

I recently attended a wonderful ^{Manhattan} neighborhood gathering in support of candidates currently seeking to be elected for county and state offices.

I was asked to say a few ~~words~~ about the candidates.

Among the candidates present was Alex Russell. My remarks emphasized that Alex Russell and the others present represented not only their political views but high standards of character hard work and good old American honesty. I ~~would~~ ^{will} vote ~~any~~ ^{for} ~~any one~~ of them.

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Acton
Jim
Cashell
and other
Democratic
friends

Letter to the editor

I recently had the opportunity to attend one of Manhattan's wonderful neighborhood gatherings, where several of our local candidates seeking county and state offices were invited to state their views. It was my privilege to make a few introductory remarks at this meeting, and in those remarks I expressed a sentiment that I would like to repeat here. When Alex Russell, Loren Acton, Jim Cashell, and my other Democratic friends explain their political views, they also reveal the very high standards of character, honesty, and hard work that we need in our public officials. I will enthusiastically vote for all of them, and I encourage my friend and neighbors to do the same.

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Hi Paul,

The letter you wrote for me to Chronicle gave several readers the urge to call and tell me what a great letter that I wrote. Could you do that again?

The Bioncers is new to me, but looks like may be effective direction.

Call with any questions and let me know if my ghost writer is willing.

Bud

driftwood about the point of confluence of Madison and Jefferson rivers. He escaped to return only a few months later to recover his beaver traps, ~~to be~~ ^{and was} jumped by Indians. Discouraged he left the west.

Colter also is credited with tales of Yellowstone that was to become the world's first National Park.

Three Forks Trading Post 1810

A party of men constructed a fort at or near the location where Colter hid in the Jefferson river.

~~The~~ unfriendly Indians made a fur business very difficult so the fort was abandoned the fall of the same year 1810. An arvil from the post is now at the headwaters museum.

The site of the fort would

eventually be Old Town

Three Forks Fur Trade

1810-1840 with an active competitive struggle between fur companies and the persistent Blackfoot the era ended following a small pox epidemic among the trappers and Indians

Schmitt Chert Mine - ~~Head~~ 350 AD
~~Flow~~

Located just downstream from headwaters of Missouri

Artifacts documents a prehistoric settlement known as Pelican Lake People

Jaw Bone + Homesteaders

Homestead Act of 1863

Residents and new immigrants moving west established the agricultural communities surrounding Three Forks my family included.

Granny Yates of my mothers family guided 13 wagon trains of settlers to the headwaters of the Missouri most of which originated at St Louis Missouri.

The railroad began construction and development to be known as the Saw Bone line 1890 Helena to Harlow up 26 mile Canyon.

Milwaukee acquired the Montana P. R. Co in 1912.

Old Town

Beginning in 1864 James Shedd built the first bridges over Madison and Jefferson rivers and charged considerable toll fees it was reported

A town first known as Bridgeville, Madison House, etc grew a pioneer town.

Oct 1882 was officially named
Three Forks

A period of developed by
English nobility. Families
sent land agents to acquire
properties for sons to "sow
'wild oats'" so to speak.

Anaconda Co. purchased 4000
acres for a refinery at Three
Forks.

Three Forks

J. O. Adams founder 1908
lot sale of 250 were
auctioned off at the present
site.

Milwaukee came from
Roundup down 16 mile
canyon past the former
town of Lombard.

Considerable building was
already under way and
Three quickly became a
full fledged town by 1910
with the Milwaukee, N.P.
and G.V. railroads

the era of the R.R. spawned
Sacajawea Hotel and several
smaller hotels or rooming
houses. about 1910. one of
these was known as the
Lewis Hotel beginning about
1915. Two other landmarks, Bryant
and Park

The Lewis was built about
1908 and acquired by mother's
Aunt Dea Lewis in 1915.
My mother took over in
1944.

World War II kept the
rooms full on a double
schedule.

Mother managed with
a heavy hand.

T.F. was a stop for troop
trains to get sacks and
booze.

Bud Lilly's Angler's Inn 1995
For Fishermen in keeping
with railroad history

Lewis + Clark

Friday July 26 1805 Three Forks
Captain Clark saw headwaters
of Missouri R.

① observed all three rivers
to be running with great
velocity and the river ~~beds~~^{beds}
of all three streams were of
smooth pebbles and gravel and
all were very clear.

John Colter

My roots are parallel of those
reported for John. Virginia
Kentucky and Montana

① Came to Three Forks seeking
to establish a commercial
beaver trapping operation.
② Blackfeet unfriendly
to all whites ruled the
territory. Sept 1808 Colter
and partner John Potts
were surprised by Black
feet while trapping on
the Jefferson. Potts was
killed and Colter made
his famous run for several
miles to hide under

The sleeping rooms and
house keeping suites named
for historic trains such as
the Olympia and Hiawatha
Center

Sagehen was a ~~city~~ place
for Three Forks and a
Gateway to Yellowstone

Today a Gateway for
tourism in Three Forks.