

used

check Carstensen's "Land of Plenty" essay for reference he mentioned--big dust storm of early 30's was said to have started in Montana--dimmed lights in Twin Cities, Chicago--reached NY, ~~went~~ over Washington DC as Congress ~~was~~ held ag hearings.

ch. 1

Jick and Stanley light a lamp in the cabin?

Two fire is short-handed because crews are on so many other fires; Mac's
ass't ranger is on Chinese Wall fire in Old Agency district.

add to picnic

Had I worked on the matter a bit, I could have wished the day into perfection
by Alec being with us. Last year he was; instead of Leona he was sparking...

ca. 3
pic-taking
rate to town

Weather:

In Montana you pretty much spend the day watching other people's weather.
can

used

Wisdom makes Gros Ventre look like Longon, England. Population a few goddamn hundred.

meg

insert:

Jick's supper at WW: mention that W'sons also own ^{Dance}~~Diamond~~ W
down in the Highwood Mtns.

read

Ladies' club: without the men cluttering up the landscape

done

ch. 2--at picnic, Mac's comment about "gourmet" is probably too fancy; make it something like delicacy?

used

ch. 4, Pete to Jick: You are only an inadvertent nephew, but I'll give
you honorary son-in-law terms on the payments.

used

You know how

new

When you open a book for the first time, the pages linger against each other, come apart with a little rustling sound. They never do that again, the linger or the sound...

used

dialogue just before the end: Jick and Beth

on behind. (the rearmost rider in riding double, as in "Sam in the saddle,
Walter on behind." Use with Hebner boys?)

used

I lead the world in...(respect for food, for ex)

used

add: ladies' club has chance to visit "without males cluttering up the scene."

used

Don't get radical on me here now.

I deemed that...

used
ch. 3

For crying out loud.

ch. 3 - just on naka
used

Damn thin shelter against the universe, the skin is.

Skin is thin shelter against the universe.

ch. 3 wed

Nobody's asking you to do it for him, I yelled. Do it because the goddamn country's burning up!

mention other Williamson ranch, in the Highwoods, in ch. 3, during Jack's
visit to Double W.

used

used
ch. 2

all go and no whoa

- use in ch. 4 - to desc successor to Ed Van Belder; "Maybe there
was s'thing in . water at mo place."

used

...Clayton had little to say for himself.

...Good Help evidently had most of the volume for the whole family.

used,
Salway refu

Dell Stark diary, April 21

sheep "scattered like the tribes of Israel."

- have Dool say, about bear-hunting sheepherders.

used

Dode Withrow: carrying around a cast

med,
ch. 3

repeat Mac looking businesslike, from p. 22?

used

ch. 3 (or 4)--some reference back to Jick dancing with his mother?

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ch 3 used

Kirkwood -- lingo

47-- of the fire crew: "They were drift picked up in Spokane..."

done

Ted Fosse in his letter refers to the ~~xxx~~ "CC boys"; use this as slang,
instead of "CCC"?

me

Phantom Woman forest fire

WW2 poster:

THEY'LL DELIVER THE GOODS (at top in 1½", blue letters)

LET'S DELIVER THE WOODS (at bottom in same size letters, white)
SHARPEN YOUR AX TO DOWN THE AXIS

pic between is charging rifleman on 1 side, sailor with shell on other,
and huger figure of 1'jack between.

colors: dark blue bottom , most of the rest pinkish red

2nd poster: RIP INTO 'EM!' (at top in 2" block letters) (black)
WOOD BUILDS AXIS-BEATING STRENGTH (¾" letters, brown)

UNCLE SAM NEEDS EVERY FOOT YOU CAN PRODUCE (¾" white letters)

pic between: cartoon of Mussolini, Tojo, Hitler, bound to a log, being
run through standing saw by heroic sawmiller.

used

--You ain't just woofin'.

He knows A to Why about all that.

any of that.

area

used

So that is the sheep's-eye view of Gros Ventre. Although one last jot of description does need to be added. A glance over the shoulder from there by the Sedgwick House and the Medicine Lodge and the Lunchery would readily provide it. The passage of a thousand ewes and their lambs through a town cannot happen without evidence being left on the street, and occasionally the sidewalks. Sheep are nervous enough as it is and being routed through a canyon of buildings does not improve their bathroom manners any. Once Carnelia Muntz, wife of the First National banker, showed up in the bank and said something about all the sheep muss on the streets. Ed Van Bebber happened to be in there cashing a check and, I give him full due, he looked her up and down and advised: "Don't think of them as sheep turds, Carnelia. Think of them as berries off the money tree."

used

north of the ears, a lot of strangeness goes on.

med

Maybe I had better describe (how haying is done; how o'shot stacker works)

und

Tony Hunolt (74 on Shline rec'r)-- Jackpots: everybody put in a dollar, est. weight of lambs or calves, closest guess took all.
"\$7-\$8, maybe 10"

- use! Mac enters. jackpots
Cure in "seasons" descrip'n

done

p.2--possible change: "FS did lay off some of its ~~people~~ people..."
"his salary as a ranger..."

Alec

Jick fishing, or at camp with Mac: daydream of spending a summer as fire lookout?

--possibly show that for all his good intentions, J's concern about Alec and the family situation is intruded on by daydreams, etc.

used

GV new post office, with murals of L & C?

- people surprised by York?
- " were expecting a ^{CHK} pink & blue sunset over range

used

at rodeo: get the sound of lariat swishing as roper warms up

possible add to rodeo: Jick hangs back from crowd around Dode--

need Exactly what was not needed was anybody else in the way.

--town hearse used as ambulance?

used

^{grow}
will get you one hell of a

half a century grows a damn big cottonwood

(Harold Chad planted the big one beside the house in Dupuyer
maybe 45 years ago)

used

FDR pic in one of the Gros Ventre cafes

Ch. 2 - add ?
done

insert?--

beside the last of the six bucking chutes.

Carol in Helena:

done

Gleaner excerpts at head of each chapter:

(from late 1930's)

in Mont., photocopy examples of "25 years ago" columns for typeface; also get copies of mastheads for typeface of the Gleaner credit line.

done

for WWII induction stories, please try these papers for 1942:

--Cut Bank Pioneer Press

--Shelby Promoter

--Meagher County News (check this one first; also look over for
masthead and 25 yrs ago column)

rodeo/ec 38-4

how much is up? (how much prize money)

used

used

rodeo--

as Alec readies to ~~tope~~, Jick checks to see whether he is wearing fancy bandanna; he is not, Mac's gibe of previous year having persuaded him.

used

pumpkin rolling--small town doings (ex., rodeo)

used

Bill Reinking asks prop'r of Moderne Beauty Shoppe if she didn't leave an e
off Beauty. (was sure she)

done

use centennial year mocking oration--"will be filled with gunpowder and
touched off"--for GV 4th of July picnic?

turd bird

und

--use with Jick-Ray scene, "booger eater" etc?

used
c
Heaney

An old cottonwood with enormous trunk; biggest, oldest of GV's trees; in somebody's ~~yard~~ yard; was growing before the town was founded, so it is greatly bigger than the street-planted trees.

--Big as an elm?

Mac

in hotel, waitress or cook tells Jick and Mac:

Watch out for oysterberries in that stew... (pearls)

done

have a scene from 1st great dust storm, abt 1930?

Used

vantage point of sitting on a horse: people see mostly the horse, not you.

2202

the chute society is leery of Coffee Nerves before he comes out the chute...

dialogue
used

guff

--I was not in any mood to take guff from OO...

add
done

Inasmuch a

^ Sheep don't eat with their feet, so running will never fatten them.

- use c Canada Dan
"it is a bafflement to me."

used

Arlee?

--OO was a big pink boy...

"Arlee thinks he's hot snoot," Ray observed.

used

The way a young king might ride going home from his crowning ceremony.

used

Ray nearly fell off the corral from cackling when I squirmed on the pole wood and speculated whether the crack in our behinds wouldn't run crosswise instead of up and down by the time this was over.

used

Mac goes to Missoula, he has on his monkey suit--uniform, green hat,
pine tree badge.

done

Is a dollar bill too much spending money for Jick, in the context of the times?

-yes, change to 50¢

used

wearing calluses on their elbows (drinkers in Medicine Lodge)

used

Gros Ventre:

--not big enough to support a dentist, but still rural enough for a saddler

--the Medicine Lodge and Lunchery, side by side, provide a thrifty, 2-bldg skid road

done

p. 20, possible change in next to last line: invert to "And Alec and I would agree Not one thing..."

used

bright as a butterfly

- ~~just, abt 2 eona?~~

used

dance add:

Alec has taken Leona for dinner for 2 at Sedgwick House; Jick asks him

"How ~~ax~~ was it?"

as happy as if I had good sense
(he)

used

used

Rodeo day: in bar, jick again frames in his mind all he wud like
to ask Stanley.

used

Men take turns churning the ice cream freezers at the park.

--food, such as watermelons, cooling in creek?

- All go and no whoa.

used

moccasin telegraph

used

used

You could hang your hat on his habits.

used

~~Stanley was in toch~~ I was singing a tune of Stanley's...about the gal known as
Lu and what she was able to do with her wingwangwoo...

used

I had half a hunch you 'd show up.

used

real deal

used

joke has whiskers and a care.

use c J.L. Hill ?
used

He would push along, though. (persevere)

used

They are not the same mountains on any two days (in a row). It's as if hundreds of copies of the mountains existed and each dawn brings a ~~new~~ fresh one, of new color, new prominence of one feature over the others, some different wrapping of cloud behind and over ~~them~~ this day's version.

used

I could offer all the alibis this side of Halifax, but...

used

We been pawing over old times

I tell you something, though.

used

used

--That ride took the jingle out of all of us.

used

We've got it to do.

- I had it to do.

reced

Oh sweet daughters of the Lord/grant me more than I can afford.

--insert fnto Jick's scene with Velma?

• squaw and looked soursed, but..

used

used

~~have~~ Stanley: among his 30's wanderings, worked in wheat harvests?

111

the whole works

read

I suppose I flubbed the dub on that.

I could have bitten sticks in two
- me & Stanley episode?

used

used

- three main strength & awkwardness

used

Ellis Kinder

eli "

(if used, check to see if ex-Red Sox pitcher is alive)

done

add "dry years" reference to first few pp. of ms?

used

Words, I could always remember like nobody's business. (Jick, in comparing his memory with Alec's skill with numbers.)

more texture needed in 2nd 40 pp. of ch. 1 ms

insert description/definition of Roman Reef?

used

irate message from Evan Kelley: Kelleygram

insert:

--Jick and Alec's schooling

--Alec as a (reluctant) whiz at numbers

--ch. 2, have Alec instantly calculate, when asked by Jick, amt of dirt
Jick has shoveled for outhouse hole.

Gleaner was always 8 pp., Jick always began ~~it~~ with p. 5, the At Random page.

used

Maybe so, maybe no.

used

shoot the hoey

shoot the hoey

used

OO riding into a High Line town in 1918 when the false armistice was signed,
saw the flags of celebration, figured water had been struck. (McTaggart tape)

cathe

In the skull vault of each of us is everything we have ever taken or been given.

It is said that

Maybe I have reached the age of sentiment.

used

cargodier: man who makes up packs for pack strings (Fullerton, p. 8)

--possible use: Jick as cargodier for Stanley

~~to~~
used

Canada Dan scene: change "former animals" to something like "heretofore animals" >

remains of "

Hebners: check whether I've used "forelock" too close to "forehead"; if so, change back to "hank" or "swatch" or something.

I don't know about rather. Just might have been, is all.

Rather doesn't get you anywhere, as to ~~how~~ what skin you wear in life.

meat

end

You may know a section is a square mile.

used

C's thumb: rapidity with which a cut heals in dry summer air
along Sheep Creek.

- use c Stanley

used

each day is a room of time.

used

People. A pain you can't do without.

first camp used

When it got too much for me, I...

Maan Gulch fire:

"In. side of one steep cliff I saw a lone tree explode —
far from any other foliage."

- FS pilot, in Helena I-R, Aug 6, '49

(in Neil Fullerton, 2-7, Mont H Soc archives)

used

But then, life is wide.

read

Stanley:

By now I been every place else, and they're no better.

used

I have always thought that horseback is an ideal way to travel, if you just didn't have to deal with the damn horse.

used

ewe-necked: horse with long thin neck like a ewe
- use with Halber scene? or to desc Bubbles?

done

ms p. 27, Withrow's sheep: line 3, change "reluctant" to something like "pokey."

done

change tarantula brand to scorpion

used.

The level of swiggage was pretty constant in the Medicine Lodge...

used

woman's hand rests lightly on man's rump, ~~four~~ fingers ~~ix~~ just touching
the inseam of his levis

- I saw once, in recent yrs, ↑

used

Oh, to be young and fuck'n twice a day again.

used

--Slobberguts.

--Booger eater.

→ see a file of Ray Hickey

places with elbow room, ~~for~~ for that matter, skinbone
& cranium of all else
Other kind.

lead?

Don't just stand there in your tracks, boy. Help me skin out ^{these} ~~this~~ pelters.

I am at the time now where

I try to think what my life might have been like had I not been born

Two Medicine country

in this ~~tall~~ country of ~~northmost~~ Montana and into the McCaskill family.

used

Alec Knox to me: "D'ye ever take a drink?"

I guessed and said yes. Which was the right answer.

"We'll have one now then."

(A rancher to the ranger-father)

novel

used

"I hear that".

"Giddy up, hell, you'd better giddy off."

you giddy off to giddy down that road to town.

Blued

Nailed together at the hip, those two. (Of a lovey-dovey young couple)

Better ^{*that way*} ~~there~~ than face to face.

5 June '81: One character might sing: My name, she is Pancho,

I work on a rancho,

I make a dollar a day.

I go to see Lucy,

To play with her poosy,

She take my dollar away.

from John Gruar: ...still able to sit up and take nourishment.

use

--Bell him.

--Do what? (*Excuse me?*)

--Put a bell on him...

(advice from veteran ranger wife to younger one fretting about how to keep track of her toddler: see SatEvePost article in forest service file.)

Next:

It was said he liked his eggs and his venison
the same way - poached.

Gd Help Helmer

jelly sandwiches

- use a meat juicer?

charge Frank Dant to Canada Dan?

last name Canada?

MontSt

lingo

used

FWP--Pondera County

Winter of 1919 "evaporated most of his stock."

Union List of N'paper, p. 444

~~Brooklyn~~ Tidende

Nordiske

- weekly paper for Andy Gustafson

used

--Ass high to a tall Indian (length of grass?)

- use when Stanley meets Jack & Mac?

use

from Dene Reber, letter in Mont. sources (general) file:

when she was a 4-5 yr old on homestead, she'd get on a horse by watching until it put its head down to graze, then straddle its neck, be lifted up and scramble down into place on its back.

- use c Alec

used

--Your Adam's apple cold? (Mac to Alec, razzing him about neckerchief)

used

Mac or Stanley: would rather be around shepherders than cowboys because
"you might find a herder who's crazy now and again, but at least they aren't
apt to be such self-inflated sonsabitches."

Bygone Days

67 - horse named Churnhead

- have pick ups Bubbles with this ?

used

used

Great grand goddamn work, Camp Tender McC. (Jick after Bubbles' accident)

used

--Workin' hard?

Well, sure, Dad.

--Ever see me do anything different?

--Times I've seen you hardly workin'.

Just

- 'Double W sees aginst that. Y'know what they say, nobody o' D W ever gets a sunburn, ~~because~~ they do.' have time.

This is what I (you) have to put up with all-time.

used

used

--Flighty as a chicken looking in a mirror.

used

doesn't know his elbow from his other

used

--a poorboy cap, and less under it.

- have Beth say?

used

Leona took the shine in any crowd.

used

WWI--have embittered character call it Wilson's War.

"I went to Wilson's war."

used

5 June '81: Wally/Joyce's story of Johnny McAfee deliberately talking horses all the evening Wally came to ask to marry Joyce.

used

It's time we weren't here.

done

write Jack Hayne about Ben English history?

used

To me then, Marriage seemed about as distant as death.

read

Mac to Leona: why not ~~give~~ it a year? Bozeman isn't the moon, Alec'll be back and forth...

used

Tryin' to stay level in an uneven world.

need

Feels like it's gonna frost.

Yeah, about a foot.

possible name for bucking horse: Coffee Nerves

used

used

Dode at the rodeo is trigged out in new shirt and jeans.

(gabardine)

"I quit, goshdamnit, I quit." (Earl Puckins, note 2, 12)

used

used

If it's Havre, you can have 'er.

possible use: quote of people driven out by Depression (in area such as east of Grain Belt; Elmer Gwynn tape.)

used

molasses: long-tailed sugar (Fur Trade Qly piece, in RUNNERS Sitka file)

used

--Capt. Roy Robeck's story, told me on Alpha Helix, of peeing off the stern of a boat once; captain saw him, called out: "Roy, I hope you've got a good ~~xxxx~~ foot hold (or good footing) there, because you sure don't have much of a hand hold."

--adapt to someone on ledge, or lookout tower? use with Les Withrow when he's visiting with Mac and Jick after the sheep counting?

used

change names to:

Dode Withrow

Les Spencer

have Tollie Zane as rodeo announcer? use that name, or Brainerd Musgrove?

Sons, Earl Zane and Arlee Zane

used

As Jick leaves a sheep camp, maybe Gustafson's, a lamb and then several follow him, as they do with whatever moving object catches their eye.

used

White

Horse with spots on his nose (called Tiger)--use for Bubbles?

^

(JB Keith, 175 on Sh'line rec'r)

He looked like Abraham Lincoln sanded down.

used c Florene Hebrer

used

The sky cracked white. I counted for the thunder: one, one-thousand, two, one-thousand...

--The quick hand of God, my ma used to say, said Stanley.

used

Put on your mountain clothes in the morning. (Mac to Jick)

used

That'll take some thinking about.

explain the English Creek panhandle of the Two.

sheepman, wearing of 77. Pack wages: "I wd.' pay any man
50¢ an hr. No man is worth that."

used

egg money

used

The Selway was the Alamo of Region One (except that it got obliterated more than once.)

med

To go with the "I hate a man who skins the land" theme:

The Dust Bowl was topic in McC household, Mac and Beth both horrified by notion of it. And sometime in early or mid-thirties, some "government thinker" arranged that rangers and county agents, and maybe other govt workers on the land, would go see the worst-hit portion of Mont--maybe around Plentywood? Mac and others grouched beforehand, figuring they knew all about Mont., but Mac came back shaken by the devastation, erosion, drought, he'd just seen. Maybe have him recount having met with someone such as the author of the Antioch Review piece on hardship around Plentywood.

--refce to "govt"thinker": some say the idea came down from Tugwell or one of those.

--Jick: I remember it because ~~he didn't~~ when he got back he didn't say anything for about two days.

used

during dry years

from Sam Gilluly: Depression farmers said of clouds in drought,
"those are empties from Seattle goin' over."

used

give Leona something to say--if only thanking Beth for the meal--in flashback.

have Jick realized that she said almost nothing but that, yet it somehow seemed a lot.

used

? rename: Sheep Creek to Metis Creek
Soffin Butte to Metis Butte

No: make it Breed Butte
- Hebron's & W Craig's

used

insert material about Montanans running either cattle or sheep, in section
abt Mac as ass'n rider: have him as ass'n rider in summers, working in lambing
in spring?

med

Alec had been with us last summer...

used

Mazoola (Missoula)

--emphasis on the "zoo"

used

soupa da bol-yon, two potatoes and one on-yon

(Adapted from Colcord, Sea Language... UW 427 C672S, p. 173:

soupa de bool-yon, 3 buckets of water and one on-yon, meaning thin soup)

- have Beth say?
- or fire camp cook?

done

Montana, summer '83: check p. 28, going thru barbwire fence: which strands?

- top & second

done

possible Indian name for Toussaint's wife: Mary Rides Proud
(check Browning phone book)

- none listed