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Age	Reg. Price	Sell For			
4 yrs.	\$3.50	\$2.85		6.50	4.95
	4.00	3.00	10 yrs.	7.50	5.80
	4.50	3.85		4.00	3.20
5 yrs.	5.00	3.90		5.00	3.55
	2.75	2.05	11 yrs.	6.50	4.95
	3.00	2.35		4.50	3.65
6 yrs.	4.00	3.25		5.00	3.55
	5.50	4.60	12 yrs.	6.50	4.95
	3.00	2.35		8.00	6.05
7 yrs.	3.50	2.85		4.00	3.20
	4.00	3.20	13 yrs.	4.50	3.65
	4.50	3.45		5.00	3.55
8 yrs.	5.50	4.05		6.50	4.95
	3.50	2.85	14 yrs.	8.00	6.05
	3.75	2.95		10.00	7.25
9 yrs.	4.00	3.20		4.00	3.00
	5.00	3.55	15 yrs.	4.00	3.45
	5.50	4.05		8.50	6.20
10 yrs.	7.00	5.45		10.00	7.25
	3.50	2.85		10.00	7.25
	3.75	2.95		14.00	9.55
	5.00	3.55		7.00	5.45
				7.50	5.95
				8.50	6.20
				10.00	7.25
				14.00	9.55

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Wanted—a Montana Poet

We want a poet to sing for and of Montana. Charles M. Russell and lesser luminaries have transferred to unfading canvass the beauty, the grandeur and the infinitude of Montana's plains and the towering majesty of her mountain peaks. The fame of Russell is not provincial; it is national. He has mirrored so well the scenes and the atmosphere of a day that is done that his work will grow in favor as time passes.

Some time ago an itinerant member of a theatrical troupe composed a "Montana Song." The tune of this song was rather catchy but Pegasus bucked and lunged frightfully on rhythm and metre. The song seems to have been discarded.

We don't want any Ella Wilcox sentimentalist in some far-off place to essay the role of Montana songster, either; we want some red-blooded native with melody in his heart and patriotism for his adopted state to throw his bedroom door open some morning, to catch the glory of the morning's sun as it brightens the distant peaks with their pristine robes of snow and warms the lower valleys that are becoming the home places of pioneers with high hopes and stout hearts. A poet who has caught this inspiration of newness and promise will surely cut a niche in the temple of greatness.

Being neither a republican, a democrat, a socialist or woman suffragette and running strictly on a ticket of his own, sly old Santa Claus will be unanimously elected by the children on Christmas Eve.

Frame this and place it on your parlor wall, alongside of the crayons of dear friends: Cut Bank is now the third largest town in Teton county; in two years from now it will be the metropolis.

The Lure of the West

The federal census is showing that in a great many of the central states that are still considered "out west" by people on the Atlantic seaboard there has been a very marked decline in population in the past decade. The census of Minnesota was recently published and the Pioneer Press editor noted that in the county in that state where he formerly resided the census showed a decrease of about six hundred people in ten years.

Why is this? Let us give you our solution. Fifty and forty and thirty years ago men with that implanted instinct which prompts the wild goose to go southward in the late autumn turned their faces from the east to the west—went into Minnesota, took homesteads, improved them raised fine crops and filled their bins with golden grain and their pens with fat swine. They appropriated the public domain, grew wealthy and either sold out for a big consideration or became absentee landlords. Their own sons and those who followed after found all the land forestalled—forestalled in a perfectly legitimate way but forestalled just the same. With the conditions of enormously high land values, exploitation and development a thing of the past and the old boys who came in the early days sitting securely upon their holdings, is it strange that there should be a movement toward the cities or the regions farther west, where we are going thru the same process that the pioneer Minnesota man went through a half century ago?

But the day of the pioneer's chance for free lands in this region is about done. The country from west of the Rockies to the Pacific is all taken and densely peopled. This is truly the last west, and in two more years there will be mighty few tracts of unappropriated land in any part of Northern Montana. Then the sometime jeered and scoffed-at "dry-land farmer" will be the envy of those who follow after, too late to get a free tract of man's most stable heritage.

Five hundred and twenty people Cut Bank today—a thousand in a year from today!

A Fossilized Spirit

A new farm publication at Great Falls has been boycotted by merchants' association of that city because, as its publishers allege, it has been boosting too vigorously for the Power City and they are angered because they fear that it will attract more merchants to that city. If this be true the Great Falls merchants should be ashamed of themselves ten thousand times a day. Carried to a last decimal, if this policy prevailed generally among business men, every town in this section would reach the water-tank-mail-sack stage of development and go no farther. Outside of a little sentiment the man who comes to Montana today and engages in a legitimate industry to obtain a livelihood has just as many rights as you or I or the man who was born and reared here. Away with the mossbedecked notion that prior settlement means prior rights. All this domain belongs to All the people.

In a world where death is there is no time to hate. Forgive your enemies and business rivals and put your shoulder to the wheel of Cut Bank's Chariot of Progress.

At the present time there is not one man who has a sincere desire to work and who is not one of the Percy-with-the-finger-bowl variety who is idle in Cut Bank today. There is work a-plenty to be found in the railway yards or round house at all times; there are building operations in all parts of town that require a great deal of manual labor. To the best of this writer's knowledge there is no real poverty or hardship in this town at the present time.

Carpenters, bricklayers, masons allied tradesman have put in full time on Cut Bank buildings all this week, the weather being ideal for building operations. The brick work on the big new school building is nearly finished and work on the roofing and interior will soon commence.

If you are discerning and want gifts of quality, with a reasonable price, call and see the line of A. L. Anderson, the jeweler.

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