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—Civil War vets wd visit school (in Minn.)
—"I've lived here too long to live anywheres else."
—another guy "pulled back to Minn."
—large ranch "was really strung out"

—h'steaders had to raise feed for cow, chickens, maybe 4 horses
—1919, "farming community" survived, but homesteaders between Choteau and the mountains, on less good land, didn't; turned stock loose (sold if they could) and left; "cleaned the whole country between here and the mtns"
—others survived by borrowing money; some 1919 survivors had mortgages until 1940—or lost out in 30s when wheat was 25¢ bushel

—4 horses on threshing crew "cook car"