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.

D. L. Smith

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.

D. L. Smith
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."
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..."
Mont. 194
Sept. 12,
to W.P.T. 5:20 a.m.

- elongated, feathery clouds @ dawn; nothing fleecy (old
  snow-crying, Darius thinks); strata of clouds, sweep of golden-
  orange & blue

- flat, & yet not in sum - bumpy edges of benches lands
  & lake breeze of nesting gulls

- grain elevators again; stay @ 8 a.m. in Nashua
  - 1kg vaguely Dutch or gable-top

- CN roadbed straight as a Roman road

- sunshine burns up, one too hot to look @

- same window of sunshine @ Owen's dam, Proxy's h'boat
  window, Darius's sitting room - o them all: characters,
  enduring w/ short qts of sheriff's assessment of day & weather

- Darius understands, 'squint of Mr. Amen:
  why secret of a squint of pace.
Glasgow to Wolf Point

--roadside details for Darius/Jaraala drive to Plentywood

- they'd been driving steadily + than 2 hrs (nearly 3?), yet J'da
  showed no loss of patience

- lots, lots, lots, up to verge of road, unpaved (contrast to Brit's
  road, old stone fences)

- This was new, any (w/ 1/2 an eye ed)

- sunny: 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 she is in it, the

@ -- but another 47 mi to P'wood

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on way to Plaza
horizon roughened every so often w/hills, brush, coulee
Plentywood: sites & descriptions for Red meetings

- Shein Co. et house plqgs: W. of Prog AVM in '36-7
  (use in Red funeral etc.) (Mott's theories @ f&k AVM etc., note - dynq)

- Pic.: place for Red mtg, 1 block from et house
  A distance. Reds are trying to achieve, to power

- Producers Nampa & 1st Ave, e. of intersection W. Main (straight
  ft. et house

  x Jackson @ 1st Ave.

  - " " w. rocks-thrashing dist. of - corner bonds @ Main
  ft. 1st

- P. wood's wire-generating st's (Darrie's unit notice)
Montana '94

(96 mi.)

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

--- imagine dust storm

- out of 'son, road bounds over hills (chilly high ridges), then boom's out into farmland: (Emo s. through & around as near P'wood)
- scrawny wind killed planted @ some 1', forms (D seeds); others are board-nailed to weather
- led of sunflowers! (no petals, going to seed)
- D thinks: 'distance!' 1st thing. Red's ought to do is shrink Emo
- scale of earth down to manageable size; but, Rn & Silvna...
- how long. Rn Reen right went on —?
- Medicine Lake off to e., midway; see some slough (l, D thinks)

also for Neil/Rosellen/Owen coalhauling trip; bucking the sun, on the road
C'san - P'wood

- banked horizon of hills (to W) begins to vanish to east

- appearing P'd: situation 7: tn (D's passage) . . broad expanse, hills shoulder'g above tn
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."
May 9 - "Y'day afternoon" tornado from west
- unusually sultry afternoon; storm hit at 6:30, lasted 0 am hr.
- "Terrible dust hit first" - col1 see & than "half a dozen feet"
- "Bombardment of small stones & rocks."
- "... dust & gravel flowed like water along clitches & b’sts."
- "... wash tubs of 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 '34 dust storm mention how it dried air — low humidity.
NYT

Fri, May 11, '34, p.38
- plane service betw Chi & St Paul interrupted

Sat, May 12, '34, 01
(4:00 to 5)
- 5th of "half-light similar to ... partial eclipse."
- "Chi inquisitors" said for AP 300,000,000 tons of dust
- 3 p.m., atop in Emp St Bldg "like n. into a gray haze in which
  not even Central Plz was visbl. ... " Statue 7 like a smudge from chln.
  2 mi visblty, Newark airport
- Nashville & stnly, St Paul + mostly
- weather firm met. lgst said taste of air "reminds me of working
  at tail-end of a straw-stacker in loft of barn."
Sun, 4th "Each particle swept up from ranches & farms of Minn.
  becomes nucleus of a drop of moisture."

U. S. News, A 3811,

- May 14: "... sun ... lost in a dust haze over Wn."
- Fri: "increasing gloom of ... high ... storm mo turned ... capth's ... horizons an eerie yellow, filled even ... outer offices ... Wth ... c a haze, ... set nerves tingling. ...
22 June, en route from Chandler to Plantyward
- haymowers, 2 round bales on square tracks
- BN train waning past, right track/riway
- road is a surprise: character eduminated on tracks (Canaan Mill/Pac & yodels) that've been torn up.
- in Sidney: driving on main st., fire when went off, young men (rope) sprinting to fire house.
- """, Hot Wheels Roller Rink
- #33, straight road toward Culbertson
  go straight over hill after hill.
- land is just mopped enough to not to be flat
- over nine m. of Culbom, ship farming to all horizons (mirrored in horse valley)
- grain barely high enough to trouble your ankles
- 80 degrees at afternoon goes on, but no sign of rain
22 June,顺德到府邸卫
- Grain elevator (gray) of Frued ahead, they won't get much business this yr.
- Twin & again, road cuts. Rounded rim of horyyn, &+ panels of field cloud.
- sign: "Antelope. Next 7 exits." (7 streets)

- Macaroni Y Tomatoes soup & tuna salad sandwich $5.00
  P'rod sign, handbtedy hanging from skirt hanger
  (so it can be changed every day-in fashion
- P'rod: Shendan County courthouse (1937) c flag blwing s/h out.
- its inside & small courtroom ready to courthouse
- P'rod today m'hole: In the program: tree-lined sts.
  Main St.
- Mt. Pioneer Ranch (resident home)
- will hel. night up to golf course
- Dug Muddy Creek valley: in site under n. slope of bench, over bg hill valley
2-2 June: Plenty wynd/ e
- square-topped geyser, eighth thing in ca: Farmer's Union
- K rum & Go for stores & gas; Riley, Jim, Manig at speaking, we tells them
  "Don't say anything, either of you."
- stucco house w/ pink arched windows: talkie, vol 5
- Main St. slopes gently down to old valley; under it, feel of spaciousness

Mt. Not Bank temp sign
- old
- bank buildings at corners of Main & Front Ave. (Chisnay)
- 2 operates: barber poles: small poles turning in cylinder

"Hot. " "Yeah, but will probably get a hailstorm to cool us down."
22 June Peltrywood/5
- nice modern houses on e. edge of tm

Sheridan's Daybreak IV VII - county histories

Mayo: Alvin
- Alvin Iversen, museum
  301 Olive, Paul Golden Wheel Casino & Rental, # 6 N 3rd

Old Trolley Club, # 7, 1023


- large floppy earholes, like steers

- oil donkeys slowly working (pumping faster at Baker)

-reversing shallow pantalla before etc. that the horses in fields seen.
  (full light is deceptive; blinding)
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.

Time and again, the highway crested the low rolling horizon and
and more panels of farming appeared. The
see bibliography of "Rural Radicalism" article in Bucking the Sun:
Plentywood Radicalism file
Farm Holiday News, A5845
Farmers Noticeably, A5844
Producers News (Plaitynd) A5859
United Farmer A5843
Bygone Days

62 - wire put on w. side 7 posts so tumbleweeds lodged agmt. wire with pull out staples (when wind blew)