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Paint Guide Signs Along Auto Trail

Cut Bank on Main Stem New York-to-Park Route

Cut Bank is on the trail leading from Little Old New York to Glacier National Park, which trail is destined to put every town along the trail in the spotlight. Instead of being an isolated town in the fuzzy out west, as some smug people back east may imagine, our town is on the auto highway to the most celebrated playground in American, with New York on the other end of the line.

Late last week A. L. Meigs and K. E. Pfohler of Minneapolis passed thru here, painting signs on the way, so "all who run may read."

The trail is what is termed the red trail being painted in red on telephone and telegraph poles, on posts and on buildings, wherever required. The signs as used are a white background with red universal signs. A letter R on the side of a post designates turn to right and a letter L denote turn to left. A light red square border with a heavy red line through the center denotes straight ahead.

Other signs used are a cross within the red border denoting a railroad crossing. A red square within the red border denotes a recommended hotel for travelers. A red circle within the red border denotes a recommended garage.

As a means of directing travelers along a highway this sign painting is sure to appeal to all. It is simple and has become national in scope. Other trails have been painted east of Montana and wherever other trails cross the red trail a different color paint is used. There are now five different colored trails painted or started.

Marion Benish was hostess at a little girls' party at her home, Saturday, in celebration of her seventh birthday. About a dozen of Marion's little girl companions were present and played games, ate ice cream and cake and enjoyed themselves in other ways.

County Superintendent Nellie R. Brown informs the Pioneer Press that the regular examinations will be held at Conrad and Choteau on the last Thursday and Friday in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Chasse and son of Spokane are guests of their parents, Mr. and R. Chasse, at the Cut Bank Hotel.

Teachers Compensation

Clerks of school boards throughout the state of Montana have received notice from the state superintendent of public instruction that they must deduct from teachers' salaries one dollar each month, for which teacher receives compensation, under the teachers' retirement law recently passed by the legislature.

This law pertains to all teachers not teaching in the state of Montana at the time the law was passed, March 8, and all teachers recently employed. All who were teaching on or before March 8, will be allowed five months in which to decide whether they wish to benefit by the teachers' compensation. They must decide by January 1st.

Don't set a limit to the possibilities of this section, because you are liable to have to revise your prophecies. "This is not a corn belt" said a number of persons a few years ago—and several farmers promptly destroyed the force of this statement by raising to maturity a good quality of corn. "Teres will not thrive on these prairies" said some of the wise ones. Go out to the ranch of S. K. Taft, a couple of miles east of town and see as nice a grove of young trees of several different varieties as you ever clapped eyes upon. In Cut Bank, also several persons have got trees growing beyond the critical period, notably Math Teterud, J. P. Johnson, Dr. Hulbush and S. L. Potter. In five years from now a rural home hereabouts that is not shaded and beautified by a bunch of trees will be an exception. That's our prophecy.

Zephyrin Chabre recently returned from Canada, where he spent a couple of months, plying his trade as sheep shearer. Zephyrin will spend the remainder of the season tending to his crop on his ranch in Headlight.

The home team will be strengthened Sunday and will be in better shape to do battle with Browning than previously. Cut Bank baseball fans are expecting a fast and furious contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halvorson, Misses Lena Halvorson, Nora Hulbush and Helen Fish and Gus Anderson and Delbert Bakeman spent last Sunday at Glacier Park.

Tickets on a \$5.00 hat with each purchase. Watch for more particulars. Beulah B. Lotz, Milliner.

Miss Vera Plank is spending the week with relatives in Whitefish.

25-CENT WOOL ENRICHING MONTANA



Wool at 25 cents a pound is not the only reason why Montana farmers, as well as the men who own big ranches, have been devoting more attention to sheep during the last few years. The farmer with the comparatively small tract of land has learned that there is a very satisfactory profit to be made each year on a small band of pure bred sheep. At the Montana State Fair at Helena last fall there were several hundred head of pure bred sheep exhibited and the visitor who

desired information regarding the most satisfactory breed for the small band was given an excellent opportunity to find out just what he wanted to know from men who have been engaged in the business for years. The accompanying picture shows one of the prize winning pens which was shown at the Fair last fall. Nearly \$2,000 in cash and special premiums is offered this year by the State Fair in the sheep and goat department. The dates of the Fair are Sept. 20-25.

Fixes Valuation of All the Railroads In The Land of The Lordly Marias

Milwaukee Hast the Most Main Line Trackage With G. N. Next

Railroads within Montana will be assessed this year on a valuation of \$79,187,081, the state board of equalization having finished its figures yesterday.

Last year the valuation was \$76,653,320, the increase this year totaling \$2,533,761.

J. J. Ryan, clerk of the consolidated boards, is now engaged in figuring out the assessments as to counties and the result will be announced later.

Valuations by Systems
The report shows that the total main track in the state is 2,656.46 miles and the sidetracks 1,002.44 miles.

Figured by systems the valuations are:

- Butte, Anaconda and Pacific, \$1,027,898.
- Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, \$2,461,778.
- Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, \$16,371,403.
- Great Northern, \$29,472,878.
- Northern Pacific, \$26,829,229.
- Oregon Short Line, \$3,001,705.
- Yellowstone Park, \$22,190.

Main Track Mileage

Aside from sidetracks there has been no material increase in mileage of railroads in the state since the assessments were made in 1914. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul has the greatest main track mileage, 748.28. The Great Northern is next with 676.74, the Northern Pacific coming third with 623.50. But the latter excels the Great Northern in sidetracks, having 392.25 miles to 180.91 for the Great Northern. The Milwaukee has 206.81 miles of sidetracks.

Mr. Gasch, foreman on the Larson-Bomboy elevator, journeyed to Great Falls the other day, after sizing up Cut Bank as an honeymoon town and a good place to dwell in domestic felicity, and returned with a bride, a young woman who was formerly employed in the Conrad grocery in the Electric city, whose maiden name we were unable to learn.

Sever Berger returned this week from a trip to his old home in North Dakota. He saw nothing along the line in Montana or North Dakota to compare with the grain crop in this section.

Neighbors Should Act

There are a couple of ranches northeast of town that were not sown to crop last Spring that are overrun with Jim Hill mustard. This mustard is now nearly ripe and if the seed is allowed to scatter to neighbor ranches it will menace that neighborhood within a very short time. The mustard should be burned or destroyed in some manner. We realize that neighbor farmers dislike to take drastic action in such matters, but this is a question of community welfare. The county agent should be appealed to or action taken under the noxious weed law. If allowed to go as at present it will be a blight on that fine farming section.

We believe this is an excellent time for merchants and others to make plans concerning the equipment of their places of business for the fall trade. In about another month the fall business will begin and unless we badly mistake Cut Bank will be the busiest center in all this section. To meet this condition with good stocks and an efficient force of helpers is a matter that should be worked out now, after the fashion, as we are told, the great generals work out their campaign of action. The greatest crop in our history is about to be reaped and good times are in store. But we should not be content to rest on our oars and drift. Let us extend our trade territory beyond our logical boundaries. That's what makes good towns better towns.

A Herder's Soliloquy

Backward, turn backward, time as it rolls,
Barbed wire fences and telephone poles,
Dry-land farmers, turn away from my sight,
Make me a herder again for a night
Leave me again in the shepherd's shack,
Where coyotes chased gophers out thru the cracks,
And you stake out your bacon and hobbled the ham,
And mixed your sour dough in an old rusty pan.
No key for your shack, no lock for your door,
A box for your grub, a sod for the floor,
Thru the cracks in the roof the stars shone so bright,
Make me a herder again for a night.
Leave me again on the prairie so free,
Show me again the Injun tepee,
Tho the days they were long, my heart it was light,
Ah, make me a herder again for a night.
The Pioneer is dying, his work it is done,
The sheepman and stockman their race has been run,
Now the drylander is making his fight,
And the herder is bidding the wool-lies good night!

Klein Attacked by a Frenzied Bovine

Has Narrow Escape When Meek Jerse Losesy Temper

Alfred Klein had an extremely narrow escape from death, last Sunday evening, in a most peculiar and unusual manner. Alfred was milking a Jersey cow in a yard in the rear of the Klein home on Upper Broadway and in the same yard his little boy was at play. The cow, usually a most meek and docile animal, was fretful over the loss of its calf, that had been taken from it a short time before, and when a dog entered the yard it became enraged and made a lunge for the dog. Alfred sprang to take the child, almost under the cow's feet, and while so doing was attacked by the animal, now wild with rage, and was tossed over its head and trampled with its front feet. Louis Klein and Peter Conrad were attracted by the bellowing of the cow and ran to the scene, to find Alfred in an almost unconscious condition, his clothing nearly torn from his body and the cow trampling upon him with its front feet. It was with some effort that they drove the frenzied beast away and carried Klein into the house. His face was swollen and bleeding and there were a number of bad bruises upon his body. Fearing that there might be internal injuries, a physician was called, who declared that his escape from serious internal injuries was very narrow.

Alfred is able to be about again but it will be several days before the effects of the rough usage by his pet bovine have worn away.

Good Yield

Some rye was threshed on the C. T. Williams ranch this week that yielded 25 bushels to the acre, we understand. This is an exceptionally good yield for rye and gives us a barometer of the possible yields here this year. In a week or so we hope to be able to give some firsthand figures on winter grain yields in different parts of the community.

It is estimated that a very large percent of all headache is caused from eye strain and can be permanently relieved by glasses that are properly fitted, if troubled in that way see Dr. Howe Eye Specialist at Cut Bank Hotel Tuesday August 24.

Barring the loss by hail, the prospects for a bumper crop were never better in the vicinity of Cut Bank. That we are in a belt that is frequently visited by hail storms was evidenced by the hail that fell in the last thunder storm. You can be protected against loss by hail if you will insure at Farmers State Bank.

See letter below, by H. O. Peterson, who was fully protected by one of the policies.

Farmers State Bank,
Cut Bank, Montana.

Gentlemen:
I am in receipt of your draft for \$856.50 in payment of hail loss under policy No. 87125 in the Northwestern Fire & Marine Ins. Co., covering one-half crop on one hundred and fifty acres. The adjustment of loss was made August 3rd and I am in receipt of payment today, August 11th. Your adjuster allowed 90 per cent loss on barley, oats and flax and 80 per cent loss on wheat. This is very satisfactory to me, as I will be able to cut quite a crop of hay on all the land, and by having the hail insurance, I am free from any loss on account of hail.

I want to thank you for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which settlement was made, and I heartily recommend your company to all my farmer neighbors.

Yours truly,
H. O. PETERSON.

FARMERS STATE BANK

THIS YEAR



puts the final stamp of approval on the Cut Bank country. Get some of it while you can. It will go to \$50.00 an acre in 5 years. Two good relinquishments to sell.

BRUCE R. McNAMER
Real Estate & Insurance
CUT BANK, MONT.