



JUDGE J. A. COFFEY

Courtenay Losing a Fine Citizen

**JUDGE COFFEY AND FAMILY ARE
LEAVING COURTENAY TO LO-
CATE AT JAMESTOWN**

It is with much regret that we announce in this week's issue of the Gazette the departure from our midst of the Hon. Judge J. A. Coffey and family, who are, this week, moving to Jamestown, where they will make their future home. On account of the large district in which the Judge has to cover, it was necessary for him to make the change, as Jamestown gives him a far better point to reach the different county seats, at which places his time is taken up in holding court, than could be obtained here in Courtenay.

Judge Coffey located here some ten years ago and opened up an office as an attorney, also dealing in the real estate and the loan business, and by his honest upright business methods, soon became one of the best liked men of this part of the state and has been prosperous in all his undertakings, and at the present time is the possessor of some 3000 acres of land, all located near Courtenay, which, since being acquired by him, has been tilled to such an extent that it is rated among the best land in the country. The Judge has proven a fine citizen, always ready to lend aid and help to build up the community, and is a man that any town can feel proud of, and Jamestown has gained a citizen and a family that will prove of much worth. While the Judge is taking up his residence elsewhere, he expects to be a constant visitor here, as he still retains his office and land holdings.

In the latter part of 1910 shortly after Judge Burke, former judge of this district, went to the supreme bench, Governor Burke was urged upon by all the leading attorneys of the Fifth Judicial District to appoint J. A. Coffey to fill the vacancy, and all of whom felt sure, by their past business relations with him,

that he was a man capable in every respect to fill such a responsible position. On the 9th day of January, 1911, Mr. Coffey received his appointment as Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, comprising the counties of Stutsman, Griggs, Foster, Eddy, Barnes, Wells, LaMoure and Logan, which makes a large territory for one judge to cover. Since being qualified the Judge has held from three to four terms of court in each county, and in several of the counties he had to contend with a large number of unfinished cases, some of which had been continued from terms dating back 4 and 5 years, which made it rather hard on a new judge, but Judge Coffey took a hold of the cases with a determination of clearing up the calendars, and up to the present time has the court dockets of each county in his district practically wiped clean, which is something the people of this district should feel highly elated over, and if the numerous comments the newspapers are giving the Judge is to be relied upon, they certainly appreciate it, and we notice that the majority of the papers are urging the voters to cast their vote for Judge Coffey on the strength of the excellent work he has been doing and not chance another man, as the Judge has given entire satisfaction and is deserving of every consideration at the polls. He is not slighting any of his work to campaign, as he believes in fulfilling his duties and let the voters use their judgment accordingly. He leaves for Logan county Monday to open a term and expects to be busy with court up to the primaries.

"Lucky Bob" Will Fly at Bottineau.

Bottineau, April 24.—Secretary John McKenzie announces that "Lucky Bob" St. Henry's acceptance of the contract to make at least two flights each day of the fair this year. St. Henry has worked up a lot of new thrillers and will give an exhibition worth coming miles to see. The fact that he made good here last year will make him more than ever an attraction this year.