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In Nature's Laboratory

Grain Crops Now in the Making, with Ideal Conditions

With clear, warm days and cool nights, an ideal condition for small grain growth, crops are fairly humming in the Cut Bank community and as the days pass and the harvest grows nearer the outlook for a fine yield grows more flattering.

Numerous samples of grain taken from fields in the community are on exhibition about town and all bear testimony of the wonderfully productive quality of the soil in this section under ordinary conditions. The first spring wheat bearing well formed heads, to our knowledge, came from the Jack Bunting ranch on the Marias last week, being brot in by Harry Wilkins. Since then numerous samples of headed wheat have been brot in. The straw is long and vigorous and the heads well formed and with favorable conditions prevailing from now until maturity an unprecedented crop will be reaped.

Monday evening Louis Poor brot in a sample of rye grass from the rim country that is a record smasher for length, measuring nearly seven feet. The sample is at the office of Commissioner Thomas. Mr. Poor cut a few loads of this grass and says his horses eat it with a relish. The hay harvest is on and the stand in the low places is very good.

The finest samples of flax, oats, wheat and barley grown on spring sod that the writer has seen were brot in Tuesday by W. T. Elmer. The flax is in bloom and the oats and barley are headed. The wheat is just coming into head. The straw is tall and sturdy and all promise a fine yield. The samples are at the real estate office of B. R. McNamer.

The farmers are already commencing to "think harvest" and the burden of their conversation is mowers, rakes, binders, twine and other necessary implements in gathering in the grain and grass. John Hall states that his winter wheat will be ready for the sickle in about three weeks.

By Comparison

The U. S. Weather Chart shows a strip of territory between Sweet Grass and the Rockies and extending southward to the Marias which has an average rainfall of 20 inches a year. In the heart of the strip is the Cut Bank community. Reports of the June rainfall, as published in the papers of Havre, Great Falls and other points to the east and south show that this strip is this year sustaining the Government records for ten years past. At Havre 2.14 inches of rain fell during June; at Great Falls it was a trifle more. At Conrad it was over four inches. At Cut Bank it was 5.50 inches. In two distinctive ways has this Cut Bank community an advantage over other sections in Northern Montana; it gets more rainfall from the heavens and it is easier to procure water from the bowels of the earth. The first proposition is backed by Government statistics, the second can easily be proven to those who wish to investigate. Oh, it is mighty difficult to beat this Cut Bank community as a desirable place for the homemaker.

Beautiful 29-Piece Tea Set As Extra Incentive to Hustlers

The Pioneer Press will have a birthday next week—the second—and in celebration of this event the publisher has decided to 'blow' himself by giving to the candidate in the Big Piano Contest who turns in the most business a beautiful 29-piece Puritan Tea Set. The contest for this splendid set will commence this morning and will close Saturday evening, July 22, at six o'clock sharp. The votes will then be counted and the prize awarded. The votes secured next week will, of course, count on the piano contest, this being a little 'aside.' Only subscription votes will count in the tea set contest and the ballots will be marked 'In Tea Set Contest.' Come in and see the set, everybody. It is a beauty and worth extra effort. It will be easy to get subscriptions paid up next week—a large number will be due July 16th.

The candidates have all been taking a little rest this week. The vote:

Miss Emma Croff	13,809
Mrs. Frank Neumuth	12,200
Mrs. D. B. Donahue	10,240
Miss Emma Krug	1,640
" Gladys Ferris	1,480
" Mary Pearce	1,025
" Anna Argenbright	1,050
" Harriet Wilkins	1,025

Yeomen Organize

On Monday evening Deputy and Mrs. Wilson Knapp organized a Yeoman Homestead in Cut Bank. There were seventeen persons present. The following officers were chosen: Foreman, O. I. Grina; Correspondent, Arthur M. Belyea; Master of Ceremonies, Adam Cyr; Master of Accounts, Fred Kruger; Pianist, Nora L. Thomas; Chaplain, Mrs. Ida F. Dobyns; Lady Rebecca, Mrs. Harriett C. Gaines; Overseer, Andrew Bakke; Watchman, Forest H. Hope; Guard, Andrew Teterud; Sentinel, Einar Skaar.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies luncheon was served and a social hour was spent.

The Yeomen will give a dance and supper on Monday evening, July 24, in Case's Hall. A good time is assured. All are cordially invited.

Praises the Band

Observed a local citizen to the Pioneer Press man the other day: "I have never seen a musical organization so persistently punctual in practice as this Cut Bank band. I have seen bands organized in small towns many a time and oft. They would be full of enthusiasm and attend the practice meeting most punctually for a while. Soon the novelty wore off, other things occupied their attention to the exclusion of band matters. They would drop away one by one. Finally the organization becomes disrupted. It is so different with the Cut Bank band. What is it that holds them together so persistently and unitedly? Is it fondness for music or especially capable discipline? I cannot say. They organized over a year ago and today they seem as anxious to attend practice meetings and are as enthusiastic about all band affairs as the day they organized."

Form for the use of out of town subscribers.

Cut Bank Pioneer Press:

Enclosed find \$..... to apply as renewal subscription. I authorize you to cast my voto to the extent of this sum for.....

subject to the provisions of the Piano Contest.

Signed.....

Binders on the Move

Isn't it sweet music to your ears to be told that harvesters, twine, mowers, rakes and loaders are being sold daily in Cut Bank?

O. I. Grina, manager of the Big Red Shed, was out in the country a couple of days of the week and closed contracts for seven Deering binders. The company has ordered another car of binders for Cut Bank and will sell them easily. Tuesday they had sold out of hay rakes and sent a hurry-up order for more. Mowers and all kinds of haying tools are going out daily. It listens like the balmy days of North Dakota, when harvesting machinery was shipped to points on the wheat lines in whole trainloads. Montana is just at the threshold and one or two whoppers of crops like this one in our section promises to be will make the machinery men wipe their glasses and take notice.

This is a friendly contest, candidates. Your rivals for the prize are not your dearest enemies. The dogs of war are not loose! Pay no heed to would-be friends who would engender friction and bitterness and who would drag old skeletons out of dark closets. They are your real enemies.

Ben Clodfelter and John Ludke were down from Seville Sunday and were busy boosting for that little city. We are commencing to suspect that there is some rivalry between Seville and Blackfoot—which will be good for both places.

Lots of excitement next week with the big tea set and piano contest.

R. C. Rasmussen superintended street grading improvements on Upper Broadway. The improvement made was very noticeable.

D. B. Donahue is erecting a small house on the claim of his brother Dan, north of town.

John Colburn is having a small residence erected on his claim.

Mr. and Mrs. William Welch, Misses Croff and Goins, Lloyd Callison and brother formed a fishing party and spent a few days of the week in the mountains. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

It will be good news to the railway boys to learn that Dr. W. A. Hulbush this week received the appointment as local railway surgeon. The railway boys, as well as the community at large, have learned to regard Dr. Hulbush as a very capable and conscientious practitioner.

Shearing on the H. J. Halvorson ranch is under way this week. A band of 4,000 sheep will be shorn of their fleece.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will give an ice cream social next Wednesday evening, July 19, in the old Teton Commercial Co. store building. Ice cream and cake will be served and the public is cordially invited.

Wednesday evening's dance, in honor of the Misses O'Neil, was one of the most enjoyable ever held in Cut Bank. Messrs. Hilla, Marschan, Putt and Miss Thomas composed the musical quartette that furnished splendid dance music.

Tom Guardipee of Browning sold eight head of horses here yesterday. They were sold at Peterson & Humble's barn.

The Government crop report for June is a rather gloomy one. The report verifies the press accounts of drought in many grain states.

Asks Pardon for Mudhead

Blackfeet Boy Has Consumption and Slowly Dying

Atty. J. H. Brass of Helena, who defended Tallow Mudhead the boy from the Blackfeet reserve who last May was tried and convicted on the charge of horse stealing, has petitioned President Taft to pardon the young man, who is said to be a consumptive and slowly dying in the Lewis & Clark County jail.

Mudhead does not speak English and not until he began serving his sentence was it learned that he war so afflicted. Accompanying the petition is a statement of the attending physician to the effect that Mudhead's condition is incurable and that his presence is dangerous to the health of the other inmates and he should be isolated, or better still be discharged, so that he may have the advantage of open air and exercise. "It is doubtful if he can complete his sentence and I earnestly recommend his pardon."

Had the authorities been aware of Mudhead's condition, it is likely that the case would not have been pressed.

Town Treasurer Ed. Murphy is presenting the business houses of Cut Bank a nice little certificate, done in red and black, in exchange for the coin of the realm. The license collector says that so far no attempt at violence has been experienced and he has almost completed his tour.

Bert Luther has gone over on the reservation to build a residence for John Galbreath, a wealthy stockman.

Mr. Atwell, a brother-in-law of A. J. Whitehead, was visiting at Cut Bank the latter part of last week. Mr. Atwell comes from Iowa, and reports that conditions are much better here than further east in regard to crops.

A. J. Whitehead is getting his all in a bunch. Some time ago he lost his horse; now some obliging soul, to make him forget this disaster, has relieved him of a number of his household furnishings at his ranch.

Morgan & Bannister have just received a stock of late designs in wall paper. See them for painting, papering, decorating, etc.

C. E. Matson, Blackfoot merchant, was a visitor here Sunday. Mr. Matson states that there is a great deal of track improvement in progress near Blackfoot, which helps to liven up the little town.

Wilbur Baird is building a neat residence on his claim which was relinquished some time ago by Fred Lanto.

Austin Miller is conducting a sort of horse exchange these days and is doing a very satisfactory business.

The burning of a bridge on the Spokane division, Tuesday, delayed east-bound traffic for several hours.

Mrs. G. C. Madison was a visitor at Shelby on Tuesday.

Alfred Klien and C. T. Williams are the prize farmers of the Baltic country. Both have fine crops and neat home surroundings.

Lost—on Friday of last week between town and the G. C. Madison farm one pair of pillows and a pair of grey blankets. Finder please leave at this office.

Come and see the tea set.