Sh'speare in park

The river (creek?) ducked past.

Ban
~~Wood~~

He tried to bring himself back as he was then.

TH to Del:

"How are you at fishing?"

dam on S. Fork of English Creek

mountains sawed up through the earth

H+B Butte 5 July '82
and 345
mileage start: 300½
45 mi to 7-Mile Lane entrance.

→ pothole lakes full: blue pockets in green prairie

- from n. of HB: · Walling Reef section 7 miles a lighter, greener, than slate-green of miles from HB to Glacier Pk

- wild roses, wild carrot, lupine, camas(?)

- deep abrupt valley 7 · Two M: almost canyon, dropped into mid-prairie

pic: ft hills & bald-face mtn: n 7 H+B, just s. 7 Two M ed
- triangle pk n. 7 H+B butte, just s. 7 peaceful pic
- H+B butte ug n.

- intricate patterns 7 ~~cotton~~ aspen groves along ft hills n. 7 HB
-2 pics

1 (4 cards)

26 June '83, Dupuyer, 8:20 a.m.--notions about Jick's dawn ride:

--briskness of weather: slight breeze made it cold enough before dawn to make hands stiff. J wd wear a jacket, maybe gloves (well-worn leather work gloves)

--fat full moon

--immensely long shadow at daybreak, 60 paces long; with J on horse, likely almost 200'; narrows as it does, my shadow like a long pole on the prairie. J and horse wd start from base of horse's hooves, then the wedge-shape of horse's body, then the length of J: like some new creature put together from a giraffe and elephant (main parts of each creature)

--shadows dappling pot-hole dips s. of Peder Grande's: land full of pockets; or pocketsfull of ~~xxxxxx~~ shadow (ladles of shadow?)

--silence except for wind

--4-wire fence; horses beginning to graze.

--wild roses along creek banks?

2/Jick's dawn ride

26 June morn, one lone long ~~xxxxx~~ cloud atop n. end of Walling Reef like roll of canvas(?) on a high shelf

--the dawn breeze. Jick: "I say breeze. ~~Anybxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ In Mont. anything that doesn't try to lift you off your horse is only a breeze."

--sun comes up, like a glowing coal that has burned thru the horizon.

Dup Cr, 3 July '82

- beaver dams visible below road w. of Den B's
- old homestead under Scoffin Butte (Jim Johnston(?) place) (Leen's land now)
- wild strawb w. of Den B's (↑ rename this: have Helmers live there?)
- pic at Salonski gate
- birds: a swift
- jackpine knob just w. of Den B's & creek: pick can go up this, see to Sugar Hills to e., face-on to Walking Reef to w.
  - pic: trail going up it
  - creek area near Den B's; water rose, cottonwds, & Rocky asp
  - paper plate nailed to post, giving instrns
- clouds enorme over mtns: as big as mtns below
- pic of Albert Den Boer house (red, log)
- pic of Geo Den B to from s; cut bank above creek
- 4:10 pm: wind increasing
- pic S of Dupuyer dump, creek & strip farms

Dripping Creek, 3 July '82

- Den B site: small timbered buttes to south
  - Walling Reef to w.; Heart Butte farthest n. & mtn skyline
  - " " has rampart-atop wall

1st shot, roll 3 - W Reef & Drip Ck Canyon up e. of Den Bs.
2d " - Den B ranch
3d " - sheep in fenced pasture just e. & Den B's

- 2d of wild roses just e. of Den B's.
- 4th shot: Drip Ck just w. & Den
- Scoff in Ck (R) comes into Drip from w. here
- 5th shot: up Scoff Ck just w & Den B's; Walling Reef to left, Scoff B. right
- 6th shot: e. to Den B's (crops in head, Sweetgrass Hills b'gnd.
- Scoff Creek w/mdl w. & Den B's, o as brushy as Drip Ck
  - can hear from road flow & creek over a beaver dam; steady rush
  - bull pries o ridge to s.; new cones, still some green to them
  - white tail deer: along crk bottom
    (long whitetail)

for Dupuyer area landscape, review "Facing North" cards in Sky file.

5 July '82 /3

- betn Badger & Two M: wind strong, sw. clover bent over, blossoms all on 1 side
  - at Two M lunch site: in · wind, a crow lifted c/1, straight up & tipped backwards, letting · the wind loop him up. ↙ almost inside out
  - wind blowing dn s bottom turns · leaves over - dn side up - & lighter · green 7 · trees. Ruin bottom heavily treed: c'woods + aspen?
  - pic: Two Med river valley
  - ~~even~~ · gophers lk prairie n. 7 Dup
  - no trees except along · r.

- lkg w, trees lk rich green (dark as evgrns); lkg e, wind having turned leaves over, same kinds of spaces lk khaki

landscape description:

Hillerman example, p. 111 of Sacred Clowns

MHS-'85

Valley Ventures--Stuwe, Jane Fort Shaw history--no help)

6--"This is indeed a wonderful country. Every post office is a town, every town a city, every home is a ranch, every cow yard a corral, every hill a mountain, and every man a liar."

Dan Boen's, 7 Jul '82 — English Creek ranger station info

pics: negs from n. side Scoffin Crk; Walking Reef, Oldman(?)

- rattle of cat'wks on n. side 7 house
- crk cat wks start even c · house & go east; w, Cover willows give fuel view 7 · mtns; to s, open pasture to · jackpine ridge & buttes ↑
- DB house: hollyhocks s. side 7 · house
  - irises; Cal poppies at corner 7 fence
  - garden patch to · w. 7 house
  - 100' knob
- top 7 hill: can see S. to Chateau Mt(?): N to mtns behind ~~Scof Bcrk~~ Scoffin Butte
  - wild roses; wild carrot (roses: larger ones pink, smaller fuschia)
  - jackpines, unc. occ. dead ones
  - old glasses, can see Yahk, L. Francis (have just been able to see to EV too)
  - moving silver spit 7 Dunc crk below
  - twisted old jackpine taken over by ants
  - Scof Crk beaver dams: small silver walls only seen from rd
  - wind ripples thru meadow along Sc Crk
  - sunflower & morning glory along road; not higher on · knob

change to: trees give way to willows where creek flows N. between bends, as if providing opening for view from station.

church steeple?

DuBois, #1 Jul '82/2

Dep

pic: creek 1Rg s. Yo Old Man

- creek 30' wide @ bridge; fast water (riffles) where it's narrower
- glassy gray water; gravel beds along bank, larger lighter rocks ~~in~~ patterned in mid-stream. Lttl cascades over occasnl rocks · sign of suitcases. Abt 60' n. of bridge, set of a dozen or so quick white riffles over rocks.

- Various creek sounds, of/ different rocks & bottoms:
  - deeper, "running" sound over suitcase rocks
  - quicker, cataract or ~~swift~~ racing sound in mid-stream large riffles, where water backs up on itself before flowing both sides of big sharp-nosed rock
  - lesser lapping & purling ands along bank; some random bubbles
  - braided patterns of · flowing water, as in dd-fastend glass
- stream bed entirely gravel or rock (no moss on fishing line)

- stream quite swift
- ~~barn~~ swallows at bridge:
- ~~swifts + blue-backed~~ emphasize forked tail

Den Bos's ✗ Jul /3

- cedar posts ↑ fences: where'd cedar come from? (Jim Stabler guesses Idaho may be nearest source

- Den Bs to brow of hill to · e.: 7/10 mi. (Jick can see riders that far)

- 8 mi, Dup to Den Bs

- rear-view mirr ltr at · mtns, driving e. Den B to Dup: · dust ↑ · can make · mtns exotic, veiled; changes the shade; · swirl of it. (Jick might see from back ↑ pickup?)
- 2½ mi e. ↑ Den Bs, top a rise & can see in long ~~strt~~ straight stretch ↑ rearview · Sav Grass hills + Dup

- last ltl squares ~~of~~ dots ~~of~~ + triangles ↑ snow above Walking Reef

Bygone

323 - horizon strip pic of mtns behind Dupuyer

Choteau - Augusta trip (Sept. 19 '05)

- sharp edges of buttes & benches against sky: like raised imprints (embossed)
- jackstraps against sky XX (high cross cuts of Xs)
- contrail of jet heading directly into cloud mouth
- highway benchland in shade, alt dusk-like @ 9:40 AM while Rockies are in sun, & eastern horizon (Hi wisps Xs) is in pastel dawnwash thru cloud edge. (Wind clouds - huge lenticulars - over B + F.)

67 to Chatsam Sept. 20 '05

- atop F'ld bench, mtns & buttes surround, 220° or more
(Ben thinks in o'clock: surround is from 3 on clock face around to 12 o'c high)

Lvg G+F: benchlands stood in town (Hill 57)
- planes coming & going @ Mirimar.
- haze line of Rockies, mi. out of town (@ Sawtooth Range)
- square buttes begin to lift above horizon to SE
- mtns go quickly (even when approached on agcing bus)
- 5 mi out of town, sq butte's ramparts on horizon like Masada. (@ Vaughn) (this like fortress of rock)
- jackrabbits wd have been on hiway; gophers
- huge cottonwds o ranches; wind flufflng the leafy branches
- wd have been haystacks
- road twists N, climbing onto bench, after Mila intersect'n
- Mill Coulee Crk w/ its bit branches of trees & willows
- sprigged w/

Gt Falls to Choteau

- Onto 1st bench, mtns strong all along w/n horizon
- Haystack Butte @ 10 o'c, 1st bench before F'/ld bench
- horses in /elds. sheep? cattle
- hard climb /or old bus
- on F/ld bench, Ear Mtn can be picked out
- /lat all around, before F/ld, except /or side of mtns
- irrigated /elds: ditches then
- on F bench, farms w/ windbreaks (trees)
- Bold Star homes?
- road sneaks up o F'/ld, arrowing past before swinging R & arming at it
- invent bus stat.in past little F/ld park
- Fair/ld to Choteau: gray-blu of Freezout L.
  - combine in /ld near lake
  - buttes beg in distance: dark spot, cn & its trees
  - sphinx-like one(?) really starts to stand out: dead ahead

Gt Falls to Choteau

- ½ way to Choteau, feeling of colossal sky & extent of mtns
- pelicans in reeds
- trees discernible in size, on drier flatts S of Ch
- agua lake @ sphinx
- grain elevators along rr
- wd hav been cuts of dust, occasnl car o entry road; but fewer than before war.
- Choteau's admonishing courthouse @ end of st, so bus has to drive around it
- no new cars; old ones from '30s.

Choteau to Dupuyer, Sept. 21 '05

- road climbing toward mtns now
- Tommy Larson's sheep?
- before Bynum, flat-top buttes (flat as aircraft carriers) betw'n road & blue-gray mtns

- bowl of plain S. of Bynum, grain fields to. skirts of buttes (benches)
- so much of the country is horizon
- N outskirts of Bynum, Muddy Crk. Then Dry Fork of Marias (??) — discouraging names. (road signs " " Crk)
- mtns like a movie set; Ben thinks of Technicolor? (was it invented yet?)
- 13 mi. (unlucky) Pendroy to Dupuyer.
- Scattered Hills appear @ 2 o'clock (on clock/ace)
- past old/old depot, Pondera county line
- road really whipping now, challenging. bus
- " threatening to hit. mtns, last echoes before town
- fm comes into view, trees like a green cloud; lines of landscape around it

Montana '94

Glasgow: the drive from Glasgow to the dam, that the Senior Care cabulance would take

--view from highway: grain & hay fields? logical car wreck sites, on curves or hills?

- "Gros beyond · MKR & its cottonwood grove" (not so much interesting)
- big hill, up out of MKR. Valley: dry land strip farming immediately after · cirgld bottom land.
- world's biggest variety of old patterns (weather always trys to make up its mind
- · big curve, midway(?); a few trees in rd
- soil getting grayer & thinner tow'd top of. drainage
- showers not reaching · grnd (rains a lot... but dies-' always reach · grnd

-- the dam (OVER) * see next card, abt sheriff & slide & truck sites

#12

-pic(V4or) from info center: dike across to outlet towers: Brown's 1st view from o. curve?

--sense of being on the dam before you know it?

- yes: mown hay o l side & summer cabins o. other

--measure by odometer from W. end of dam to site for "turnout"--3+ mi.? use Overlook

--details of turnout, lake, weather, in early afternoon (Sept.)

--higher-water marks on riprap?

--view to powerhouses from "turnout"

On Sarpy Creek

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their bills
DARE,227--bibble: to drink as ducks do--ducks bibbling in the water (possible Rem*cer)

mallards @ reservoir ?

'81

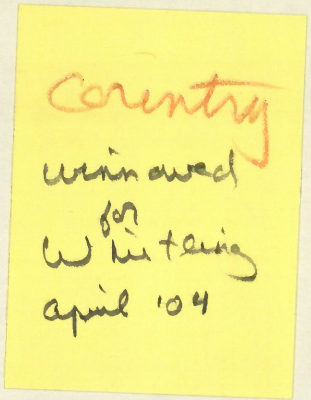
5 July

- tongue-hanging weather; late afternoon, air begins to press; th'storms build to · s.

- C: air seems to implode into you.

the blue-eyed sky

They're getting it in Valier. (rain)



weather file

It was raining in a big way.

mud?

This
~~It was~~ weather ~~to~~ cook ed the sweat out of you as you walked across the yard.

Tufts of rain are left as the underbelly of the cloud drags
across the hills.

sky like blue canvas

Ours was the only storm in a thousand square miles of Montana right then, and it rained as if showing the rest of the sky how.

The nightly teasing by the weather was one of the ~~hardest~~ cruelest parts of

the drought.

Nothing fancy about the weather today: rain, straight and steady as a muslin curtain.

Stanley to pick

Conklin

115 — thawy day

use with pick - Ridley
sheepshed scene?

- or ironically, for a
really hot day?

Rain booming on the roof.

--of Rob's house on Breed Butte; or the school section cabin; or Wibaux

Dell Stark, July 18, 1938

--I wouldn't really care to see any hail just now.

add to p.1 ?

veils of rain over the ridgetops

other people's weather

--transfixes Montanans during Dep'n?

Weather :

veils of rain along the horizon

Weather:

Gt Falls, 27 June '82: walking the tree-colonaded streets when thundershower arrived, a few blocks ahead the passage between tree trunks was hazed with rain, as if a screen door were there.

- use as TV detail

Montana, 5 July '85:

We arrived here in Gt. Falls on the 3d, and each day, in late afternoon, it's been close to 100 above. The heat when we go out in it can be felt in the eyes--it makes you want to squint, to save the eyeballs from drying--and on the cheekbones, and scariest of all, in the lungs.

--Day after day, some clouds appearx but bring no rain, not even thunderstorms. This constant teasing by the weather is surely one of the worst aspects of the drought.

drought heat (Montana, summer '85): constant surprise how bad things are. Crops so short they're hard to see as actually being above the ground, look more like color flat on the ground.

The feel of the country during a drought.

The daily disappointment of clouds and never rain (July 1985 evenings at Malone's in Bozeman when the entire sky over the Gallatin Valley filled with thick grey clouds; fringes came down along the sides of the Valley but no moisture. Clouds overhead had wild swirls, as if boiling slowly.)

The shortness of crops - so low to the ground they looked like colors on the ground.

The country looks faded.

You could cover a windrow of hay with your hat.

used?

Spring blizzards. Rainless summers. Nature has a sonofabitch side.

(put this in the final Baloney Expresser monologue?)

What's this weather going to do? (cd be common question at RV parks, or use as prelude to some weather calamity, such as storm breaking off big cottonwood limbs)

R Mtn Front, 20 June '69

- curtains of rain, silver agmt. mtns
- " " " coming out of canyons (Flume Gulch & N. Fork)

east of the Cascades--also true of Rockies?--the clouds become flat-bottomed.

read the weather

a sunshower (strangeness of rain and sun simultaneously)

Snowfall sets record

GF Trib Mar 31, 1989

Great Falls had its snowiest winter on record this year, according to the National Weather Service.

A spokesman said 75.6 inches of snow fell during the period from Nov. 1, 1988, through March 31, 1989, surpassing the previous November-March record of 70.4 inches in 1958-1959.

This month also was the snowiest March on record, with the 24 inches measured eclipsing the old mark of 23.4 inches from March 1982.

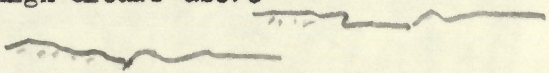
March's 24 inches brought the year's total, compiled on a July 1-June 30 basis, to 90 inches, which puts 1988-1989 in third place in the annual snowfall race.

Holding first place is 1966-1967 with 106.7 inches while 1981-1982 is second with 100.3 inches, NWS said. The year with the least snowfall was 1904-1905 with 17.9 inches.

Made in Buckeye

the talcum smell of spring

clouds--thin, shaped like wingspan of birds (gulls?), deep-gray
--a bit feathery; mare's tail and other high clouds above



pantaloon clouds, the weather (expansive)today

the women freshly scarved (against the first-of-winter wind?)

mountains freshly scarved with snow (have I used this before?)

the last snowbanks (as seen in Glacier Park on train to Montana, April '88)
are like old (soiled) bandages.

Another uneven spring (@ Ft Peck)... ('38?)

a bright terrible wink of lightning, not for all

ink-wash clouds, the ~~wick~~ kind with rain that does not reach the ground.

Out there in their cocoons of snow, (the ranches/homesteads/farms...)

--used in RFair?

Conklin

2/2 - snow half knee deep

RF

(chinook) ... as if the sky had caught a sudden fever.

blizzard wind?

00 is less than a tornado but not by much.

1919 drought

bringing cattle to railhead, leaving horses on prairie - cattle wanting to drink
(Mary Dawson letter)
- girl on horseback: Midge Withrow?

moon caught in a net of cloud

see details of Janet Kreft letters in "Glasgow bgnd" file folder

Abraham's tree (DARE, p. 5)--cloud form...of long feathers and plumes of cirrus, which seem to radiate from single point on horizon.

--possible use: Rob and Angus at Helena sunrise--sky tree, cloud tree, heaven tree, of clouds

torpid weather ('10 fire season)

the freight yards of heaven (thunder)

ch. 3

storm scene

~~To~~ This was · Mont that tore · hands off people and (Nancy...)

"It can't go on & on like this," Rob averred · 6th day.
Whether or not it cd, it didn't.

Later, a 1912: "· winter Rob & A went thru together, & all · rest, none of them was even a prefigurement to this."

sheepshed is built @ Angus; near · creek; they do that instead of completing his house.

ch. 27
weather

...half the accustomed distance between them and our wagon track was suddenly gone...

lightning, somewhere in ~~Dancing~~ Whistling?

--Rob and Angus hole up together during their '96 herding summer?

Helena, 5 July '89: on drive up Wolf Crk Canyon, • entry from Seeley
onward has dried out – tanned – greatly since we went thru on 28 June –
1 week ago.

used?

wind brooming through the fallen leaves

a muggy day – water practically standing in · air.

Semi-wintry

Jan. '89 weather summary, p. 2, GF Trib Farm & Ranch, Feb. 12 '89 (in file box)

weather file

The Montanans

We had about two windshields of rain all summer.

showery day (Jick says, at some point during trip)

weather file

Brutal weather. (hot)

Or: The weather stayed brutal.

Bill Lang, in Jan. '89 visit when we reminisced abt Dillon historian Stan Davison, mentioned that Stan was always "worried about the roads," Montana phrase for bad weather while traveling. Reminded me of Theresa & Fred Buckingham similarly worried at Mont. Historical Society in Lewistown, and from there, of how Dad and Grandma also worried about the roads--and for that matter, how I still do, where Montana (or mountain) travel is involved. Plainly it's a western cultural and generational divide: natives who've known people, or been people, in trouble in blizzards etc., incomers such as Lang and Bevis who are athletic, like some physical risk etc. and so don't "worry about the roads."

GF Trib March 4, '89

Storm piles up best snowpa

HELENA (AP) — A winter storm that dropped more than a foot of snow on parts of Montana this week has pushed mountain snowpacks to near normal levels for the first time in seven years, federal officials say.

"Things are looking pretty good this year," said Phil Farnes, snow-survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service. "Statewide we are between 80 (percent) to 95 percent of our average."

The cold and snow was good news for Montana's snowpack and moisture outlook, which has suffered through several years of drought.

The weather service said Helena and Great Falls have exceeded their average annual snowfall already, with Helena recording 60 inches and Great Falls 70.3 inches. The respective averages are 47.1 inches and 58.2 inches.

Farnes said 60 inches of snow has accumulated in the mountains north of Lincoln and up to 40 inches near Boulder south of Helena.

The Continental Divide near Helena is at its yearly average for this time of year, he said.

Meanwhile, the three-day storm eased out of Montana and into the Dakotas Friday, leaving behind clear skies and bone-chilling temperatures. Low temperatures Friday morning were subzero throughout most of the state, with the coldest reading at 29 below zero in East Glacier Park.

Snowfall of 1 to 3 inches fell in southern Montana overnight, with the heaviest accumulations near the Montana-Wyoming border. Those amounts were on top of nearly a foot of snow Tuesday through Thursday at Red Lodge, Billings, Butte and Helena.

The eastern plains and westcentral Montana received several inches to a half-foot, forecasters say, while northwest Montana had only a trace.

Forecasters said highs today would reach 20 in western Montana and the single digits east of the Continental Divide. Lows tonight will be below zero in the east and near 10 degrees in the west.

The long-range forecast called for a warming trend through the weekend and another storm system bringing rain or snow by early next week.

OVER

ack in 7 years

This week's storm formed when arctic high-pressure systems from Canada combined with moist air from the Pacific, said Bruce Thoricht of the National Weather Service in Billings.

The avalanche hazard in Montana is moderate to high and back-country visitors were warned Friday to take precautions over the weekend.

In a statement from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, officials said available information from the U.S. Forest Service prompted the weekend warning. The higher the altitude, generally the higher the danger, officials said.

People going into the mountains were advised not to travel across steep, open hillsides or existing avalanche runs. "Safer routes of travel are ridge tops, ridge lines, heavily treed slopes or open valley bottoms away from avalanche run out areas," the warning said.

The avalanche advisory was issued in southcentral, southwestern and northwestern Montana.

In many areas, heavy new snow has fallen on top of sun and wind-crusted old snow, elevating the avalanche hazard, officials said.

GF Trib. March 11, '89

Rapidly melting snow caused inconvenience to a lot of Central Montana residents Friday when roads and some basements were flooded. But this week's touch of spring may end soon.

The National Weather Service reported Friday night that temperatures should begin to moderate this weekend and cool off early next week, when there is a possibility of snow.

The weather service warned earlier Friday that rapid snow melting and ice jams on Montana rivers could cause flooding in low-lying areas and suggested livestock and equipment be moved to higher ground.

The high water and local flooding is occurring both east and west of the Continental Divide, but is more common on the east side of the Rockies and in the mountains and foothills, the weather service said.

The potential for ice-jam flooding in the main rivers east of the Rockies is increasing, with ice beginning to break up in the Musselshell and upper reaches of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers.

Runoff slowed in the Stockett area Friday. A county crew repaired rough spots on the Giffen Coulee road which was covered by water Thursday. The water "is not half of what it was" Thursday, said Rick Yurek, who lives in that coulee.

Recent snow, melting fast, caused the rapid runoff Thursday. There are still snowdrifts packed in the coulees and "there will be runoff for quite some time," Yurek said, but it will not melt as fast as the recent looser snow.

There was still some ice Friday in Belt Creek at the Riceville Bridge, but the water had gone down and was flowing. Runoff in the Belt Valley was mainly also from recent snow on the fields below Monarch, said Joyce Bissell, who lives at Riceville. She called the current runoff "nothing to worry about."

On the other side of the county, some overflowing creeks caused closure of two county roads. The Simms-Asuelot Road between Simms and Fairfield and the Collins Road north of Ulm were closed.

Snow melting on the hills surrounding Ulm was blamed for water in basements in the town of Ulm.

But much of Friday's snow melt was going into the ground, according to Tom Stelling of Fort Shaw. "There's more water in the little streams than there was all last year," but fields were soaking up a good share of the water, he said.

Jeff Graham, hydrologist for the National Weather Service, said, "On a large scale, we are not looking for much. What we are having is mostly low-level, nuisance stuff." Water was nearing bank-full in upper reaches of the Smith River, Graham said.

Graham said the sudden warming is melting recent snowfalls but the actual mountain snowpack is not producing much runoff.

Water was over the road between Augusta and Bowman's Corner and there was flooding in some parts of Augusta, although not as bad as in other years, according to Frank Dellwo. Some residents were relaxing at the Buckhorn Bar Friday night while they had pumps taking water out of their basements at home, Dellwo said.

Some minor flooding was reported on Ten-Mile Creek and Prickly Pear Creek in the Helena area.

farmer/rancher's irritation--as expressed by Dore Schwinden--at radio/TV weatherpersons who brightly announce rainless weather as good news.

Greenhouse f effect:

Jick: From what I'd read, one of the symptoms... was more violent weather.

('89 summer thunderstorms etc.; check Northern Lights greenhouse article)

NYT letter to ed

have Jick mention the greenhouse effect (clip in Ag Crisis box)

raining in earnest

heat lightning seen at Arnsts', about 11 pm, 30 June '81:
black anvil cloud in the northwest, pulsations of light winking through it; like firebox doors opened and instantly shut. Light was pale, closer to white than to yellow. Occasional stabbing flash of lightning bolt. Cloud like some vast engine, emitting the flashes of its combustion.
--Walls of light appeared, instantly vanished.

Other times, whole walls of light shot out of the cloud.

Everything seemed to be torn or tearing--loose cloud patches, white ripping seams in the ocean

A clear half moon - diminished, as Angus feels.

Heavy rain on the Bago where they're camped some night; Jick lies awake listening to the drumming of the rain.

Jick @ ranch: If there'd been any smog, wind o'night had blown it to Chicago by now.

...(break in clouds) shaped like a knothole. The Dutch boy could have stoppered it by sticking his thumb in, but there was brilliant blue beyond, which showed that the clouds were shallow.

- use when Jack & Stanley come down from mtns?

from Marcella Walter, when we were at their place up the N. Fork of the Flathead, July '96: the Walters call the phenomenon when sunset changes tint of the 80 mi. of Rockies out in front of the cabin "the purpling time."

look at Aug. '85 letter to Mark Wyman for descriptions of Montana's '85 drought.

6 July '83, Langs' house near Clancy--

90-degree heat, oppressive, gives me a headache; woke up about 2 this morn with a throbbing one.

8 July '83--8:40 a.m. of what promises to be a very hot day. (now 62 in Langs' house, still in morning shade) Pale shine around the horizon, more silvery than the deeper blue of the sky overhead: sign of hot weather?

After their rain, the mountains had cleared off into light-gray clarity, but with white pieces of cloud here and there in front of them. One sizable cloud looked like something that as if it had escaped from the vent of a volcano.

The shapes, the colors, everchanging here; yet the fundamental ~~xhxpxx~~ forms of land so constant. How?

use in ch. 3,
Angus in mtns + sheep
while Anna away?

thunderguts of the sky

John Waldner: the mountains look like wind. (i.e., are a restless gray that portends windy weather.)

July 4 & 5 '82: very windy. The 4th was sunny, with gusts; 5th was dour and sprinkly, with steady hard wind. Emphasize the wind.

sound of rainfall building second by second

wind clouds; you can hear the wind coming over the mountains.

mtns not always to be trusted as weather indicator. Y'day - July 6 - John Waldner + I agreed · clouds seemed to portend a stormy day. Instead, it cleared off to harmless puffy clouds, mostly sun, + a perfect temperature for comfort.

rain can be seen falling at the ends of colonnades of trees in Gt Falls Choteau, as you're in under the trees: can see it ahead of you, you're more aware of it there than where it comes down just beyond the trees beside you.

Ch 7

That summer of ~~1890~~ 1919 was a season the North Fork had never known before.

used Dancing ch. 6

A chill in the night air even in late June.

early morning sun in treetops

rheumy clouds, seeping...

Big Bells?
creek Sea Runners
ala.?

clouds walking the ridgelines, hurried by chilly wind

quick scan, No

Spring came early, and seemed to mean it.

- used in RF?

leaves' rustle outside a window

--used in RFair lawyer scene?

weather from Canada