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## Final Survey To Be Made

### Work on That Part of Park-to-Park Road Over Into Idaho Will Soon Begin

The Big Hole road is now a certainty, says the Ravalli Republican. The only thing that remains to be done is to secure a subscription of \$1,000 from the people of the Bitter Root valley, and this should be easy. Al Rissman of Darby will circulate a paper to raise this amount, and as the road will cost many thousands of dollars there should be a ready response from the citizens of Ravalli county.

F. E. Bonner of the forest service went to Darby today to make the final survey, and when this is completed work will be started. It is estimated that the grade will be five per cent over the Big Hole hill. The forest service will give \$9,000 toward the road in Ravalli county, the appropriation for this county having recently been increased \$4,000, and \$5,000 for the road in Beaverhead county. Beaverhead county has appropriated \$9,000 for the road (you mean \$2,500, don't you, Brother Conkey?) and Ravalli county \$5,000.

This is good news to the residents of the two counties. A good road between the Bitter Root valley and the Big Hole country has long been desired. It will enable the Big Hole ranchers to purchase their supplies and merchandise in the Bitter Root valley. Truck farmers can place their produce in the Big Hole, where only grain and hay are raised, and there will be a large amount of tourist travel over the road.

The preliminary survey by Engineer Bonner has been approved by Engineer Allen, who is at the head of the forest service surveyors, and it is expected that actual grading will soon be in progress.

### Judge Barry Writes

A. T. Barry, who is visiting with relatives at Ronan, writes us that THE BREEZES, which he sends to a niece there, didn't arrive last week nor the week before. "I have been lost without it," says the genial Al, "and if you don't send it you'll know about it when I get home."

The papers left this office on time, Judge, and we are satisfied that the Wisdom office sent them out next morning, so we are not blaming anyone in particular, nor do we care to cast any dirty insinuations at proven servants of Uncle Sam. We'll leave that to those whose nature it is to slur and slam and who revel in shying dornicks at better men than themselves. Mr. Barry, who has our thanks for having our name placed on the Ronan Pioneer's exchange list, concludes by saying that Mrs. Al is slowly improving.

### Sisterly.

Hattie—George proposed to me last night. Mattie—Did he? That must have been right after I refused him. He wasn't certain which he would do.

"Which he would do? What do you mean?"

"Why, he wasn't certain whether he would propose to you or jump in the lake."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Blackmail.

"Mamma," said five-year-old Maggie, "I'll make a bargain with you."

"What kind of a bargain, dear?" asked her mother.

"If you'll give me a penny every day to buy candy with," replied the small defendant, "I'll not tell any one you have false teeth."



**News Snapshots Of the Week**  
Alice Crispell, aged eighteen, was found murdered in a lake near Wilkesbarre, Pa., and her lover, Herbert Johns, was the first suspected. Bulgarians met with severe reverses in the war with the Servians and Greeks. President Wilson spent the week at the summer White House, near Cornish, N. H. The first woman jury to try a felony case in California found the woman defendant innocent. W. S. Kuhn resigned all his banking connections after the First-Second National bank of Pittsburgh was closed. Edward Lench of New York was elected grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. Elks. The engagement of Miss Katherine Force, sister of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, to Henri Haruckell of New York was announced. Governor Asbert of the province of Havana was held for the murder of General Riva, chief of police of Cuba. Representative Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee was made chairman of the house committee to investigate the lobby and tried in vain to subpoena Martin M. Mulhall, former lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, before the senate committee heard him.

## Look Here, Mr. Horseman!

The following letter was received this week by Robert Jones from a prominent Montana stockman, who is especially interested in the breeding of good horses. We hope all our stockmen subscribers will read it carefully and act upon the suggestion made in the latter part of the communication, concerning the retention of Prof. Clark at the Agricultural College. The professor is well known to most of us in the basin, having spoken here at a farmers' institute some three years ago, and it is a well known fact that but for his efforts in securing the passage of Montana's present stallion registration statute, and seeing to its rigid enforcement, this state would have become the dumping ground for all the cast-off equine males west of the Mississippi.

"Montana is naturally the home of good horses—nature made her so. The climate, soil, forage and water all conspire to give us great horses. All we need to do to reap a great revenue from the sale of Montana horses is to use a little horse sense. We need but a little. About all we need to do is to keep out scrub breeding stock. Give us good stock. Keep out the scrubs and nature will do the rest.

"The states east of us where they have rigid stallion registration laws and rigidly enforce them are full of inferior stallions that were formerly dumped on to us here in Montana. Prof. R. W. Clark, of the Agricultural College at Bozeman, in 1909 secured the adoption in this state of an excellent stallion registration law that has, since its enactment, caused many carloads of inferior, scrub stallions shipped here for sale to be shipped out again, and in many instances their owners, the fellows who shipped them in, have been heavily fined.

"They all blame Prof. Clark, for he is the man who enforces that law, and in the eyes of these stallion peddlers Clark is not a desirable citizen, and they have joined hands with certain other selfish, sinister interests, to get Clark fired. And they will succeed if the friends of good horses, the friends of co-operative creameries and the friends of Clark don't get busy.

"Therefore, we ask all who wish Prof. Clark to be retained to write to Governor S. V. Stewart at Helena and to President J. M. Hamilton at Bozeman and protest against Prof. Clark being discharged. If he is ousted it will not be because he has failed to make good, but because he has done his duty, and that isn't the best way in the world to reward faithful service."

## A Tenderfoot Praises The Big Hole Basin

### Butte Miner Prints an Eloquent Tribute to our Valley by Edward Gilliam of Boston, Head of Famous Publicity Bureau

"I have just returned from a trip of several days through the Big Hole basin country and the experience has been to me a liberal education. You have outlying and tributary to Butte a comparatively virgin, unscratched valley which transportation facilities will quicken into remarkable activity and prosperity.

**STRUCK WITH WEALTH**  
"It seems almost incredible that your people while taking out nearly a billion dollars in metalliferous values from your world-famed, world-beating Anaconda hill and its environs since Butte was discovered and opened up should have let her unexploited at your very doors a veritable cattle-growing and agricultural empire like the Big Hole valley. The potentialities of that fertile, abundantly watered basin are so numerous and inviting as to attract the attention of even the wayfaring man who is without that working knowledge of resources and markets which only long residence and closer observation can give.

**BIG HOLE STEERS**  
"Our party stopped just outside of Anaconda—practically within the shadow of your renowned Washoe smelter—and made a photograph of Big Hole steers browsing and resting in a field on their way to the railroad for shipment to market. It was a pastoral scene, worthy of a painting, one that I had been led to believe one need not expect to happen upon in Deer Lodge valley within the crimson zone of your belching arsenic and sulphur. (Let me digress here to say that on this, my first visit to Butte, I was agreeably surprised to see both city and country showing so much vegetation and verdure. The green trees and lawns in Butte and the still vigorous forest growth beyond Anaconda as we crossed the continental divide in the path for miles of the winds which carry your sporter fumes over the mountains, were spectacles I did not come prepared to see.)

**STEERS LOSE WEIGHT**  
"I am told that steers from the Big Hole country in being driven to shipment points lose on an average in weight a hundred pounds each. This loss must be added to the frightful cost of time the ranchmen must sustain in the slow loco-

motion of getting their product into touch with the market. It reminds me of the backwoods sections where time is counted of so little value that ox teams are still in vogue. What must be the great economic value of a railroad to these already considerable cattle-raising interests, bringing them practically at their doors instead of taking toilsome days and sometimes weeks to reach their shipment points, as at present? The daily train, bringing the daily mail and the daily paper, with its cattle market quotations, will be a boon to the Big Hole basin cattlemen, enabling them to take advantage of market fluctuations and get their product to market without undue loss of time, wear and tear of mind and body and reduced tonnage resulting from driving cattle long distances to railroad.

**WONDERFUL VALLEY**  
"I am told that the area, fertility and possibilities of this valley are scarcely second to those of any valley in Montana or the northwest, plus railroad facilities. I saw cattle blockading our road from fence to fence. I saw 150 horses and colts in corral on a single ranch awaiting branding. I saw freighting teams and stage coaches carrying passengers and merchandise into and out of the valley with a primitiveness which seemed out of date and out of place in an age like this and, more particularly, where the evidences of wealth were so abundant and accumulating on every hand.

"The scenic beauties of the Big Hole river and valley are features which will attract the tourist and the vacationist when the railroad is ready to take from ingress and egress their present brunt and terror. Our Mohawk valley and the Berkshire hills of New England, with their landscape forest and road cut fare, will then be fairly rivaled by your famous Big Hole rivers, valleys and bench lands with their sublime encircling amphitheater of canyons, gulches and rugged mountains, the deep ravines of which are filled with pure and perennial snow."

Mr. Gilliam was one of the party which made a trip through the valley last week in W. R. Allen's big car, in the interests of the new development and railroad companies.

## Haying Accident Near Jackson

A Dillon special of July 19 to the Butte Daily Post says:

The first accident of the haying season was recorded when M. D. Gist arrived yesterday afternoon from his ranch near Jackson, in the Big Hole basin, bringing with him I. S. Casper, a young man who was badly injured yesterday morning while at work in the hayfield on the O. K. ranch, owned by Peterson & Jorgenson.

Casper was driving a mower at the O. K. ranch and while fighting insects one of the horses threw its head so that the bridle became entangled. Casper threw the mower out of gear and got off the machine to release the horse just as the bridle came entirely off. He tried to hold the horses by the halter, but could not control them and they started to run, the scythe of the machine striking the man and throwing him over. The collar bone was broken and the right leg terribly cut and mashed.

Dr. Ryburn was called. Casper was brought to Dillon by M. D. Gist. He has a wife and wee baby here.

Mr. Casper is a licensed pharmacist of Auburn, Neb., and has been in Beaverhead county only a short time. About a year ago he took up a dry land ranch in the vicinity of Twin Bridges.

### Breezes From Briston

During the rainiest part of Monday afternoon Lee Allen, of the Meadow Brook Stock ranch, tried to dispute the law of gravity by declaring it unconstitutional, and during his aerial feat hit old mother earth with a bang that was disastrous to both his clothes and his feelings.

The Briston baseball nine has been postponing practice on account of the wet weather.

D. J. Stephens and W. A. Armitage were strolling about their respective ranches Monday, with their hands in their pockets and wearing the grin that won't come off, congratulating each other on their luck at having no hay down for the rain to spoil.

The Chichua Club has been lately organized with Warren Stone as president; Irvin Buster as secretary; Ray Willey as treasurer and Geo. Neal as sergeant at arms. There are at present fourteen members, composed of men from the Armitage and Stephens ranches. Brother Durkee was duly initiated into the lodge Monday night and next Tuesday night. Wm. Conklin will become a member.

## Articles of Incorporation are Filed

### Charles E. Miller of Wisdom Named as One of the Foreign Western Directors

Butte, July 18.—Organizations of the Boston & Montana Development company and the Big Hole & Pacific Railway company was commenced in Butte yesterday, the development company with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, and the railway company with a capital of \$3,000,000. Officers and directors of the companies are the same. The articles of incorporation will be filed with the secretary of the state with the county clerk and record in Butte today.

Chiefly the purpose of the companies is to build a railway from Butte through the Big Hole country and furnish an outlet to the vast inland empire and to the French Gulch mining district in Deer Lodge county and the Horn district in Beaverhead county. The enterprise has the support and backing of a number of Big Hole ranchmen and business men and several eminent Boston and Canadian financiers.

It is understood that the first unit of the railway will be built from Divide, on the Oregon Short Line, to Ralston, a distance of 100 miles, for which the necessary capital is already in sight. Thereafter the line will be extended to Wisdom, the heart of the Big Hole valley, a distance of 28 miles from Ralston, and then to Jackson, 11 miles farther up the valley. Branches will be built to the French Gulch district, 7 miles from Ralston, and to the Elkhorn mines, 17 miles up the Wise river from Dewey.

The officers and western directors of the company are: W. R. Allen, president, financier and former lieutenant governor of Montana; L. P. Benedict, secretary, former chief clerk of the Montana Union railway and also of the Denver & Rio Grande; Arthur Perham, cashier and director of the State Savings Bank, Butte; Hon. Sir Frederick W. Borden, of Ottawa, Canada, who was associated with the Laurier administration as a cabinet minister, and who will be chairman of the board of directors. The western directors are: W. R. Allen; W. C. Siderfin, general manager of Senator W. A. Clark's interests, of Butte; William Wallace, Jr., of Helena, formerly general counsel for the Northern Pacific, and Charles E. Miller, president of the Big Hole Commercial company, and the Wisdom Livestock company. In addition to the above named gentlemen there will be three eastern directors, gentlemen representing large interests, whose names have not been announced.—Western News.

### Russell Woods, Aviator

Stevensville has an amateur aviator. His name is Russell Woods and already he has succeeded in getting his miniature model to rise from the ground and soar a few feet in the air. Ingeniously he has evolved a motive power for his toy. It consists of a propeller fastened to a soft rubber shaft. The rubber is twisted tight and the machine loose. As the rubber unwinds it causes the propeller to revolve very swiftly, and this drives the machine along on its wheels until the planes gather air sufficient to lift it.—Register.

Russell Woods is a son of George Woods, a former resident of Wisdom.