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STOLEN MONEY IS RECOVERED

George S. Kraft of Thoeny, Arrested Charged With Grand Larceny.

BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

Money Alleged to Have Been Removed by Defendant from Handbag Left in Depot by Mrs. John Iticiana.

George S. Kraft of Thoeny was placed under arrest last Saturday charged with the theft of a pocketbook containing \$145 in currency from Mrs. John Iticiana of Glasgow.

According to the testimony at the preliminary hearing before Judge Hall, Mrs. Iticiana and Evelyn Morrison, in hurriedly boarding train No. 2, left the former's handbag on one of the seats at the depot. The loss was discovered immediately after the train had started and the ladies left the train when it stopped at the water tank, immediately hurrying to the Grossman garage where they called Sheriff Powell, advising him of the loss.

An investigation was immediately instituted by the sheriff's office and it developed that at the time of the departure of the train there were only three persons present in the depot, Bat Parrent, Josephine LaFournaise and Geo. S. Kraft. Mr. Parrent informed the sheriff that he had accompanied Miss LaFournaise to the depot to check her trunk. Upon their entrance he saw Mrs. Iticiana and Miss Morrison in company with Mr. Iticiana and after they boarded the train he noticed the handbag lying on the seat. In the company of Miss LaFournaise, he examined it, explaining at the time that it belonged to Mrs. Iticiana or Miss Morrison and that he would take it to the Farmers & Stockgrowers' bank. As they were leaving to check the lady's trunk, Mr. Kraft stepped into the depot. Upon their return from the check room they proceeded to where the handbag lay and examined it again. They discovered that the small pocketbook inside had been removed and also that Mr. Kraft had disappeared.

About this time Undersheriff Teal appeared on the scene to trace the whereabouts of the handbag. Mr. Parrent told his story and the two of them went in search of Kraft, who was soon located on the street. He was taken to the sheriff's office and searched. Two hundred and five dollars was found on his person in loose currency. Sheriff Powell felt that the fact of his being in possession of that amount of money was insufficient to charge him with larceny so Mr. Teal and Mr. Baynham were sent to search his room and trace his whereabouts that morning.

It was soon ascertained that Kraft had been in Siert's pool hall and had spent a few minutes in the lavatory. A search of the room revealed the empty pocketbook of Mrs. Iticiana lying on the floor where it had presumably been thrown after the money was removed. As Kraft was the only person who had been in the lavatory during the time the theft had occurred, the evidence was thought to be sufficient to charge him with grand larceny. A bench warrant was accordingly issued by Judge Hall and the hearing held.

As a result of the evidence introduced at the hearing, Kraft was bound over to the next session of district court and bail placed at \$1000. The bail was furnished Wednesday and the defendant is now at liberty.

JOHN OLIVER IS OUT FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Beaver Valley Press of Ekalaka is sponsor for the candidacy of Senator John Oliver, formerly of Fallon county and known as the senator from Fallon county, as a candidate for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor.

Senator Oliver is one of the well-known republicans of the state and has a record that is without a blemish in so far as The Argus is advised.—Fergus County Argus.

TIME IS SHORT TO REGISTER FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS

The time is growing short for the registration of electors for both the city and county elections. There are a large number of people in Glasgow who have changed their residences from one ward to another since the last election who will have to register before the closing of the books in order to exercise their right of fran-

chise. Very little time is required to ascertain the status of one's name on the books of the clerk and recorder and electors should investigate before it is too late.

The registration books for the primary election to be held April 23rd will close Tuesday, March 9th, at 5 p. m., and for the city election to be held Monday, April 5th, the books will close on Friday, February 20th at 5 p. m. If you did not vote at the last general election held in November, 1918, or have not registered since that time, it will be necessary to register in order to vote at the approaching elections.

GLASGOW SIGNS UP HERB HESTER

This is the way the sporting editor or the society editor or whoever it is who writes the sport dope for the Helena Record-Herald has the Glasgow baseball situation lined up, for all of which we thank him and make obsequious:

Glasgow is right there when it comes to putting pep into baseball. The Valley county seat intends to have a baseball team this season that will make the rest of the state sit up and take notice. They don't do things half way there. When they get the idea they want something, they go and get it.

Hence, Herb Hester, one-time manager of the Great Falls team in the Union league and lately mentor of the Havre team, has been engaged as manager and has been given a free hand in garnering players. He has already signed up a number of likely ball tossers and promises to put Glasgow on the diamond map.

Herb made a hit with the Glasgow fans immediately and he has been known to make them on the field, occasionally, but the averages record it only occasionally. However, he is a scrapping leader who always keeps his men on their toes, so watch Glasgow go.

LEGION WILL MEET SUNDAY AT 2 P. M.

The meeting of Valley Post No. 41 of the American Legion which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday of this week, was adjourned to Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. This action was taken on account of the poor representation of local members.

On Sunday the new constitution which was drafted by the committee will be presented for approval and a number of necessary by-laws will be drawn up. Few changes have been made in the first constitution presented with the exception of the increase of the annual dues to \$2 which will include the subscription to the American Legion weekly for one year and the Legion button.

A Boy Scout meeting was held on Tuesday of this week for the purpose of reorganizing the local post. Rev. J. R. Jeffery was elected Scout Master. Another meeting for the purpose of completing organization work will be held on Friday evening, February 20, at which time everyone interested in the work will be welcomed.

District Court Disposes of Several Horse Thief Cases

The board of county commissioners of Sheridan county at their meeting held last Friday named Tuesday, May 11th, as the day on which the election on the question of the creation of Daniels county will be held.

Opposition on the part of the people of Opheim and vicinity, led by Attorney A. T. Vollum of Plentywood, developed at the hearing. The protests and withdrawals presented to the board for consideration were held to be insufficient. The protesters proposed to withdraw the fifteen Valley county townships which were set forth in the original petition to be included in the new county.

It is understood that a big mass meeting was held in Opheim during the past week to effect the creation of Bench county out of the north half of Valley county and including the fifteen townships sought by Daniels county. A committee of five headed by Representative R. C. Arnold as chairman, was appointed to take charge of the matter. In addition to this step to head off the creation of Daniels county, it is thought that the proponents of Bench county will shortly initiate proceedings contemplated to restrain the Sheridan county board from submitting the question to the electors at the election called for May 11th.

The general opinion in Scobey is that Daniels county will go over with a big majority if the Opheim opposition is overcome and the election held on the date set.

The territory proposed to be taken from Valley county by the county of

GLASGOW, JORDAN AND MILES CITY INTERCHANGE WIRELESS GREETINGS

GLASGOW'S WIRELESS STATION OPERATED BY E. L. WHARTON IS EQUIPPED TO HANDLE COMMERCIAL MESSAGES TO MILES CITY AND JORDAN—RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION.

Wireless communication between Glasgow and Miles City and Jordan has been fully established and is attracting considerable attention around the state. The three stations clear or operate four times each day at the hours of 9 and 11 in the morning and 3 and 5 in the afternoon.

The local station was installed by E. L. Wharton of the Glasgow Electric Shop in the Orpheum building and is being operated by himself. The regulations surrounding the operation of wireless stations which were imposed by the national government as a war-time measure limit the sphere of operations of private stations to a comparatively small radius. It is thought that when peace is definitely declared these restrictive regulations will be somewhat modified to enable the private stations to communicate more extensively.

The following rates between Jordan and Miles City have been approved by the public utilities commission and are the same as charged for like messages from Glasgow to Jordan, the rate from Glasgow to Miles City being somewhat higher:

Teleggrams—	
10 words	\$.75
Each additional word	.05
Night Letters—	
For 50 words	.75
Each additional 10 words	.15
Day Letters—	
For 50 words	1.50
Each additional 10 words	.25

Mr. Wharton is submitting to the commission his rates for messages to Jordan and Miles City and expects that they will be approved within a short time. All of the stations are

through the experimental stage and are equipped to handle commercial messages.

The successful operation of the wireless stations is particularly fortunate for Jordan, an inland town about 100 miles from Glasgow. With the exception of an occasional and irregular mail service they have no methods of communication with the outside world save the wireless.

Mr. Wharton is an enthusiastic student and is always glad to explain the subject to anyone wishing to inspect his outfit. Great interest is being taken around the city and two or three smaller stations are being installed by high school boys.

Glasgow points the way in every thing progressive and is not being outdone by other cities of the west several times its size.

COUNTY AGENT MAKES AN ENVIABLE RECORD

Department of Agriculture Praises County Agent Stebbins for Results Accomplished.

In reviewing the work done in various counties of the state by county agents during 1919, H. W. Gilbertson, of the United States department of agriculture highly praises the results accomplished by Murray E. Stebbins, county agent of Valley county. The letter follows:

United States Department of Agriculture, State Relations Service, Washington, D. C., January 12, 1920. Extension Service, State College of Agriculture, Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Mr. Stebbins: I wish to take this opportunity of commending the quality of your narrative and statistical reports. I have finished reviewing and indexing the reports of all county agents in the northwestern states forwarded to this office and consider your report to be one of the best of the state of Montana, both in general make-up and results accomplished. In reviewing reports we indicate on the index the material which will make good stories for publicity and assemble indices into a master state and national index for the use of specialists and others interested in the accomplishments of our agents.

I found especially interesting and wish to commend your publicity material, good display of forms and

printed matter used in connection with your work; also your work on pocket gopher extermination. Again expressing appreciation of your work during the past year and wishing you continued success, I am with kind personal regards, Very truly yours, H. W. GILBERTSON, Agriculturist, County Agent Work.

The original report of Mr. Stebbins to the board of directors covers several typewritten pages and is too lengthy for reproduction here. The "high points" of the report as shown below will give an idea of the varied activities of the agent during the year past and the large amount of work necessary in the operation of the local department both in the field and in the office:

Seven hundred and nine seed grain applications were taken and approved, amounting to \$233,090; 67,760 pounds of gopher poison were distributed; 3,578 farmers co-operated in this project. The county furnished 50,000 pounds, the state 14,560 pounds and the government 3200 pounds. This represents an acreage covered of approximately 677,600, with a conservative estimate of 3,500,000 gophers killed with an estimated saving of \$287,980. A saving of \$4,743.50 was made by co-operative purchase of supplies. This goes back to the user as the poison is sold at cost. The project supported itself. There were \$1,078.40 paid out for compulsory extermination work. Nine thousand five hundred thirty-eight bulletins were given away or mailed out on request. Three co-operative livestock shipping associations were organized, shipping 65 cars of stock, containing 1560 head at an estimated saving of \$15,600. One hundred and one drouth area permits were issued, making a saving of \$8,726 in freight to farmers alone. This year the farm bureau was successful in getting the half rate through for all. The agent visited 444 farms, 4,085 farmers called at the farm bureau office. The agent held 93 meetings with a total attendance of 3225. The agent wrote 105 newspaper articles, wrote 7300 letters and sent out 12,247 circular letters. The agent traveled 9,134 miles by car, 797 miles by railroad and 309 miles by team. The report shows that the agent spent 54.8 per cent of his time in the field and 45.8 per cent of his time in the office.

Among the large number of witnesses from the Scobey country in attendance at the Otto Ristow trial the first part of the week were Hale Nelson, Norman Scarf, Chas. Johnson, Oscar Frisley, Ed Shad, C. J. Bigley, Emil Barnowski, Geo. Monahan, Frank Barnard, Geo. Best and Otto Ristow and wife.

FARM BUREAU SHORT COURSES NEXT WEEK

Prominent Speakers and Educators Will Speak at Glasgow Feb. 16; Hinsdale, Feb. 17.

Everyone interested in farm management and who is desirous of receiving practical assistance in the proper keeping of farm accounts should make it a point to attend the farm management school to be held at Glasgow February 16th and at Hinsdale February 17th. The school at Glasgow will be held in the farm bureau office and in the basement of the Valley County bank at Hinsdale. These schools will last all day and will be of real benefit to the stockmen and farmers.

A. J. Copeland, farm management director, will be at the schools and a good, round table discussion will be held at the close of the school. Lack of systematic accounting is causing a number of Montana farmers to pay income tax where it is not due, according to Mr. Copeland, farm management specialist at the state college. Mr. Copeland, in a recent trip over the state, pointed out to farmers the mistakes that are made in income tax returns to their own loss.

One instance given by Mr. Copeland is of a farmer who, in 1917, raised \$2000 worth of wheat. Had he sold the wheat that year his personal exemption would have made it unnecessary for him to pay an income tax. But he did not sell the wheat and in

Jones New Head of Commercial Club Secretaries

L. E. Jones, secretary of the chamber of commerce at Glasgow, was elected president of the Montana Association of Commercial Club Secretaries to succeed J. A. Harader of Bozeman, at the final session of the annual convention, which closed Wednesday in Great Falls. Mr. Jones has acted in the capacity of vice president for the past year.

H. O. Frobach of Three Forks was elected vice president and Sam S. Josephson of Roundup was re-elected secretary and treasurer. J. A. Harader and Max Goodwill of Helena were elected members of the executive committee. L. J. Christler of Havre was elected chaplain.

That it has been the most successful convention held in the commercial club history of Montana is the unanimous opinion of all of the members of the organization.

Resolutions were adopted at the final session urging upon members of congress that a revolving fund be established for the purpose of granting seed loans to farmers. A number of other resolutions of considerable importance to the state as a whole, were also passed by the convention, among them being one favorable to the organization of a state chamber of commerce; urging that the existing special rates on livestock feed into the state be continued until July 1 instead of only to April 1; urging that the legislature appropriate \$25,000 annually for the work of the state department of agriculture and publicity; favoring the \$15,000,000 road bond issue to be voted on next fall; pledging their unit-

1918 sold the crop of the two years together for about \$4000. The man through mistaken idea concerning the income tax regulations paid income tax on the \$4000 when he should have paid no income tax at all, being allowed \$2000 exemption for each year represented in the crop total.

"Another mistake that will be made for 1919," says Mr. Copeland, "is that farmers and stockgrowers will be inclined to think they have to pay income tax on the full returns from the sale of stock. So much stock has been sold this year under financial pressure, at short prices, that in many cases the sale may mean an actual loss instead of gain. At that, the gain, if any, in the sale, is not a gain for one year but again to be extended over the years in which the stock has been fed.

"Farm account keeping will tend largely toward the solution of the income tax difficulties. When the farmer keeps an annual inventory, he is never at a loss to know whether he is paying too little or too much income tax for the year.

War on Scrub Sires. Dr. E. H. Riley, livestock extension specialist, who will be one of the main

MCKAY MAY ASSIST IN MOVING WYOMING CAPITAL TO CASPER

Dan McKay, Glasgow's famous county splitter, is spending a few days at his home after several strenuous weeks spent in southern Montana in the interests of three separate county division schemes. Under his successful nursing, all of the division plans are well under way and have a good chance of receiving majorities when put to a vote.

Realizing that Dan has had more experience in county division and county seat fights than any other individual in the west, the "Casper for Capitol" committee has tendered him an offer to manage their campaign to secure the Wyoming state capitol from Cheyenne. Although Dan would rather do his fighting in Montana, the glamour and fascination of the big scrap about to be waged in our neighboring state may incline him to an acceptance of the offer.

Cheyenne, the present capital, is tucked away in the southeast corner of Wyoming, and Casper's claim is that the majority of the people of the state would be benefited by a removal of the seat of government to their city, which is the approximate geographical center.

ROOTE ABANDONS SPEAKING TOURS

Jesse B. Roote, who was to have delivered an address in Glasgow under the auspices of the American Legion on February 5 but who was compelled to cancel the date on account of sickness, has left Havre and returned to Butte in response to a telegram offering him a position as counsel for a large mining concern.

Several other speaking dates in the northern part of the state have been cancelled.

APPROPRIATION IS POSSIBLE FOR MILK RIVER IRRIGATION

Secretary Lane has asked congress to increase appropriations for work on irrigation projects next year from \$7,873,000 to \$12,873,000. The secretary said President Wilson had approved the estimated expenditures.

Nineteen irrigation projects in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Texas, California and Washington would receive increased funds, permitting greater development work.

The oil lands leasing measure, recently agreed upon in conference, provides for a division between the reclamation fund and the states of royalties paid the government for use of the mineral lands, and the secretary said the prospects of enactment of the bill makes "it now seem probable that the reclamation fund will be increased by five to seven million dollars.

Urging reclamation of arid lands as fast as funds are available, Mr. Lane said it was advisable to consider the needs of settlers who have been waiting many years for water supply. Projects which would receive increased appropriations under the Lane plan include the Yuma, Grand Valley, Uncompagne valley, Boise, King Hill, Minidoka, Huntley, Milk river, Lower Yellowstone, North Platte, Newlands, Carlsbad, Rio Grande, Umastilla, Klamath, Belle Fourche, Strawberry valley, Yakima valley and Shoshone.

MAY 11 SET FOR COUNTY FIGHT

Sheridan County Board Approves Daniels County Petition and Sets Election Date.

OPHEIM HAS COUNTER-PROPOSAL

New Bench County Project of Opheim People Will Take in 15 Valley County Townships in the Daniels Project.

Court convened Monday morning, February 9th. On the calling of the jury list only about eighteen jurors reported for duty, and the court then ordered the clerk to draw 50 more jurors from jury box No. 3 to report at 1:30 that day.

The first case called was the state vs. Otto Ristow, a grand larceny case involving the larceny of a team of horses from the Zealand Jones estate near Peerless, Montana. The state was represented by the county attorney and the defendant by Attorney C. H. Roberts. The case went to the jury Tuesday afternoon and they returned a verdict of guilty and left the punishment to be fixed by the court. Sentence has not yet been passed.

On Wednesday morning the case of the state vs. Otto Ristow, being another grand larceny case against the same man as the first case, was, on motion of the county attorney, continued over the term.

In the case of the state vs. Charles Parrent, on motion of the attorney for the defendant, the case was continued over the term, due to the absence and sickness of witnesses.

Wednesday afternoon the case of the state vs. Charlie Grant was called for trial. The state was represented by the county attorney and the defendant by Attorney A. T. Vollum of Plentywood. This was a grand larceny case involving the larceny of a horse from H. O. J. Luraas of Barr, Montana, in 1916. The defendant lives in the vicinity of Madoc, Montana. The case went to the jury last evening and they returned a verdict of not guilty. This completes all criminal cases to be tried at this term.

On Friday morning the case of Le-high Sewer Pipe & Tile company vs. J. S. Pensen, et al, will be called, and then all cases on the civil calendar will be tried and disposed of as they are reached.

KIRTON OF MALTA OUT FOR DELEGATE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Herbert M. Kirton, prominent attorney of Malta, has announced his candidacy for delegate to the national republican convention to be held in Chicago in June.

Mr. Kirton is one of the leading young republicans of northern Montana and has been associated with political activities in a big way for several years past. During the recent world war he attended the first officers' training camp at the Presidio and later joined the "treat 'em rough" tank corps. His extensive acquaintance in every section of the state makes him look like a sure winner.

WILLISTON TO HOLD AN AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Arrangements are under way at Williston for a big automobile show to be held on March 1, 2, and 3. Williston is fortunate in having a large auditorium suitable for a display of this nature and they are promising an attraction well worth while.

In connection with the automobile show the American Legion will have a magnificent war relic display consisting of guns, helmets, instruments of war of every kind and souvenirs from Germany, France, Belgium, England, Scotland, Ireland and Italy. A special room will be devoted to this part of the show and will be quite as unique and interesting as the main attraction.

A spoiled child is generally "fresh."