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The Ferment Is Stirring

First Faint Flush of Dawning
New Era Seen in Present
Building Activity

The ferment is working. Cut Bank has entered a period of progress which its location and surroundings amply justify. It is today the metropolis of Northern Teton county and this distinction it is bound to maintain. Indeed it is several laps ahead of all neighbor towns in its spurt down the highway of progress.

Cut Bank is destined to be the most important point between Havre and Kalispell. Today it has the largest and most pretentious hotel in this section of Montana. There is now being constructed in Cut Bank a \$20,000 brick school building. This building will be completed long before the opening of the next school year and its capacity and the curriculum that will be instituted will mean that families from far and near will take advantage of the exceptional school opportunities and become residents of the town. It will be a big consideration for homeseekers with families, as this will be the largest and best equipped school in the homestead region in Northern Montana.

The State's sale of lots in Cut Bank, about a month ago, gave the residents of the town an opportunity to purchase lots for business places and homes and with the opening of next spring there will be inaugurated a campaign of building—both business places and residences of the better class—such as Cut Bank has never before witnessed.

Even now, almost in mid-winter, the building campaign is going on apace. There is more building activity in Cut Bank today than in any town in this section of the state.

The receipts of the Great Northern's local office, show an increase in business at Cut Bank of over an hundred per cent, over that of a corresponding period last year. There are about a hundred and fifty men employed in the railway service here—including roundhouse, depot, industrial tracks; pumping station and section crew. The railway payroll here aggregates \$10,000.00 per month.

Work on the government projects on the reserve is being pushed with great rapidity. The allotment work is about completed. A monster reservoir dam for the storage of waters for the Two Medicine project is now under way. It will not be long before this fine agricultural domain is thrown open for settlement and the very choicest portion of it is contiguous to Cut Bank. When this reserve is thrown open it will give this town a mighty forward impetus.

So, all in all, the future looks rosy for Cut Bank. It possesses advantages that few towns in this section possess. Its people are aware of these advantages and they are alert and enthusiastic. With the exceptional advantages possessed by the place and the spirit of harmony and enthusiasm that prevails at this time, nothing short of a great, unforeseen catastrophe can mar our future progress.

One of the Newer Cut Bank Buildings



Cut Bank's New \$35,000 Hotel, the most pretentious in Northern Montana
Built by Hurd & Gleason

Improvements Under Way:

\$20,000 brick school, finest in Northwestern Montana
Opera hall and club rooms, large and modern
Store building, for Teton Commercial Co.
Two business buildings, F. C. Case
Office and residence, Dr. W. A. Hulbush
A number of residences in various parts of town

All Records Smashed

The books of Cashier Jackson show that during the first thirteen days of December the moneys collected for freight amounted to \$2,094.55 and ticket sales to \$477.20. On December 13, there was paid into the office for freight the sum of \$707.80. "So far this month all previous records have been smashed" said Mr. Jackson to a Pioneer Press representative.

Make It Unanimous

At their present session the Board of county commissioners will order an election to be held in Cut Bank, for the purpose of deciding upon incorporation of the town into a city. Upon the question of erecting a new school building here every vote cast was in the affirmative and on the incorporation question it ought to be the same.

If you are a scoffer and unbeliever in revelation and the teachings of the Christian church, why, stay out of Church. If you are not a believer in the agricultural possibilities of Montana, why, stay out of Montana.

Shoes and Boots made waterproof by the viscol process at the Harness Shop.

"Good Prospect" Says O'Keefe

R. E. O'Keefe, a well known Chicago attorney, was a visitor here Thursday. "You have a fine prospect here" said Mr. O'Keefe, "and it looks to me as if your future growth ought to be steady and permanent." Mr. O'Keefe was on his way home from Kalispell, where he had a case in district court.

A Scenic Spot in the Rockies



Cut Bank the Gateway To a Great Reservation

This is the Gateway City by Way of a great transcontinental railway to the beautiful and prolific Blackfeet Reservation

The Blackfeet Indian reservation is located in the northwestern corner of Teton county. The main range of the Rocky mountains, the most beautiful and picturesque mountain region in America, makes up its western border, Canada walls it in on the north and the Marias river and its tributaries compose the greater part of its eastern and southern boundary. It has a total area of 959,644 acres. The bill for opening this reservation for settlement was passed in March, 1907. After the Indians have been allotted their share of the lands upon the completion of the survey, the balance, outside the 200,000 odd acres withdrawn from entry for reclamation purposes, will be open for settlement under the homestead, mineral and townsite laws, except timber lands, which are to be sold by sealed bids for not less than \$5.00 per acre.

The United States reclamation service has already under way the construction of two large irrigation works in the Blackfeet Indian reservation, the St. Marys and the Blackfeet. The St. Marys located in the northern part of the reservation contemplates storage of the

waters of the St. Marys lakes, on the northeastern slope of the Rockies, and transmitting it by means of a main canal to lands in the eastern part of the reservation and to lands lying east thereof on the headwaters of the Marias river. About 75,000 acres of this project will be located in the Blackfeet reservation.

The irrigation plan of the Blackfeet project involves the construction of five irrigation systems, covering 120,000 acres. The Two Medicine, the largest of five units comprising this project, will be the first to be developed.

CLIMATE, SOIL, RAINFALL, CROPS
Much of the land within the reservation will produce large crops of all northern grown grain, hay, fruit and vegetables without irrigation, the average annual rainfall being 16 inches. The soil is brown sand loam underlaid with gravel at about four feet below the surface. The land at present is used almost wholly for grazing large herds of cattle, horses and sheep. Within the next five years it will have been transformed into a thriving farming community; settlers homes will dot the plains, and the land will make them prosperous.

Where The Cut Bank Joins the Marias--Down to the Missouri



Yuletide Spirit Hovers Over Cut Bank

If the cartoonists can be relied upon, good old Saint Nick, has abandoned the faithful but comparatively slow reindeers and sledges which he has used all these centuries in bringing heaps of happiness in the form of gifts from his far northern home and instead has adopted the modern manner of travel—the airship.

Santa must have made a number of hurried trips by night to Cut Bank within the past week or so. All of a sudden the local shop windows have become resplendent with his wares in infinite variety and local youngsters are daily feasting their eyes upon the myriads of handsome and useful things now on display.

The drug store, the jewelry store

and all the stores in fact are showing in their window displays the effects of Santa's visit. The Spirit of the Yuletide is in and over Cut Bank. Holiday shopping will be the one theme for the next ten days or so.

In this connection the Pioneer Press would extend this morsel of advice: First read the announcements in this number of the Pioneer Press and then prepare to do your shopping early. Secondly, spend your money where you earn it—in Cut Bank, among the people whom you know and can trust (and who sometimes "trust" you.) They will give you honest values. They cannot afford to do otherwise. They will build your town and add to storehouse of material things by so doing.

Airship Prices for Local Lots

At the State's Land sale held at Choteau about a month ago, Herbert Strain, proprietor of a leading Great Falls department store, paid \$2900.00 for fifty feet fronting on Broadway Street, Cut Bank, or at the rate of \$58.00 per running foot. Tracts a half mile out sold for \$71.00 per acre.