

Tourists Pass Through Beach

Tourists to Yellowstone Park Make Hour's Stop in Beach Twenty-Five Cars in All.

About twenty-five cars of tourists, making the trip over the Red Trail to the Yellowstone Park spent about an hour in Beach, "the biggest little city along the entire route," as they put it, last Tuesday.

To many of them, who had never passed through North Dakota except on a train, the trip proved a revelation, and when they were informed that ten years ago the prosperous and well-built up Golden Valley was considered a "cow country" unfit for agricultural purposes, they were more than astonished. Some of the celebrities present were loud in their praises of the city of Beach, commenting favorably on it as a modern city in every respect.

After leaving here their first stop was at Glendive where they had lunch. A special train carrying Pullmans, dining cars, and others accompanied the tourists to the Park, as a good many expected to ship their cars back and return on the train.

The tour was promoted by the N. P. Railway Company and the Chalmers Motor Car Co., the latter concern having a representation of four cars in the twenty-five, owned and driven by men of knowledge concerning motor cars. Gov. L. B. Hanna drove a Chalmers Six and was second in the order of travel, the first being the pilot car, a Chalmers that passed through Beach on the same tour last spring.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuller returned Wednesday evening from a month's automobile trip thru North and South Dakota, visiting friends and relatives enroute. Some of the cities they visited were, Jamestown, Hettinger and Bowman, North Dakota and Mowbride, Lemon and DesMit, South Dakota. They made their longest stay at the latter city where they visited relatives. The Dr. says that on the return trip he paid especial attention to the condition of the crops along the way up from DesMit and that the crops in the Golden Valley exceed those of any other section he passed through. Drouth in certain sections has raised havoc with the yield while in other sections black rust has got in its deadly work. He says that it is a fact, and is conceded by many farmers in South Dakota that the yield in many places will not average over five bushels of wheat o the acre. Judging by what land men told him during his stay in our sister state to the south, there will be an influx of land-seekers in this section of North Dakota this fall, and more especially in the far famed Golden Valley.

Wm. Rosenberg and wife left Sunday for Chicago where they will buy the fall and winter stock for The Toggery here and the store at Ollie.

George Chrysler drove to Plevna, Montana on business last Wednesday.

The fact that the editor of the Chronicle yesterday received two letters from other states asking as to the feasibility of establishing business places in Beach, goes to prove that the Golden Valley is known for its productiveness throughout the entire west. One of the communications was from a gentleman at Fair Play, Mo., inquiring as to whether or not there was an opening for another grocery store here.

New Auto Route Being Made

Scout Car to Visit Beach—Chamber of Commerce Receives Inquiries

July 25, 1916.

Commercial Club, Beach, N. D. Gentlemen:

Knowing that you are vitally interested in the future of motorist travel into the Northwest, I feel sure you will be interested in the trip of one of our Blue Book's scout cars through your city.

The Blue Book scout car investigating the National Parks Highway and connecting routes is now on its way into the Northwest in charge of Mr. R. A. Woodall and Mr. F. S. Whiting. Earlier in the year we expected to send a representative with the official cars of the Highway which covered the route last month, but in view of the increase of importance of motor travel into the Northwest, we finally decided to send one of our own cars into this territory because we plan to do as much new work and because with our own car are a little freer as to time, which is all important in gathering data for our future editions.

Both Messrs. Woodall and Whiting are thoroughly experienced in our work and the former particularly has devoted practically all of his time in our employ for the last five years investigating road conditions between the Mississippi and Pacific Coast, so that we know he is thoroughly equipped to judge the relative merits of routes.

When you consider that this season we are selling of our 1916 edition one hundred and ten thousand volumes, and on present estimate we will be completely sold out by September 1st, you will readily appreciate the growing importance of the Automobile Blue Book as the Motorist's Bible. The demand for route information has become so great on our Touring Bureau that the force in both our New York and Chicago offices is three times what it was a year ago, simply to assist motorists in planning routes and handling up-to-the-minute information sent in the various sections of the country.

The cars left Minneapolis about ten days ago. We want to be in the best possible shape to give the motorist accurate information not only on route directions, but accommodations, scenery points of interest, etc., throughout the Northwest and any cooperation which you can give these men will be highly appreciated and I feel positive will revert to our mutual advantage.

Yours very truly,
Automobile Blue Book Publishing Co.

The Powers Will Stay in Business

Re-Organization Took Place—Hundreds of Patrons More Than Pleased at Decision of that Popular Store.

A great many Golden Valley people will be more than pleased to hear that The Powers, at the request of hundreds of their friends will remain in the clothing business in Beach, although in the re-organization, which took place before they decided to remain, two new members were taken into the firm.

J. J. Power, one of the new members, has been in the employ of the firm for the past two years, dividing his time almost equally between the Beach and Killdeer stores. He is a young man with bright prospects and needs no introduction to our readers, as he enjoys the acquaintance of many of the customers of this popular trading place. F. B. Power, recently of Modesto, California, where he was employed by a large clothing and shoe firm, is a valuable addition to the firm, as he brings with him years of experience in the clothing business with some very large concerns. We understand that last firm in whose employ he was, upon hearing of his intention to resign made him an offer that was most attractive; his refusal to accept it being based upon the information his brother, T. J. had given him as to the future of the Golden Valley.

The Powers have always carried one of the largest and most complete stocks of men's and boy's clothing, shoes for the whole family, and furnishings, in western North Dakota, and as they are now in the possession of more capital by taking in two members, they will carry a larger and more complete stock than ever.

T. J. Power, the present manager, and one of the most popular business men in Beach, will remain in that capacity. He will leave next Sunday for the Eastern markets, where he will purchase the largest and most complete stock of up-to-the-minute clothing and furnishings for the fall and winter trade ever shown in this section of the state.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Golden Valley, North Dakota, to be held at Beach on August 26, 1916 to fill the position of rural carrier at Beach and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to mail citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the requirements set forth in form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be made to the commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the coming of the world's greatest product, "The Birth of a Nation", at Beach, August 1. Every mail is bringing a request for seats from within a radius of fifty miles around. The Chronicle variations now so as to secure choice locations and avoid standing around waiting and possibly being dissatisfied. The seats are now selling at Stensrud's drug store. This is the original company and the managers of the Opera House, after untiring efforts to secure the play for Beach, should be congratulated upon their successful and progressive. It is said that the orchestra which is carried by this company contains many members of the famous Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and other similar organizations and is well worth the price of admission in itself. Two performances will be given, one in the afternoon at 2:30 and one at night commencing promptly at 8:15.

A goodly number of Beach citizens, as well as farmers near this city attended the Non-Partisan Picnic held at the Beaver Creek bridge yesterday. They all report a pleasant time and say that the speeches were instructive as well as interesting. It is expected that as large a crowd, if not larger, will be in attendance at the similar event being held at Alpha today.

Famous Hoosier Poet Dead

James Whitcomb Riley, Half-Uncle of Postmaster John M. Baer, and Noted Poet Dies Suddenly

Indianapolis, Ind., July 24.—James Whitcomb Riley, world-famous Hoosier poet died Saturday evening. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis. He was suffering from the heat Saturday but showed signs of improvement in the evening. At 11 o'clock he asked his nurse for a drink. When she returned with the water he was dead.

James Whitcomb Riley, born of the middle west, sang the joys, sorrows, fancies and humors of its folks, largely in its own dialect. The world was so touched by its inspiration and the realism of his homely symbols that he was one of the few, that, devoting their lives to poetry, gained a fortune.

Mr. Riley was peculiarly sensitive to the advance of age and added inquires as to the date of his birth but the most accurate information available indicates that he was born in 1848.

"Should you ask his age," one of his friends said, "he would answer 'This side of forty' and leave you to guess which side."

The poet was the son of Reuben A. Riley, a lawyer and political speaker of Greenfield, Ind. The boy could not be brought to the dull routine of school days, but he was wise in the lore of streams and fields. His mother, who was Elizabeth Marine before her marriage, was a writer of verse and Riley in later life attributed some of his impracticability to her.

Instead of preparing for the practice of law, as his father wished the son turned itinerant sign painter. For ten years, he roved through the Ohio valley painting signs on fences. He had the trick of the brush and pencil and cleverly drew sketches illustrating the virtues of merchandise. He was naturally musical and shone as a fiddler in the villages at which his party stopped at night. He played for dances and at concerts in country hotels. He wrote rhymes which sometimes found their way into country newspapers.

He led this cheerful, free and easy life late in the '70's then he took employment as a report-

er on a newspaper at Anderson, Ind. In 1877, for the purpose as he said, of proving that he could write poetry of value, he perpetrated the Poe hoax which for years was a literary sensation. He wrote a poem in the style of Edgar Allen Poe, to which he gave the characteristic title of "Leonanie," and it was offered to the public as a hitherto unpublished product of the genius of Poe. One of the stanzas was:

"Leonanie—the angels named her,
And they took the light
Of the laughing stars and framed her
In a smile of white,
And they made her hair of gloomy
Midnight and her eyes of bloomy
Moonshine and they brought her to me
In the solemn night.

In some quarters the poem was accepted as genuine; in others it was denounced as a fraud. After the controversy had waged for months Riley confessed.

In the early '80s he began writing verses in "Hoosier" dialect for the old Indianapolis Journal. He sent some of his poems to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and they received his praise. A volume was published and "The Hoosier Poet" began his win a public. He was an excellent reader of his own dialect verses and for the following fifteen years, or until 1898 he made tours of the country, appearing in public with great success both alone and in association with the humorist, Bill Uye, who was his intimate friend.

Publication of books of poems year after year brought Riley a fortune and wide recognition of his literary genius and not only in the general form. Many of his poems are of imaginative fantasy of gently philosophic.

In 1902 he received the degree of master of arts from Yale university and in 1904 the University of Pennsylvania conferred upon him the degree of doctor of letters. Indiana University conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on him in 1907.

In July 1911, the poet presented to the city of Indianapolis property valued at \$75,000 for a site for the public library and school administration building.

Mr. Riley never married but he was a lover of children, whose spirit he divined so intimately, and of family life. Many of the last years of his life he spent quietly at his home in a secluded section of Indianapolis.

A baseball game that will probably draw the largest crowd seen in Beach at a similar occasion this year is the one scheduled for Thursday, Aug 1, between the All Nations and the Local city team. The All Nations have played in Beach before and put up the classiest exhibition of the national pastime of any team that vere visited here. In their line-up they have representatives from a dozen different countries, including John Donaldson, the most wonderful ball player the world has ever seen, color alone barring him from leading the pitching staff in major league. The home guards are sprucing up a bit for the occasion and the game will not be a walk-away for anyone, unless we are badly mistaken.

New Route For Beach

New Route, No. 3—Going South-east—Will Be in Operation August 1, 1916.

Hundreds of patrons of the local postoffice, residing south and southwest of Beach will be pleased to learn that the new R. F. D. route which the local postmaster and assistant have been striving to get for several years, is now assured and that it will be started in operation not later than August 1st. From here the route will be 12 1-2 miles straight south thence one mile east, thence one mile north, thence one mile east and then eleven miles north into Beach, a trip of 30 1/2 miles in all.

Inasmuch as at present only eighty-five patrons have signed a statement showing their intention of erecting a mail box before August 1, the service will be only three days a week. It is hoped that a good many others will sign such statements at the postoffice in the near future as daily service is possible when there are more than one hundred patrons.

This route will be known as R. F. D. No. 3 and is exciting much favorable comment among the business men of Beach as well as those whom it will convenience in the securing of their mail.

GUARDS ENJOY SERVICE ON PULLMANS TO MEXICO

Luxury to Crawl in Between Sheets Once More

Kansas City, Mo.—(On Board Special Troop Train Carrying Third Battalion First Regiment North Dakota Infantry.)—July 25.—The soldier boys from North Dakota, in striking contrast to their less fortunate comrades from points in the east, are enjoying "some service" and good substantial food en route to the southland.

After spending a month in camp sleeping on the hard ground and going thru a grilling routine of drill each day, it was a real treat for the North Dakotans to climb aboard real Pullmans and sleep between nice clean white sheets.

Shipping ice cold lemonade twice a day at meal times on the train has had a tendency to make the boys feel like kings. According to the quartermaster's department, there are lemons enough on hand to furnish the boys with the delicious cold drink twice a day for the balance of the trip.

And for all this comfort and even luxury the North Dakotans can thank their kindly commander, ol. J. H. Fraine, who saw to it that "his boys would not suffer."

However, the officers of the Third battalion, each, of whom has to provide his own meals, were "out of luck" last evening. Private and non-com, had mess as usual, but the officers telephoned ahead to Harwarden, Ia., to have the "feeds" ready for them. Arriving at Harwarden, where a short stop was made, they found that everything in the eating line had been sold and many of the officers were obliged to go to bed with empty stomachs.

The troops enjoyed an hour in Kansas City today.

"EXPERIENCE A DEAR TEACHER"
"Bill Dollar" Slips a Cog on His Usual Good Judgment. Probably He Has Been Associating with E. Z. Too Much.



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