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Helena, June 5.—Special city inspectors have assessed 32 Helena residents \$1 each for using city water to irrigate gardens out of regulation hours.

Douglas Fairbanks is coming to the Sexton tomorrow for three days in his latest and best success, "The Knickerbocker Buckaroo," in seven parts. This picture cost \$264,000 to make, and is the first picture Douglas Fairbanks has made in six months. See Sexton ad in the morning.

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READY TO OPEN PARK JUNE 20

Yellowstone Wonderland Being Put in Ship-Shape for Tourist Visitors.

The Yellowstone National Park, the nation's oldest, largest, and most popular playground, is undergoing a grooming on a scale unprecedented in its history, preparatory to the opening of the tourist season on June 20. All of this work is now being handled directly under the supervision of the National Park Service, under a comprehensive policy designed solely to protect the interests of the nation in the preservation for future generations, and use by the present one, of the natural resources, curiosities, and wonders.

There is every indication that the park will be visited by larger numbers than ever before, and all plans for caring for heavy travel are being made by the National Park Service, the hotels, camps, and transportation company. The comfortable seven and ten-passenger motor cars are being thoroughly overhauled by the Yellowstone Park Transportation company, and will be in perfect condition. The Yellowstone Park Camping company, under the management of Howard H. Hays, who has recently resigned as manager of the Bureau of Service, National Parks and Monuments, U. S. Railroad Administration, to come to Yellowstone, is making extensive improvements and enlargements in all permanent camps, to add to their capacity, comfort, and appearance. The large hotels at Mammoth Hot Springs, Upper Basin—Old Faithful Inn, and Grand Canyon will be ready for occupancy on June 20.

The new road thru Gardiner canyon between the northern entrance and Mammoth Hot Springs has been completed, and is one of the prettiest drives in the park. Following a very mild winter, spring opened nearly a month earlier than usual, the result being that most of the roads in the park are already cleared of snow and all points will be readily accessible for motor cars before the opening date. Extensive improvements are being made to the roads in the vicinity of the camps. Tourists are beginning to appear, and a few have made short trips to the Grand Canyon and Geysers from the north and west entrances, for sight seeing and to take advantage of the early fishing.

Much work is being done cleaning up and improving the special camps assigned to private motorists, to give them as much comfort and convenience as possible. The water supply is carefully safeguarded, and wood is provided without cost. Night guards will be provided at the principal camps, to ensure safety

from thieves, bears, fire, etc. A herd of buffalo will be on exhibition at Mammoth Hot Springs.

Due to the very warm, dry weather in May, precautions to prevent forest fires have already been found necessary. Road patrols will be made during the tourist season by special rangers in uniform, mounted on motorcycles, instead of using saddle horses as heretofore.

The United States Fish Hatchery on Yellowstone Lake is already in operation, nearly a month earlier than normal. The prospects are good for a long season of excellent flyfishing.

More than a thousand new metal signs for roads and names of interesting features have been purchased, and are being placed for the information and guidance of visitors.

Park county, Montana, is making extensive and much needed improvements to the Livingston-Gardiner road, which is the northern approach to the park, and this work is being supplemented by labor and funds contributed by citizens of the county.

Everything possible is being done to provide the maximum of comfort and pleasure to travelers, and a banner year is expected.

Bar Non-Registered Names From Liquor Referendum Filings

Spokane, June 5.—Referendum petitions asking a popular vote on the legislative ratification of the federal prohibition amendment filed with the city clerk here to date total 1500 names. Of these names so far checked, about 25 per cent are not registered, and the signatures, therefore, are invalid, City Clerk Kellam said. Petitions bearing about 700 names were filed yesterday.

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POLIS IS RELEASED

Jim Polis, taken into custody by city police Wednesday night because he was suspected of having stolen a gold watch from Ray Gordon at the Electric hotel, was released by Chief of Police Marcus Anderson Thursday afternoon, there being a lack of evidence against Polis. The Gordon woman alleged Polis was in her room at the hotel and shortly after he departed she missed the timepiece.

TRIAL JURY IN PROSPECT IN CHOUTEAU COUNTY

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Fort Benton, June 5.—Judge Tattan has announced that he will on Wednesday June 11, review the criminal and civil calendars for Chouteau county, and that he will summon a jury for trial of cases probably by June 24.

LONG SEPARATION ENDS

Ed Griffiths, returned mercantile and former proprietor of Wigwam cafe, met his father yesterday for the first time in 22 years. Griffiths, the father, came to Great Falls from his home in Chase, Mich. a surprise visit. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green of River, Ore., who are returning after a visit in Michigan.

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