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The Road Into Choteau From The
Burton Bench.

Editor Montanian and Chronicle:

It goes without saying that the
main agricultural district tributary to
Choteau lies on the Burton Bench,
some two hundred feet, more or less,
above the level of the meat market.

It also goes without saying, that
the Great Falls and Canada Railway
is now being widened to a standard
gauge by the Great Northern Rail-
road and that new towns are in pro-
cess of erection along this line. These
premises considered the commercial
supremacy of Choteau is threatened,
and the county seat is menaced.
The safety of the town, the
interests of its residents and prop-
erty owners, is largely a question of
roads. Leavenworth, Kansas, once
neglected her roads and Kansas City
became the metropolis of the region
that was her's by a prior right. The
West is strewn with ambitious towns
that have neglected their roads, and
if Choteau expects to be like Denver
she must look to her road facilities.
Not at some indefinite time in the
future, but now. If she neglects these
things at this time the grass may soon
grow in front of her hotels and com-
mercial establishments.

What are the facts about the roads
on the Bench? Beginning with the
road by Mr. Truchot's residence, I
have been unable to learn of more
than two loads of hay that have rolled
off the grade, but tradition has it that
Jack Kerr, riding a bronco one day,
went off the grade and surpassed the
exploit of General Israel Putnam,
who once rode down a very long light
of stone steps in front of a company
of British soldiers, who were after his
soap. But the road up the Truchot
Hill is not bad. It might be made
wider, but as mountain roads go, it is
substantial and a good road as far as
it goes.

It would seem that the good people
living around Bollerud Bros.' store at
Farmington, about Peterson's, or
Anway's corners, must have put in
considerable of their spare time in
getting up petitions for new roads or
to alter and change old ones. As
evidence of this, the topography of
the Bench, especially as we approach
Choteau appears like a Chinese puzzle.
The roads are so crooked that a citi-
zen, riding out on horseback over the
Bench after dark, runs considerable
risk of having his legs cut off by the
wire fences; and in a thunder storm
there is considerably more than the
usual danger of being struck by light-
ning.

The present board of county com-
missioners have struggled with the
problem of getting a sufficient road
down the hill from the bench to Cho-
teau for about four years, and until
within the last few days without re-
sults. Commissioner Foster, who
he went into office, promised the
people on the bench to get them a
road into Choteau during his term,
and perhaps he has done so. We
have heard some criticism of this road.
Dr. Brooks, who was with others on
the committee of viewers and whose
report influenced the commissioners
in laying out the Foster road, if we
understand him, gives about this as
the reason that influenced the com-
mission of viewers. "Mr. Foster of-
fered to give the land over which the
road runs, and it seemed to be a case
of 'getting something for nothing.'"
In this the Doctor is probably correct.
Roads have become such expensive
things in Teton county that perhaps
the county, acting in the interests of
the tax payers, ought never to let slip
a chance of getting one for nothing,
work on such roads is of course an
after consideration, to be governed
entirely by the interests of the com-
munity. To all appearances the Foster
road would make a good toboggan
slide, and if some snow can be got
to lay on the grade, offers an opportunity
to the inhabitants of the town for both
recreation and exercise—sliding down
hill and going up again with the
sleds. In this view of the case and
the prospective growth of the town,
it is well to extend its system of streets
to the foot of the hill. But, as a suit-

able road down hill, in the opinion of
the bench, the Foster road is a failure.
However, it seems to be all the "sure
enough" road is.

Over towards the cemetery is what
is called the "Long Couloir," down
which the coal wagons of Thompson
and Ferris and the families Franklin
and Kufus, and B. B. Rogers drive
when they come to town. But this
road is like an otter slide down a bank
to a creek. Proceedings are liable to
be interrupted by the owners fencing
the property. Mr. Sulgrove, who owns
the property adjacent, has nothing
but kindest feelings toward the people
of the bench. The public have for years
run promiscuously over this property
without let or hindrance from him,
but when it comes to a laid out road
he naturally objects to having his
ranch cut in twain by it, otherwise he
is out of the way. However, some-
where about here seems to be the
pivotal spot for a road into town, and
the writer is of the opinion that all
conflicting opinions can be harmo-
nized at this point and a satisfactory
road put through into town.

It is not often that one hears of an
enterprising town so blind to its own
interests, at an important era in its
history, as to neglect its roads. Such
towns are apt to get left as rival towns
may see that their roads are better
made, better repaired and kept open.
The good people of Choteau seem to
expect that people outside will do all
the work and contribute all the in-
fluence necessary to find a trail to get
into town.

On the 19th day of February, 1902,
there was filed with the county com-
missioners a suitable petition, signed
by about forty people on the bench,
praying for a straight and direct road.
This petition was not acted upon by
the commissioners, and certainly those
interested in the future of the town
of Choteau ought to so exert them-
selves as to prevent the conflicting
interests of two or three of her citizens,
who hold possession of the hill sides,
from barring forever a suitable en-
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Mr. Editor:

Now that the permanency of the
Great Falls & Canada broad gauge
railway has been established some
twenty-five or thirty miles east of
Choteau and where it is likely to re-
main for years to come without once
reaching out Choteauward, is it not
time something was said and done to
make things come our way? What
with our public highways reaching
into town on the checkerboard plan
and the railroads giving us the go by,
it would seem that unless something
is done pretty soon Choteau must
give way to some more enterprising
and ambitious town! If we do nothing
we will soon have a "Deserted
Village" more pitiable to behold than
Goldsmith's "Sweet Auburn," while
if we hustle we may not only prevent
such a calamity but succeed in build-
ing a city. That this is true we have
hundred of instances to prove.

So, with these points settled, there
remains but the two horns of the
dilemma to grapple, one of which
must be seized that we may master
the beast, for otherwise we will our-
selves be overcome. Either we must
fight for our lives or perish,—and
fight hard or die an ignoble death.
Something! That is evident. This
point being settled—what to do! Ah,
there's the rub!

Now, Mr. Editor, being in trouble,
as above pointed out, and in sore
straits over that which is as yet only
impending, I deem it the duty of
every one having the interests of our
town and surrounding country at
heart to come to the front and assist
in saving the country and the town,
"for as one is benefitted so are we all
benefitted." To enlist, then, in the
good cause, is the first thing to be
done. Organize the business men,

the ranchers, the stockmen, the
laborers and the capitalists, into
what may be termed The Amalga-
mated and Co-operative Trust Co.
The purposes should be to devise
the way and discover the means for
securing to Choteau and the sur-
rounding country every advantage
that it can. For surely some united
effort in this direction is needed,
viewed in the light of recent and
coming events, which last have already
cast their shadows before. A few
suggestions as to things possible
along these lines may not be amiss
here.

Probably nothing so entirely with-
in the means of the people is more
conducive of benefits than good di-
rect roads to and between cardinal
points in the county. I would sug-
gest, therefore, that in framing a new
road law this winter that our legis-
lators provide for two classes of roads,
viz:

1st—All roads leading from one
town or commercial center to another
be constructed upon as direct lines
or routes as practicable, and that the
cost of construction and maintenance
be a county charge to be paid out of
the general road fund of the county
regardless of road districts; and that
said roads be known only as county
or first-class roads.

2nd—All intervening roads to be
laid out on section or subdivisional
lines, whenever practicable, upon
petition of interested persons within
the road district, and that the said
road be constructed and maintained
out of the road funds collected for that
purpose in the districts where the
roads are. All such roads should be
known as district or second-class
roads.

I believe a law embodying these
two features among its provisions
would be a great benefit to the people
of the entire state as well as to every
town and hamlet. Certainly there is
no harm done in suggesting or dis-
cussing the subject. Let this matter
be referred to The Amalgamated
and Co-operative Trust Co. of Cho-
teau, at its next meeting.

And while discussing the matter of
roads, why not entertain for a minute
or so at least, the idea of an electric
car line from Choteau to Great Falls
via Fort Shaw and Sun River?

But, say! We'll not push that mat-
ter this week. Let's organize and
then we'll build the road.

MORE ANON.

Suicide at Shelby.

John Ott, a man under arrest in
the Shelby Junction jail for the al-
leged stealing of a number of articles
found cached near his tent a few days
ago, killed himself at Shelby last
evening, and an inquest was held at
once over his remains, the jury find-
ing that the man committed suicide
while insane. Ott has worked about
Shelby for some time and was arrested
Monday because of a cache of num-
erous articles found near his tent and
which he was seen hiding away.
Last evening he was allowed out in
the living part of the jail to write a
letter, and securing a loaded rifle
standing in the corner, shot himself
through the heart before Mr. J. M.
Wilcox, who was present, could inter-
fere. Ott was considered insane by
the men on the narrow gauge with
whom he worked and undoubtedly
killed himself in one of his spells.
He has no known relatives in Mon-
tana, but frequently received and sent
express packages to Montana points
and it was the belief of the officers
making the arrest that he belonged
to a gang of organized thieves.

One of the principal reasons for
Ott making away with himself was
the fact that the sheriff from Grand
Forks had just arrived and wanted
the prisoner for grand larceny com-
mitted at that place. Ott had some
cartridges tied to the horn of his
saddle which was in the room when
he stepped out of the jail, and se-
curing one of them, he placed it in
the gun and shot his heart out.—
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