

FORT BENTON TO FORT CONRAD.

A Great Cow Country With Plenty of Other Resources to Insure Its Rapid Development.

A trip from Fort Benton to the upper Marias region, by way of Fort Conrad, is rather a lonesome one, and it strikes the wayfarer, ere he is out a day, as a country of generous scope and magnificent distances.

From Nelse's the road takes us over the long stretch of rolling prairie between the Teton and Marias, a distance of about fifty-five miles, to Fort Conrad. The only habitation to be seen on this long road is "Froggy's" cabin at Pend' Orielle coulee and as this was temporarily deserted the ride was all the more lonesome.

Fort Conrad, otherwise known as Kipp's post, is in the Marias valley, at the Fort Macleod crossing. This was first an Indian trading post, and the remnant of the old fort and stockade still remains, a reminder of the stirring incidents of this trade in the sixties and later.

Fort Conrad, we believe, is destined to be the most important business point on the Marias. It is a natural trade center for an immense section of country, and the day of its rapid advancement will date from the opening of the reservation.

The Wind Storm.

About four o'clock this morning one of the most severe wind storms ever known in this section occurred and continued with great violence for about half an hour. There was no serious damage done, however.

The Storm at Helena.

HELENA, November 26.—The wind took the roof off the school house, Montana National bank and many other buildings at this place last night. It was the severest gale that has visited this city for many a day.

Northern Montana Cattle Shipments.

The Manitoba will receive a train load of cattle to-day from the Canadian Pacific. This will be the last shipment made this season, but it is the intention of the Canadian Pacific to make it a permanent one, and the officials of that

road expect to build up a very lucrative business. The cattle are from the Montana ranges north of the Missouri river. They are driven overland to Maple Creek, a Canadian Pacific station 600 miles west of Winnipeg and 1,055 miles from St. Paul.

THE UPPER MARIAS.

Something About the Several Stockmen Who Have Interests in That Section.

Some of the leading cattle owners of Northern Montana are now located on the Marias, above and below Fort Conrad. The opening of the reservation—an event we hope soon to have occasion to chronicle—will remove the center of stockdom a long ways east and render their positions on this stream important ones.

Willow Rounds, the headquarters of Sol. Abbott and Henry Powell, is some twenty miles above Fort Conrad. This is one of the finest bottoms on the river, and a location that nature has done much for.

Henry Powell is located in the lower part of the valley and is every year adding to the improvements on his ranch. When the RIVER PRESS man stopped to see him he was busily engaged in the erection of a new house, which he hopes to have completed this year.

Sol. Abbott's fine ranch is just above Powell's, on the east side of the river. Ways sought for by every one who visits that portion of Choteau county, Mr. Abbott being an old-timer with an unlimited number of friends.

Just above, Mr. Pierce of Deer Lodge has located and driven in three hundred head of cattle and a band of horses. At the time of our visit Mr. Pierce was at Helena, serving as a U. S. grand juror, so that we did not have the pleasure of making his acquaintance.

These three parties—Abbott, Pierce and Powell—together with Joseph Kipp, have an exclusive range, and it cannot be excelled in the west. On three sides nature has fenced it in by cut banks as completely as man could have done.

While the trouble and expense of rounding up is saved. Three hundred head of cattle at this place are worth as much to a man as double the number on the general range. Mr. Abbott informed us that during the several years he has been there he has not lost a single animal by reason of severe weather or difficulty of the herd securing feed.

A. M. HENRY, R. G. WIGHT, U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor, County Surveyor. HENRY & WIGHT, Surveyors and Assayers, NEIHART, MONTANA.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 24, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy clerk of the District Court in and for Choteau county, at Fort Benton, M. T., on Thursday, December 11, 1884.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 1, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy district clerk in and for the county of Choteau, at Fort Benton, M. T., on Thursday, December 11, 1884.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, October 31, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy clerk of the third judicial district in and for Choteau county, M. T., at Fort Benton, M. T., on Saturday, December 13, 1884.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 12, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy district clerk in and for Choteau county, M. T., at his office in Fort Benton, M. T., on Saturday, December 20, 1884.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 10, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy district clerk in and for Choteau county, M. T., at his office in Fort Benton, M. T., on Saturday, December 20, 1884.

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 15, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Willis F. Parker, notary public, at Great Falls, M. T., on Saturday, December 27, 1884.

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Dissolution Notice.

The firm heretofore existing under the name and style of Harris & Lewis, doing business in the City of Fort Benton, Montana Territory, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

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LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, November 24, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Charles L. Spencer, deputy district clerk of the district court in and for Choteau county, M. T., at his office at Fort Benton, M. T., on Monday, December 29th, 1884.

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