

6:1626. Murray, Genevieve. THE "LOST" DAKOTA TERRITORY. *N. D. Hist.* 1968 35(1): 62-67. In the evolution of boundaries through the creation and redefinition of territories and the establishment of states, a triangle-shaped tract of land at the confluence of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho was overlooked. Once a part of Dakota Territory, it became lost because of faulty maps and inaccurate surveys. It was assigned to the Territory of Montana in 1873. Of indeterminate size, post-World War I surveys defined it precisely as a timbered mountainside area of slightly over four by two miles. 2 maps.

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6:1627. Stegner, S. Page (Ohio State U.). PROTEST SONGS FROM THE BUTTE MINES. *Western Folklore* 1967 26(3): 157-167. From 'New Songs for Butte Mining Camp,' an extremely rare paperbound, undated booklet, nine songs are selected to illustrate the commentary they afford and the insight they give into the strikes and labor problems from the viewpoint of the labor organizers and the miners themselves. They are, in effect, social documents of this class, in the Butte, Montana, mining area. These songs were apparently not widely known in that area as no evidence suggests that they entered into the oral tradition. Although they cannot be considered folksongs, their importance to the folklorist and labor historian are significant. 6 notes.

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WESTERN FOLKLORE, July '67, "Protest Songs from the Butte Mines," S. Page Stegner

p. 158;

On the twelfth of June in '17, one bright mid-summer's day,
The workers in the mines of Butte, they took a holiday;
Conditions sure were rotten, and they wanted better pay,
So they made a union strong.

Solidarity forever, Solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong.

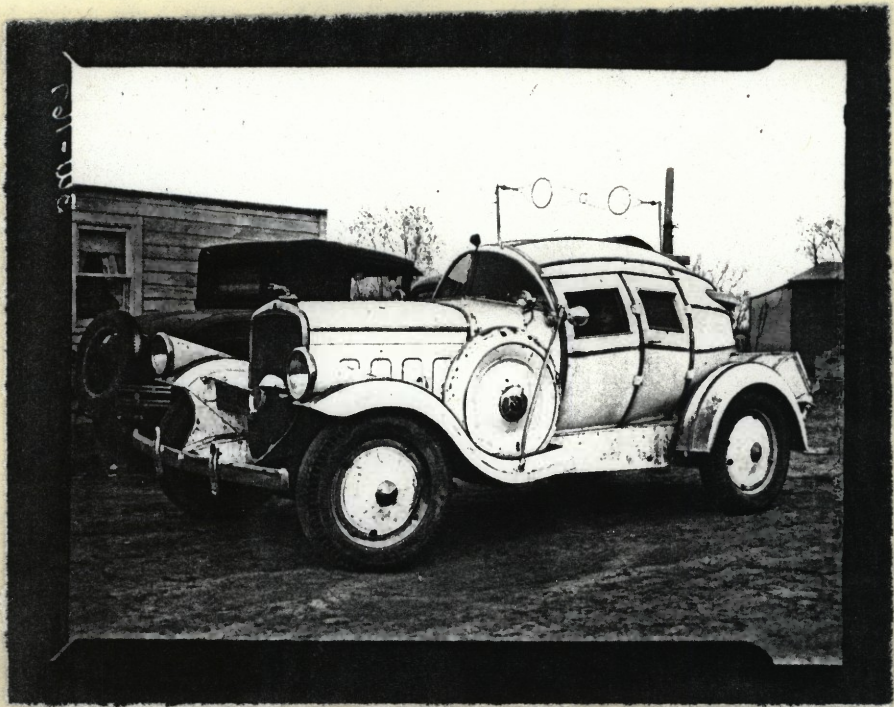
The owners of the mines in Butte are called the A.C.M.
A dirty bunch of parasites whose place is in the pen,
So we call upon all workers--all good, red-blooded men,
To join the union strong.

(to tune of "John Brown's Body". 4 more verses)

(Stegner discusses "the rustling card" and other strike issues)

162--line from song about Cornelius Kelly:

"This old gent's name is Cornelius Kelly,
Was meant to crawl upon his belly."



20-10

Dave Emmons, UMont. during our April '93 speaking visit:

Dave says Liam O'Flaherty's brother Tom was a columnist for the Producers News of Plentywood for couple of yrs--thinks he went back to Ireland in '34. (after a NY sojourn w/ Liam, Bill Dunn etc. who were known as the Drinking Man's Wing of the Communist Party).

Dave's working on a book about Irish in the West, from Iowa to the Pac. Coast, called It's a Long Way to Tipperary; plainly he'd be a good source on Plentywood and other Montana radicalism.


--somebody at Plentywood asks Jaraala, abt Darius: "This isn't another Irishman, is it? Because if it is..."

one of those
talks drinking

Mont. 194

Sept. 12,

to WPT, 1:20 a.m.

- elongated, feathery clouds @ dawn: nothing fleecy (abt 7mo entry, Darius thinks); strata of clouds, sep of golden-orange at bet n
- flat, & yet not in sun - bumpy edges of benchlands
↑ like knees of necking Bullies
- grain elevators agnst sky, @ each tn (Nashua)
 - 1 kg vaguely Dutch w/ gable-top 
- GN road bed straight as a Roman road
redly
- sunrise looks up, ~~too~~ too hot to lk @
 - some witant of sunrise @ Owen's dam, Proxy's h'boat window, Bruce's div'g barge - o thru all characters, ending w/ short pt of sheriff's assessment of day's weather
- Darius understands squints of Mrs Amens:
why ~~from~~ ^{Mount n} we a squinting race

Montana '94

Glasgow to Wolf Point

--roadside details for Darius/Jaraala drive to Plentywood

- they'd been driving steadily + than 2 hrs (nearly 3?), yet J'la showed no loss of patience
- flds, flds, flds, up to verge of road, unfenced (contrast to Brit's old stone fences)
 - This was new, any 1 w/ 1/2 an eye cd see that (& it gives D hope for comm sm, new pol's)
- jaunty; a few thatched huts & you'd think this was Africa
- the Missouri @ Frazer-Oswego, and Wolf Point: details for Duff homestead? picnic scene?

→ @ Culbertson: grain elevator makes D think this is it, the destination - but another 47 mi to P'wood

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on way to Pl was

• horizon roughened every so often w/ hills, breaks, coulees

Plentywood: sites & descriptions for Red meetings

- Sherin Co of house plays: Was Prog Adm'n '36-7
(use in Red funeral etc.) (Mott / various @ #8 R Adm'n, vote - bring)
- ² pics: place for Red mtg, ^{shot} 1 block from ct house
A distance. Reds are trying to achieve, to power
- Producers News @ 1st Ave, e. of intersection w. Main (straight
to ct house
& Jackson (?) if it was corner)
- " " w/ rock-throwing distance of corner banks @ Main
& 1st
- P'woods wide (generous) sts (Darius wd notice)

Montana '94

(96 mi.)

crx ms?

Wolf Point to Plentywood: roadside details for Darius/Jaraala drive

--imagine dust storm

- out of C'son, road bounds over hills (hilly high ridges), then booms out into farmland: (2mo s. stretch & rem'd of as near P'wood.)
- scrawny wind-blasted plants @ some 1. farms (D sees); others are board-naked to weather
- fld of sunflowers! (no petals, going to seed)
- D thinks: distances! 1st thing Red ought to do is shrink 2mo side of earth due to manageable size; but Rms of Siberia...
 - how long. Rm Rm flight went on →
- Medicine Lake off to e., midway; ~~see~~ some slough (1, D thinks)

also for Neil/Rosellen/Owen coalhauling trip; bucking the sun, on the road

Mont. '94

C'son - P'wood low, rough

- banked horizon of hills (to. W) begins to vanish to dust

- appen'g P'd: situation 1.7m ("D's phase") ... broad ~~cut~~
bottom land, hills shoulder'g above 1.7m

Okay, say they were half-crazy to start with, over there in Sheridan County,
Scandinavians and such.

Lloyd Carlson--1st folder MHS oral history summaries

p. 1--abt 1930's: "It used to take me a truck full of wheat to get a barrel of gas."

Producers News (Plentywood)

May 9 - "y'day afternoon" tornado from ~~the~~ west

- unusually sultry afternoon; storm hit @ 6:30, lasted @ an hr.

- "Terrific clouds of dust hit first" - cd' see + than "half a dozen feet"

- bombardmt of small stones + rocks*

- "... dirt + gravel flowed like water along ditches + b-sts"

- "... wash tubs + stove pipes cd be seen flying across landscape."

--use this in Bucking the Sun, with Darius on hand through some political reason?

newspaper account ~~of~~⁵ of '34 dust storm mention how it dried. air -
low humidity.

NYT

Fri, May 11, '34, p. 38

- plane service betn Chi & St Paul intersptd

Sat., May 12, '34, p. 1

(moon to S)
- Strs of "half-light similar to... partial eclipse."

- "Chi invgtr" estd for AP 300,000,000 tons of dust

- 3pm, atld to in Emp St Bldg "lkd n. into a gray haze in which not even Central Pk was visbl." Staten & Lib a smudge from distn. 2 mi visibty, Newark airport

- Nashville & strly, St Paul & northwly

- Weather Bur met. lgst said taste of air "reminds me of working at tail-end of a straw-stacker in loft of a barn."

Sam. edit: "Each particle swept up from ranches & farms of Mont. becomes nucleus of a drop of moisture."

New York Times, A195, May 10-15, 1934

over

U.S. News, A3811, " " "

- May 14: "... sun ... lost in a dust haze over Wm."

- Fri: "increasing gloom of high dust storm no turned. capt's horizons an eerie yellow, filled even. outer offices of Wt. re a haze, & set nerves tingling."

22 June, on the ~~Glendive~~ to Plantywood

- haymakers, ^{big} round bales on square tracks

- B&N train waiting past, right beside highway.

- coal is a surprise: character ed remnants on tracks (such as Mid'kee & gambone) that've been torn up.

- in Sidney: driv'g on main st., pie server went off, young men (woks) sprinting to pie house.

- " " , Hot Wheels Roller Rink

- #33, straight road "toward Culbertson
goes straight over hill after hill.

- land is just rumples enough ~~to~~ not to be flat

- over-ripe n. of Culb's, ship farming to all horizons (demonstration farm. irrigated Yellowstone valley)

- grain barely high enough to tickle your ankles

- + + + clouds as afternoon goes on, but no sign of rain

22 June Plenty wood/e

- square-topped grn elevator - highest thing in town: Farmer's Union

- Krum & Go /d store & gas; Riley, Jack, Mariah et al speaking, ~~of~~ she tells them
"Don't say anything, either of you."

- stucco house & pink arched windows: 2nd pic, roll 3

- Main St slopes gently down to old valley; wide st., feel of spaciousness

4th Nat' Bank temp sign

del

3₁ bank buildings at corner of Main & First Ave (highway)

2 operating boiler poles: small pole turning in cylinder

"Hot:" "1/2 sec, but will probably get a hailstorm to cool us down."

22 June Plentywood/3

- nice modern houses on e. edge of tn

Sheridan's Daybreak I & II - county histories

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Iverson, museum
301 Olive, Pwd

Old Tractor Club, #7, 10th S

Golden Wheel Casino & Restm., #6 rd 3

- Blue Moon : "Dine. Dance. Lounge" Country music.

- large floppy earholes, like dewlaps

- oil donkeys slowly working (pumping water at Baker)

- evening light softens better etc. than the harsh in full ~~sun~~ seen.
(full light is deceptive; blinding)

SFT Sept 21(?) '89

Homesteader Petersen, 106, dies

PLENTYWOOD — Mette Petersen, 106, a homesteader and midwife, died Tuesday at Sheridan Memorial Hospital in Plentywood. Her funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday at Emmaus Lutheran Church, southwest of Westby, with burial in Emmaus Church Cemetery. A service also is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood.

She was born in Denmark. At 21, she and her future husband and his two brothers emigrated to the United States, settling first in Minneapolis. She and P.C. Petersen married in Minneapolis in 1904, and moved to Menominee, Wis. In 1908,

they moved to their Montana homestead in the Coalridge community southwest of Westby. They retired in Plentywood in 1945. her husband died in 1952. She moved to Montana Pioneer Manor in Plentywood in 1983.

She entered the nursing home several years ago.

Survivors: children, William, Carl, both of Westby, Alice Smart of Hemet, Calif., Freda Hague of Tucson, Ariz., Lillian Palmer of Edmonds, Wash., Esther Olson of Helena, Mabel Boyer Plentwood; 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Time and again, the highway crested the low rolling horizon and

~~and~~ more panels of farming appeared. ~~Time~~

see bibliography of "Rural Radicalism" article in Bucking the Sun:
Plentywood Radicalism file

Farm Holiday News, A5845

Farmers National Weekly, A5844

Producers News (Plentywood) A5859

United Farmer A5843

Bygone Days

62 - wire put on w. side 7 posts so tanglewads lodged against
wire w'd. pull out staples (when wind blew)