

PACKS FOR LIVING SAYS BENNETT

MAN WHO FURNISHED UNCLE SAM WITH FORTY-FIVE HORSES TALKS OF HIS BUSINESS.

Late yesterday afternoon a tall, ruddy, bright, gray-eyed young man, wearing, among other things, a light tan sombrero hat, drifted into the Florence hotel and shook hands with Charles A. Jackways, who is spending a few days here.

"That is E. E. Bennett, the Ovando guide," said one, "and he is here with a drove of pack horses for Uncle Sam's fire fighters."

A Missoulian man was introduced to the willow Blackfoot.

"What is your business?" asked the newspaper representative.

"Guide, a professional guide, for tourists, hunters, engineers and others. I am a member of the firm of Bennett & Cave. We furnish pack trains. We brought to Missoula 45 horses, with men and equipment, and will leave here at 6:30 o'clock this evening for the fire territory."

"How do you get together so many horses on such short notice?"

"We keep a bunch of our own and scour the country for extra ones when large numbers are desired. We have the equipment. Our packing outfit is the largest in the state."

"Hunters keep us busy during the open season. We pack hundreds of them to the Sunset and Flathead river countries, where deer, elk, goat and sheep abound. It is said that the Sunset river region is the greatest elk grounds in the world. Thousands of tourists go to the mountains up the Flathead, the Salmon and the Three Forks of the Sun."

"Last year we furnished the engineering corps of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company packs for the Clearwater, Idaho, survey."

"How many persons did it require to bring down your horses yesterday?"

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POEM IS INSPIRED BY DRY WEATHER

TOTAL LACK OF RAIN PRODUCES POETICAL OUTBURST BY LACOL TALENT.

The usual spirit that pervades denizens of Montana is far from what is set forth in the following rhyme, but it is thought that the poet mounted the winged horse after taking a look at the smoke-covered mountains and a walk across the Higgins avenue bridge during the midday heat:

Take me back to Minnesota, Or to somewhere on the maps, Where a horse'll let you ride him, And the riders don't wear "chaps."

For I'm weary, mother weary; I'm so homesick that I'm ill, For the place that I was born in, Where the water runs down hill.

I've been watching irrigation Out of river, out of rill; And this plaguery western water— Damn it all—it runs up-hill.

Take me back to Minnesota Where the sun don't bake and grill And without your irrigation, There's a soil that you can till.

Where the clouds roll up like mountains, Bringing rain your soul to thrill; Where the water comes from Heaven, And it doesn't run up a hill.

SODERSTROM'S DAYS LIVELY

SAVES DROWNING CAYUSE AND EVADES KALISPELL AND HIS HERD OF BUFFALO.

Jack Soderstrom and his force are ballasting a dam on Mission creek, near Warden Hodges' ranch, west of the national bison range. The other day, when a team drawing a heavy load approached the bank, the teamster was ordered to drive into the river as far as possible. The horses, although they did their utmost, could not stop the wagon, and were shot into the middle of the stream, where the water was over their heads. Here an interesting battle for life commenced. Soderstrom, who swims like a duck, went to the rescue, his first effort being to keep the horses' heads above water. The Indian driver tried to whip the team up stream, but that was too much for the beasts, owing to the load. Finally, with the combined efforts of several vocal organs, the story goes, the red man was convinced that the only way to save the animals was to unhitch them. The various straps were loosened and Soderstrom literally pulled the drowning nags ashore, for one of them had given up, prepared to die, and would not exert a single effort in her own behalf. Even after she got to shallow water she tried to sink once more, declared Soderstrom, and they had to strip every bit of harness from her. She was a little lumber in the knees but not half so much so as her rescuer, who had been battling about in water up to his neck for more than half an hour.

But all is well now. A bale of hay and a fine supper put cayuse and forster in excellent shape again.

That was chapter one of an eventful day in the country. Providence did not let Uncle Sam's young rough rider off at that. The teamsters turned their horses out to graze, while Soderstrom's saddle pony, a buckskin cayuse, was tied at the camp. All of this was inside of the buffalo pasture. During the next hour the bison herd, Kalispell chief in the lead, chased the horses across the creek. Once more Soderstrom went to the bat. By stealth and alertness he got by the bulls and cows and mounted a nag. This old Kalispell did not like, and he showed his resentment by shaking his dark brown locks at the handsome blonde boy.

By nine o'clock, however, all hands were in their blankets, and the night was a pleasant one, for everybody was tired from the day's excitement.

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"The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, \$769,500. Bonds—2's government advanced 3/4 per cent, and the 4's 3/4 per cent on call."

New York Closing Stocks.

Amalgamated Copper 68
American Beet Sugar (bid) 34 1/2
American Car & Foundry 48 1/2
American Cotton Oil 25 1/2
American Locomotive 25 1/2
American Sm. & Refining 65 1/2
Am. Sugar & Refin., pfd (bid) 102 1/2
American Sugar Refining (bid) 119
Anaconda Mining Co. 40 1/2
Atchafalaya 100 1/2
Atlantic Coast Lne (bid) 112 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio 104 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit 77 1/2
Canadian Pacific 119 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio 74
Chicago & Northwestern 144 1/2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 123 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron (bid) 21 1/2
Colorado & Southern 52 1/2
Delaware & Hudson 163
Denver & Rio Grande 31 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd (bid) 70
Erie 25 1/2
Great Northern, pfd 125 1/2
Great Northern Ore Clfs 55
Illinois Central 129 1/2
Interborough-Met. 18 1/2
Interborough-Met. pfd 49 1/2
Louisville & Nashville 143 1/2
Missouri Pacific 53
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 33
National Biscuit 109 1/2
National Lead 51 1/2
New York Central 113 1/2
Norfolk & Western 97 1/2
Northern Pacific 116 1/2
Pacific Mail 26 1/2
Pennsylvania 128 1/2
People's Gas (bid) 105 1/2
Pullman Palace Car 160
Reading 144 1/2
Rock Island Co. 68
Rock Island Co., pfd 62
Southern Pacific 115 1/2
Southern Railway 23 1/2

Clearing House Statement.

New York, Aug. 20.—The following is the New York clearing house summary of the weekly statement of banks for the week ending August 20:

Loans, \$1,237,794,000, increase, 13,448,000. Deposits, 1,274,182,000, increase, 18,040,000. Circulation, 47,049,000, decrease, 1,437,000. Specie, 300,766,000, increase, 4,529,000. Legal tenders, 70,762,000, decrease, 446,000. Reserve, 371,528,000, increase, 4,082,000. Reserve required, 318,695,000, increase, 4,510,000. Surplus, 57,833,000, decrease, 527,000. Ex. United States deposits, 53,245,000, decrease, 429,000.

Clearing house banks actual condition this day:

Loans, 1,224,028,000, increase, 10,199,000. Deposits, 1,280,280,000, increase, 9,998,000. Circulation, 47,196,000, decrease, 1,825,000. Specie, 300,209,000, decrease, 1,899,000. Legal tenders, 70,489,000, decrease, 922,000. Reserve, 370,698,000, decrease, 2,821,000. Reserve required, 320,050,000, increase, 2,274,000. Surplus, 50,648,000, decrease, 4,887,000. Ex. United States Deposits, 51,065,000, decrease, 5,100,000.

State banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house:

Loans, 1,102,118,000, decrease, 5,553,000. Specie, 121,081,000, increase, 1,125,000. Legal tenders, 19,937,000, decrease, 1,510,000. Total deposits, 1,213,950,000, decrease, 6,625,000.

Chicago Livestock.

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Metal Markets.

New York, Aug. 20.—The metal markets were quiet and practically nominal in the absence of cables. Tin firm, \$33.70 @ \$33.77 1/2; copper, lake, \$12.87 1/2 @ \$13; electrolytic, \$12.82 1/2 @ \$12.75; and casting, \$12.25 @ \$12.50. Lead steady, \$4.40 @ \$4.50; spelter firm, \$5.25 @ \$5.40.

Money Market.

New York, Aug. 20.—Money on call nominal. Time loans bid, for 30 days, 3 3/4 @ 3 1/2 per cent; for 60 days, 3 1/2 @ 3 1/4 per cent; for 90 days, 3 1/4 @ 3 1/4 per cent; for six months, 4 1/4 @ 4 1/4 per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 @ 6 per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 @ 48.10 for 60 days and 48 1/2 for demand. Commercial bills, 48 1/2 @ 48 1/2. Bar silver, 52 1/2 c. Mexican dollars, 4c. Government bonds steady; railroads irregular.

Missoula Mercantile Co. Ostermoor Mattress Week

IN OUR FURNITURE ANNEX 300 Genuine Ostermoor Mattresses to Be Sold at a Special Price for Purpose of Publicity

We recently perfected arrangements with Ostermoor & Co., 116 Elizabeth Street, New York City, whereby we are made sole agent and distributor for their celebrated mattresses in Western Montana. The first straight carload of Ostermoor Mattresses ever shipped into the state of Montana was received by us last week and henceforth the trade, both retail and wholesale, will be supplied by this store, and after this week regular factory prices will prevail.



Your Choice of Any Full Size Ostermoor Mattress, Whether of the Regular \$15, \$16.50, \$18 or \$23 Grades

This offer is made solely to popularize the better grades of Ostermoor Mattresses, which are superior in finish and more luxurians than the standard \$15 mattress with which everyone is familiar. The difference in grades and the regular prices of each are noted below:

Table with 4 columns: Regular Ostermoor Mattress, Regular Ostermoor Mattress SATIN FINISH, Regular Ostermoor Mattress French Art Twills, Special Ostermoor Mattress French Edge. Includes descriptions and prices for each type.

DURING THIS WEEK WE ALSO OFFER YOUR CHOICE OF ANY THREE-QUARTERS SIZE OSTERMOOR MATTRESS REGULARLY PRICED AT \$11.70, \$13.20, \$14.70 OR \$19.00, AT THE PRICE OF THE CHEAPEST \$11.70

What the Ostermoor Mattress Is and Why It Is Best Ostermoor Mattresses Are Built, Not Stuffed, With the Wonderfully Elastic Ostermoor Hand-Laid Sheeted Filling

The raw material—especially selected cotton of high grade and lofty staple—pure originally, is made purely itself by the exclusive Ostermoor Patent treatment. Sterilized by the special Ostermoor process, all the natural vegetable oils are expelled and it is made thoroughly Wholesome, Germ-proof, Sanitary and Aseptic. Further action, both chemical and mechanical, renders the Ostermoor proof against Dust, Moth and Vermin, and Absolutely Water-proof. After the most vigorous manipulation, while subject to the intensest heat to strengthen fibre and increase the natural "spring," it is finally carded and combed over ponderous machines into light, airy, interlocking fibrous sheets of billowy softness, which possess an everlasting elasticity that is un-wear-out-able. The Ostermoor Mattress and the Ostermoor Sheeted Filling is made and sold exclusively by Ostermoor & Company. No one else can make or sell an Ostermoor Mattress or anything like it. Don't be deceived. Beware of imitations and the "just as good" kind. Look for the name of Ostermoor on every genuine mattress. It must be there; so don't let any one fool you. Ostermoor & Company are Specialists and Experts in the art of building hand-laid mattresses. Ostermoor Mattresses are built up, layer upon layer, not stuffed like hair, and their construction is an art. The Ostermoor method of making is most unusual. In building an Ostermoor mattress, eight downy sheets of filling, 2 1/2 inches thick, are hand-laid one over the other until desired thickness is obtained. In an exceptionally well-made box-like cover of ticking as shown in illustration. The sheets are compressed or interlaced together by gentle even pressure, forming one elastic sheet of equal thickness throughout. Ticking cover is brought over the filling, clented in place, and deftly hand-sewn across both ends, and along one entire side. This insures absolute uniformity of thickness, elasticity and resiliency. Every square inch exactly duplicates each other. There is no shifting of filling, no possible formation of bunchy lumps of hollows, no matting down. The Ostermoor and no other method of making Ostermoor sheeted, hand-laid filling, and no other filling, is why the name of Ostermoor made the Mattress famous. Ostermoor employees are not ordinary Mattress makers, but skilled operators, of special training, specialists, each an expert in their particular part, ever doing only that part they do best, day in and day out. This is achieved that high standard of construction; that exacting detailed finish; that minute accuracy in tufting—each tuft of same space and tightness of tension; that careful stitching and boxing of border; that wonderful blending of brains, skill and materials so all too briefly described, which completes the incomparable Ostermoor Mattress. Beware of the many dishonest substitutes! Should the tick on an Ostermoor Mattress become soiled—it can be scrubbed with soap, brush and water—it won't hurt the Ostermoor—or if desired, ticking can be removed for washing and easily replaced, as filling remains intact, sweet, pure and clean. Needs nothing but an occasional sun bath to keep in perfect order for an ordinary lifetime; no care, no trouble, no annoyance, and no expense for re-making so necessary with hair. The Ostermoor Mattress is a sanitary sleep inducer, absolutely pure—and all that is good, clean and healthful. The filling, a vegetable fibre, purity itself originally, made absolutely germ-proof by sterilization, is repellent of all impurities, an everlasting comfort and a soporific delight. Hair, an animal fibre, is filthy, unclean and uncleanable, a constant source of expense for renovation, it is unhealthy, dusty, dirty and absorbent of germs, a dangerous breeder of disease and a menace to health. Would you sleep on a mattress filled with human hair, gathered even from the heads of people you know—even though a doctor's certificate, that each head was clean, well and healthy, accompanied same? Surely not! It conjures visions that are nauseating. The horror of contagion, the dangers of bacilli. And yet just think how much more dangerous are mattresses filled with horse hair! The Ostermoor Mattress is superior to the best \$35.00 hair mattress ever made, in every possible way, and far more economical. No expense for repairs or renovation. First cost is last and only cost. Softer and more elastic than hair—and this elasticity is everlasting—the Ostermoor will never mat or pack, lose its shape or spread.

AGED COUPLE MURDERED.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 20.—Robert Casey, Jr., keeper of a general store at Claymont, near here, and his wife an aged couple, were murdered in their beds in their rooms over the store sometime last night. The murderer was committed by thieves, who afterward plundered the house and store breaking open the safe and carrying off all the contents of value.

NOTED DETECTIVE MURDERED.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 20.—George Gostell, a New York detective, who was well known for his enormous strength, was murdered early today in a fight with a crowd at the landing of the Savannah Yacht club's boat-house here.

AMERICAN BOAT WINS.

Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 20.—The American sloop-boat Harpoon won the Tatt. cup by capturing today's race—the fourth of the International Spanish series. The Spaniards were far astern.