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Butte, Wisdom & Pacific Railway

Development of Mining Claims in Elkhorn and French Gulch Districts to Commence

The best news that has struck the Big Hole basin for 25 years is the news that we are to have a railroad within a short time and that acres upon acres of old Beaverhead county's mining lands are going to be developed by a \$15,000,000 corporation.

The news has come almost like a bolt from the blue and we have been isolated so long that it seems almost incredible. We refer not to the much-talked-of Butte, Boise & Winnemucca road which proposes to run through the basin, but to an entirely different organization, the name of which is to be found at the head of this article. In last week's issue THE BREEZES printed the following item:

We are indebted to Fred Meyers for a copy of the Mining & Scientific Press, which contains the following interesting item from Boston:

Freeman E. Davison, of the Butte Central Copper Co., left here on May 21 for Butte and Beaverhead county, Montana, where he goes to organize a \$10,000,000 corporation to be known as the Montana Mining & Development Co., and a \$3,000,000 corporation to be known as the Montana & Pacific Railway Co. The mining and development company will take over 120 claims in Beaverhead county, where it is said rich outcroppings exist and from which limited shipments of high grade ore already have been made. The railway planned is to be an electrified standard-gauge road connecting the new camp with the railroad. It is said that prominent Montana officials, former amalgamated financiers and Canadian magnates, will be on the boards of these two companies. The promoters are already claiming that they have another Butte in prospect.

Since then, we have been favored with a visit from Mr. Davison, who, in company with W. R. Allen, Edward Gilham, of Boston, Mass., and a representative of the Anaconda Standard, passed through the basin this week. From this party we gleaned that charters have been applied for for the Boston & Montana Development company, with a capital stock of \$15,000,000, and the Butte, Wisdom & Pacific Railway company, with a capital of \$3,000,000.

These companies will exploit 2,000 acres in the Elkhorn mining district and about 1,100 acres in French Gulch. The president of the companies is W. R. Allen, former lieutenant governor of Montana, who was born in French Gulch and is the son of one of the pioneer placer miners of Montana. Both the Elkhorn and French Gulch districts are well known throughout the west, dating back to the early sixties.

In the Elkhorn district a 3,000-foot tunnel will be run. Several strong ore veins run through the district, which, it is claimed is just in its infancy and will justify development when railroad transportation facilities are provided.

One of the first things contemplated is the building of the railroad to Wise river. Other developments will quickly follow.

The companies, working in conjunction, will have a board of seven directors, four from the west and three from the east. As has already been stated, W. R. Allen is president, while one of the eastern directors and large stockholders will be Sir Fred W. Borden, of Ottawa, Canada, a well known capitalist.

Do you take this paper?

Costs \$1,000,000 to Harvest Hay

Whole Army of Men is Employed in the Hayfields of Beaverhead County

A Dillon special of July 12 to the Butte Post says:

With the advent of the haying season in Beaverhead county, Dillon and other towns are swarmed with men seeking employment in the hayfields. Each year an increase of manual labor can be noted until after the greatest crop in the county is harvested. Right now is the busiest time of the year for the ranchers and hundreds of men have already been taken out. No less than 200 left the city yesterday afternoon.

The largest number of extra labor goes into the Big Hole basin, with the Beaverhead, Centennial, Horse Prairie Grasshopper, Rattlesnake, Blacktail and lower Big Hole valleys falling in the order named. John Helming, the well known Fox postmaster, is authority for the statement that over 1,800 extra men are engaged for putting up wild hay in that section every year, and John S. Baker, deputy county clerk, makes the assertion that 6,000 men are put to work in the county hayfields that is a floating population of 6,000 men is required to harvest the hay crop.

All of these 6,000 men are paid from \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day, which with their board, generally figured at 75 cents a day, would bring the average wage of each hand up to \$3.25. Six thousand men working at a scale of \$3.25 would make the daily payroll for hay hands \$19,500. It is estimated that the haying season will extend from 30 to 60 days, according to the weather conditions. However, taking a 30-day season into consideration, it will be shown that the enormous sum of \$585,000 is expended in this county each year for manual labor in putting up the big hay crop. With the addition of the cost of machinery and other expenses it is generally conceded by men who are familiar with this line of ranching that \$1,000,000 is not placing the figure too high for the actual cost of harvesting this county's hay.

Best Hay County

The Butte Miner of recent date quotes J. E. Morse, owner of the Ajax and Pinkerton ranches, as follows:

"Beaverhead county is the premier hay producing county in the United States. The crop of wild hay in the famous Big Hole basin this season will be the largest in its history. I estimate 250,000 tons. Beaverhead county ranchers are already cutting alfalfa and the work on the wild hay will commence within the next week. The freighting outfits have been busy the past two weeks taking supplies from Dillon to the hay fields, and still are at it. Among ranchers it is a case of 'everybody's doing it' sure enough."

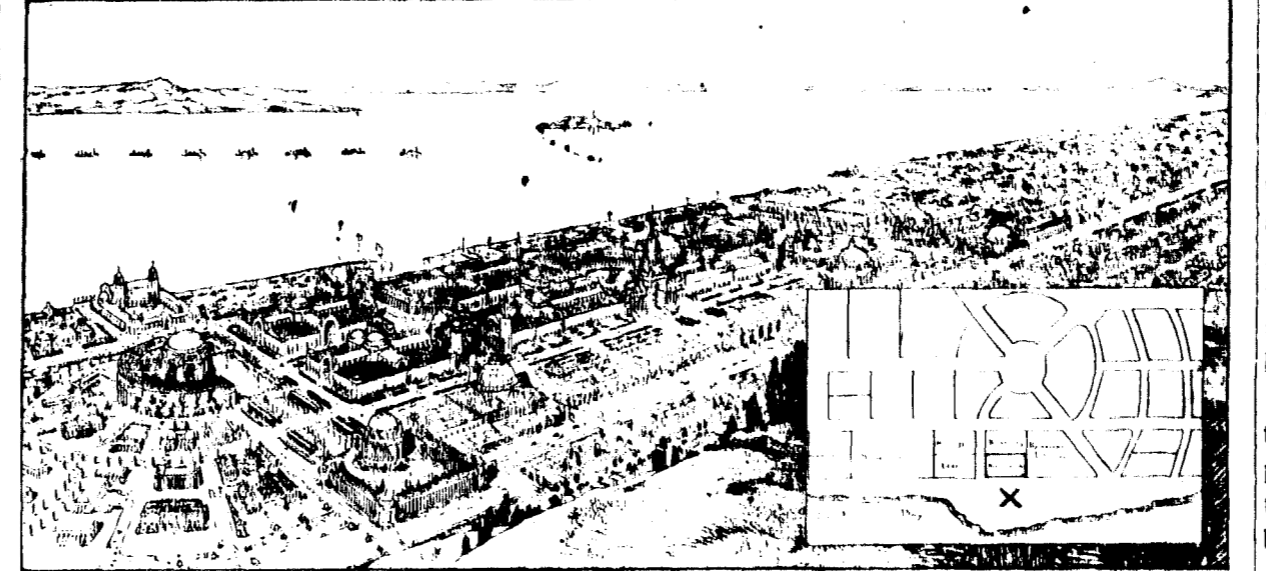
Boys Big Shire

W. A. Armitage returned last week from Ross Hole, where he purchased a fine Shire stallion from J. P. Odell. The animal, which is a brother to the Montgomery horse, is dark mahogany in color, weighs close to a ton, and will be quite an addition to the basin's improved stock.

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Montana Will Shine at San Francisco in 1915

Treasure State Preparing for Big Display at Panama-Pacific International Exposition



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO IN 1915 AND DIAGRAM SHOWING THE LOCATION OF MONTANA'S SITE.

MONTANA will have a magnificent exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915 in celebration of the completion of the Panama canal.

It will be an exhibit located in three different exhibit palaces. In the Palace of Agriculture there will be a large area devoted to the agricultural products of the state, with practical exhibitions of the methods of conducting the great industry in this, one of the richest agricultural states in America. In the Palace of Horticulture there will be an exhibit of what Montana is doing for the horticultural industry, displays of its wonderful products in fruits and flowers, and operating representations of the methods by which the remarkable results are obtained. Montana's mines, and the great industry of mining, which is making such rapid advance in the state, will be represented in a comprehensive exhibit in the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy.

Spaces in these palaces have been reserved by Dr. J. M. Scanland, who was sent to San Francisco by Mr. J. M. Kennedy, secretary of the Exposition Commission for the state of Montana, at whose initiative, with the cooperation of Governor S. V. Stewart, action has been taken in the counties of Montana toward raising a fund of \$25,000 as part of a general sum to be devoted to Montana's participation in the greatest celebration of a national event which any nation has ever yet conceived.

State Commissioner Dr. Scanland visited San Francisco on a special mission of investigation into the conditions obtaining at the exposition. With a thoroughness and earnestness that has greatly impressed the exposition officials, Dr. Scanland has completed his investigation and has declared that the world's fair of 1915 offers to the state of Montana an opportunity of proving to the world her great and unbounded resources—an opportunity such as she has never had before.

Dr. Scanland's action in the reservation of space for Montana's representation at the exposition means that the Treasure State will now be able to put before the world the cream of her natural resources, shown in the best possible way, and at the same time she will compete with the rest of the world for the international prizes to be awarded.

"To miss the opportunity of exhibiting alongside the rest of the world at the exposition," said Dr. Scanland, "would be for Montana to pass by the best and most thorough chance she

has ever had of showing to the world that hers is one of the richest states in America. It is only by comparison that the value of Montana's products can be judged as the best that the country can produce. It is only when Montana's resources are placed side by side with those of other states that their superiority can be estimated. The exposition offers that opportunity, and Montana will grasp it and make exhibits in those departments where she pre-eminently excels. It will be an exhibit that will do Montana credit, add to the interest and attraction of the exposition and bring incalculable commercial benefit to the country as a whole."

The sum of \$25,000, which is being raised pro rata by the Montana counties for the state's participation in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, is said to be already more than half in hand. A site for a building to be used as a rendezvous for Montanans during the exposition period, was selected by Governor Norris last year. It is an ideal location, facing the waterfront of the bay of San Francisco and adjacent to it are the sites of Hawaii and of the states of Idaho, Kentucky, Missouri and Minnesota, while New York's pavilion is close by. So that Montana will be in good company and in line with the crowds.

A more ideal spot could not well have been chosen. It is the envy of others who followed in their selection and will be cherished by those who are to occupy it. The site commands a full view of the broad bay where numerous aquatic events will be held in connection with the exposition throughout the year. Yacht races, motorboat races and the naval sports will have their center in the waters of the bay that front the Montana site. Within halting distance of the Treasure State's rendezvous 150 battleships from all the leading powers of the world will be at anchor on the opening day of the exposition and Montana will be in the very van of the first big celebrations to be conducted on the water.

Nearby also is the race track where the international events will be conducted all the year round, and the live stock exhibits will be arranged in a reserved area in close touch with the state sites.

Exposition preparations are proceeding apace and records have already been established in the building progress of the fourteen exhibit palaces to be erected by the exposition. These palaces will form the main feature of the whole exposition, which is divided into three sections. On the east of the exhibit palaces will be the amusement concessions, for which

more than 6,000 applications have been made up to date. The concessions are being granted according to their value as a means of educative entertainment and it is predicted that a more complete aggregation of the world's best fun makers has never been brought together. To the west of the exhibit palaces will be the foreign and state pavilions. The partial pavilion promised by states of the Union and foreign countries has reached a record, and everything promises that the great celebration of the opening of the Panama canal will be the greatest international event of modern times.

The exposition grounds at Harbor View, a crescent strip of land bordering the Golden Gate for a distance of nearly three miles are now a scene of great activity. Machinery Hall, the first and largest of the fourteen exhibit palaces to be erected, is on its way to completion, while five other palaces are under construction. They will all be completed by July, 1914, and will then be ready to receive the exhibits from all parts of the world about seven months before the opening of the exposition on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1915.

In keeping with the pace of progress set by the building of the exhibit palaces, a similar advance is shown in other spheres of preparation. A slogan of the exposition of 1915 has been that it shall be an exposition that will be ready. There is assurance of the fulfillment of that promise, up to date, and no previous international exposition has been so far advanced at a date almost two years before it opens its gates.

One hundred and fifteen conventions have been definitely secured for the exposition year. This is also a record, and there are still many more being arranged for. It will mean that the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be the rendezvous of the world in 1915.

The attractions of so immense an exposition are added to and enhanced by the climate of California, which permits of the holding of a celebration during ten consecutive months and during that time the exposition grounds will look like a garden in full bloom. Millions of plants and flowers and trees are being nurtured and the mile-long boulevard is sown with grass and ready for the transplantation of avenues of trees as soon as the nearly palaces are completed.

Dr. Scanland was convinced of the immensity of the exposition and of the scope of its purpose and, having studied the situation well, he has reported: "The Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915 is Montana's opportunity. And she will grasp it."

Committees Make Their Reports

Big Subscription Raised by Big Hole Ranchers for Trail Creek Road

Under the above heading the Dillon Examiner says in part:

The delegates from the basin reported to have done their part, and the question was now up to the residents of the Beaverhead valley. The committee were not ready to report and action on the signing of the contract was postponed until the sentiment of those interested in and around Dillon was appealed to. As soon as this matter is attended to we will know whether this important link in the road can be built.

It seems to us that as this link is the most difficult in the entire proposed route, and that so much of the necessary money has already been raised, and that the road is necessary and bound to come in time, that the citizens of Beaverhead should give the matter their earnest attention, and do all in their power to see that the efforts that have already been made will not go to naught.

Who can estimate the great importance that this road will be to this valley? Not merely as a means for transient travel through the best section of the entire state, but as a means for the hundreds of ranchers to get to and from with their supplies and products.

This is a Good One

Here is a most convincing argument in favor of buying at home. One of our ranchers came in from Dillon last week, where he paid \$1.25 a dozen more for sweat pads and 7 cents a gallon more for oil than he would have done at the Wisdom Harness Store. Not only that, but he paid the freight to Divide and then hauled the goods up here. He found out his mistake after he got back and has been kicking himself ever since. He'll get the home merchants' prices before going out next time.

Flashes from Fishtrap

Several ranchers of this vicinity have commenced haying and the crop promises to be a large one.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Armitage left Monday for the upper basin, where they intend staying until after the haying season.

We are pleased to learn that Don Francis, who was injured by being thrown from a wagon, is now able to be around again.

Miss Laura Wilkinson has returned to her home in Butte, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Geo. York.

George York has rented the Wm. Calvert ranch and will make his home there soon.

Several people motored over from Anaconda Sunday and spent the day fishing. They left for home with their baskets filled and a broad smile.

Jim and Paul Paddock and Joe and Will Clucas have gone to the upper basin to harvest, the former having already put up their crop down here.

Mrs. John Anderson returned Wednesday from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Anaconda.

Miss Pearl Calvert is visiting friends in Anaconda.

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The Submarine and the Whale.

A squadron of submarines anchored in an Atlantic port found itself surrounded by ten whales. To the astonishment of the men, these mammals escorted the vessels as they moved. It is believed, from the observation of whales that they never descend lower than forty feet, and this school descended with the submarines to that depth.

The Compelling Cry,
"I'll never say die."
"You will when your hair begins to turn gray."—Baltimore American.

Hazelbaker Offers Prize

Frank Hazelbaker will give \$10 in gold to some person in the Big Hole basin for the best display of native grasses sent to him on or before September 15. There must be at least five varieties of grasses, each in its different sheaf, the sheaf to measure at least four inches in diameter.

Mr. Hazelbaker wishes to have this section represented at the

State Fair this fall and will send the best specimens there. He will pay the transportation to Helena and all premiums won will be handed over to the makers of the sheaves. After the Helena fair they will be placed in cold storage and sent as part of Montana's exhibit to the big San Francisco exposition in 1915.

Ship us \$2.50 and read THE BREEZES for a year.