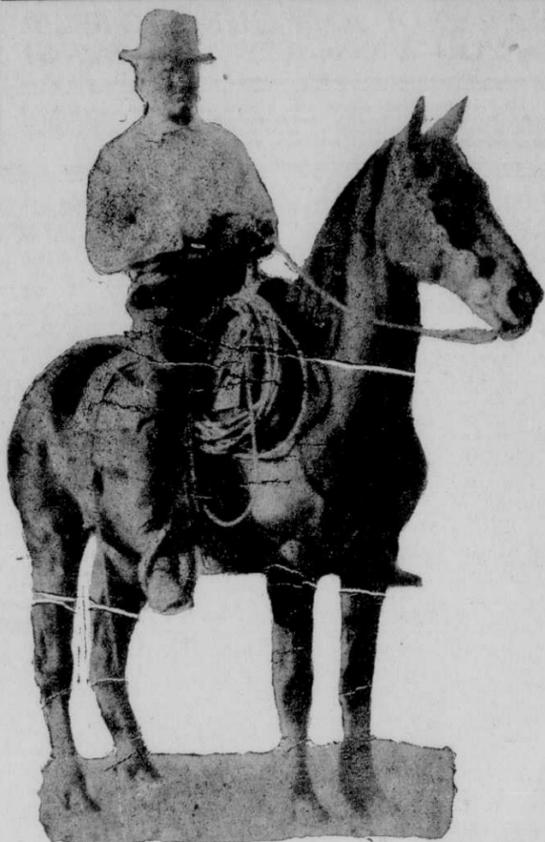


RUSSELL LOSES OLD FRIEND



Neenah, Russell's Old Saddle Horse, Died Last Week

Charlie Russell, the Montana artist, lost one of his old friends last week, and his heart was saddened. It was Neenah, his saddle horse for the past 18 years, who left Russell's corral and departed over that lonely, dark trail of mystery that man cannot follow, but which leads, Russell believes, to green ranges where the feed is always plenty and where the creeks always run clear and cool.

Neenah was getting old, for it is nearly 20 years since Russell bought him from Young Boy, a Cree Indian of Little Bear's wandering tribe, and the horse was then around six years old. Since Russell has had him, Neenah has led what might be called a sheltered life, with light work, good pasturage in the winter and plenty of oats and hay when he was kept up during the summer months. Hence his 26 years did not bear heavily upon him, and aside from a growing unsteadiness on his feet, he was still a serviceable animal and usually made a pretense that he was going to buck whenever Russell saddled him up.

This, however, was only a little joke between Neenah and Russell, for the horse had a gentle disposition and no vices.

Russell had not ridden Neenah since last spring, when the old horse put his foot in a hole and fell, throwing Russell and breaking his right wrist. However, as it looked like a hard winter, Russell got Neenah in from his pasture and kept him in the barn and corral at his home in Great Falls, where the old horse was found dead one morning a week ago.

Russell has had several other favorite saddle horses that he has kept until old age claimed them. One was Monte, a Pinto Indian pony that Russell bought from the Blackfeet about 1880. Monte lived to be nearly 30 and died in a pleasant pasture near Great Falls. Then there was a sorrel horse, Red Bird; and a gray called Gray Eagle. If the Indian belief is a true one, these old friends of the artist may be grazing together somewhere on the prairies of the shadow land, awaiting the coming of their master to the happy hunting grounds.

MONTANA BATTLEFIELD STILL STREWN WITH BONES OF DEAD

"A rock slid away disclosing a human skeleton. Investigation revealed other bones—here a skull, there a thigh, a jawbone or a leg. The whole hillside was littered with the bones of men."

In this manner a Butte newspaper man describes his visit to the Twin Buttes of Horse Prairie valley, situated about 30 miles west of Armstead, and 100 miles southeast of Butte.

The Horse Prairie valley, in which Lewis and Clark spent several days while on their historic expedition, contains other evidence of inhabitation by primitive races, for this valley once was famous for its fish and game and delightful climate and was the happy hunting grounds for the Indians of Montana.

Here they lived and died, and fought in the savage wars which sometimes exterminated whole races.

The Twin Buttes which rise abruptly out of the prairie at the juncture of three small creeks probably once witnessed a savage and sanguinary battle, for, according to tradition and mute testimony of decaying bones, hundreds were slain.

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this refuge amid scenes similar to those which have been made famous in Russell's painting, a tribe once fled to evade its foes.

Whether or not any escaped probably will never be determined, for history contains no mention of the conflict. Only the skeletons remain to tell of the tragedy.

The majority of the bones have been buried beneath sliding rock, but here and there, a hand, a foot or a skull projects from the loose stone. An occasional moccasin, a piece of blanket, beads, eagles' claws, elk teeth and arrow heads can be found.

When a Butte newspaper man visited the old battlefield five years ago scores of eagles' claws, arrow heads and pieces of human bone were discovered and carried away as souvenirs.

Mrs. J. W. Scott of Armstead, who has spent several years in investigating Indian legends and in tracing down obscure ends to early Montana history, when told of the discovery, said that the late H. H. Brown of Grant, a little town which nestles in the center of Horse Prairie valley, once told her of passing the Twin Buttes shortly after the battle or massacre.

"My attention was first attracted to the buttes," Mr. Brown is reported having said, "by hundreds of buzzards which were circling above the hill. I watched them as they swooped down and arose in droves. When I came closer I saw that the hillside was covered with bodies of Indian dead."

Noted for Indian Relics
One of the skulls which was shown to a physician was, according to the man of science, that of a youth, probably not more than 10 years of age. This indicates that not only the warriors, but a whole tribe was massacred.

The Horse Prairie valley is noted for its Indian relics. Near Armstead there are traces of an old wall. Only the tumble down ruins remain of what once may have been fortifications or some peculiar device for slaughtering buffalo. West of the Metlen ranch home either nature or the hand of a redman has carved the figure of a gigantic man upon the face of the hill-side. From a distance of 10 miles the face of the redman, with his war banner and right hand raised in defiance, is plainly discernible. Although the figure is believed to be a freak of nature, man could hardly improve upon the picture, which covers the entire side of the mountain.

MINER SETS TRAP TO GUARD CABIN

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF OLD-TIMER CAUSES DISCOVERY OF MAN KILLING DEVICE

Rifle Arranged So That Opening of Door Would Pull Trigger and Send Bullet Into Visitor; Proposed That Any Thief Who Came to Pilfer Would Not Go Away.

Discovery of one of the greatest man-traps and fool killers ever recorded in the western states was made by Joe Spurzem, chief of the Helena police, Tom Daly, fire chief, and two of his assistants, when they entered the cabin of Jim Abbott, on the site of the barn of the old Mosher dairy which a score of years ago nestled against the slopes of Mount Helena, 200 yards north of the "First Cave."

Abbott had been missing a week when it was severely cold and some of the friends of the old prospector wondered if he had been lost. The city authorities went to his cabin to see if he was there.

A sign on the door in neatly printed letters said: "Don't knock here. Danger." The officials took the tip in good faith, and it was wise that they did so. Instead of standing in front of the door, they stepped to one side and broke it down with a fence post. The door went in with a crash and as it fell the muzzle of a 45-90 old-style Winchester repeating rifle came into view.

The weapon was loaded, but not cocked. It was arranged with a piece of wire a quarter of an inch in diameter, a circular spring and piece of string, and when set would discharge the rifle at the lightest tap on the door. It was believed by the police, who did not find Abbott there, that he put up the trap because of a number of cabins which had been broken into and pilfered.

After diligent inquiry it was learned that Abbott left Helena for Kansas recently.

GAME COMMISSION REVIEWS ITS WORK

GREAT FALLS FISH HATCHERY IS BEING BUILT; WILL BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER

Field Stations for the Collection of Native Trout Eggs to be Opened on Upper Madison Soon; Five Million Brook Fry to be Distributed

The members of the state game and fish commission, at a meeting held in Butte recently, reviewed the work of the year.

The members of the commission are J. L. DeHart of Helena, J. L. Kelly of Anaconda, "Bud" Story of Bozeman, M. D. Baldwin of Kalispell and Thomas L. Marlow of Missoula. Marlow succeeded William Blackford of Missoula, who resigned preparatory to spending the winter in California.

More than 5,000,000 brook trout eggs are expected to be secured in the course of the coming year, according to Superintendent of Hatcheries Kelly. Plans for improvement of the various stations were discussed at the meeting to care for the increased scope of the work.

Among the improvements planned is a new water system for the Hebgan dam hatchery, and a new grayling battery for the Anaconda station. The new grayling battery will enable the station to handle four or five times the number of grayling handled in the past.

It was also voted to start construction of a residence for the foreman of the station at Emigrant in Park county, as soon as weather conditions will permit. A garage, ice house, work shop and a store room for fish food will also be built.

Work on the new Great Falls station, the gift of the Montana Power company to the state, is progressing satisfactorily, Mr. Kelly said, and is expected to be completed next summer.

Field stations for collection of eggs of native trout will be opened

on the upper Madison and its tributaries soon, Mr. Kelly announced. Another field station will be opened near the Emigrant station.

He gave out some interesting figures on the number of fish liberated by the various hatcheries during the last year. The Anaconda hatchery liberated 3,340,000 fry, 159,000 chinook salmon, 2,304,000 brook trout, 1,730,000 native trout and 1,264,000 rainbow trout. Through the cooperation of the United States bureau of fisheries, the McAllister hatchery liberated 445,800 brook trout, planting them in Meadow lake. The Hebgan hatchery liberated 50,000 native and rainbow trout. The report from the Somers station has not yet been received.

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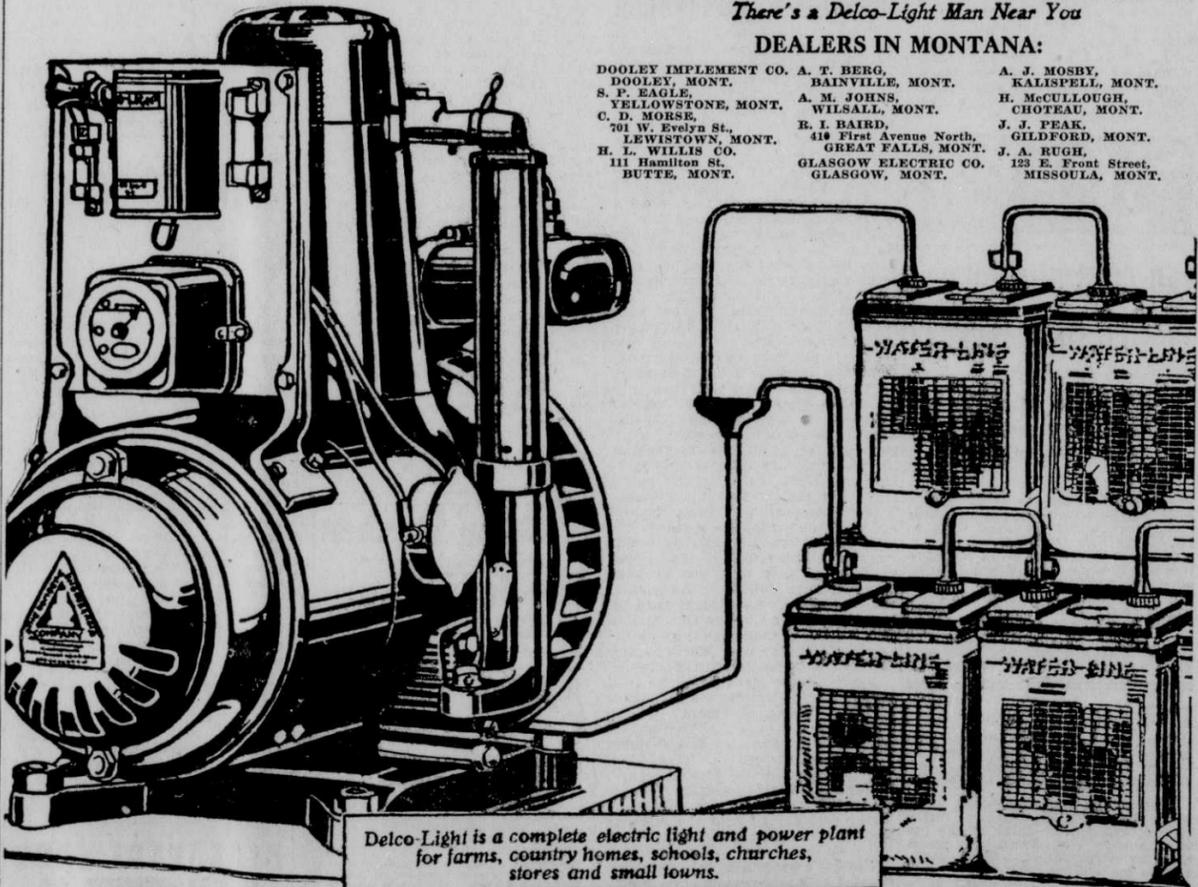
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