

The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

His nation that lead the world in feverish business activity requires playgrounds as workshops, says George Otis Smith, which is not surprising to America of the old saw that all good things come to those who wait. Secretary Seward was endeavoring to elicit the support of the people for his project, but the case of the somewhat esthetic arguments by which he sought to gain advocates was that the great northwestern territory should be acquired if for nothing else than that it would afford a magnificent summer playground for the American nation. Alaska's purchase is doubtless justified on this score alone, and, while its varied topography affords in truth a wonderful field to the tourist, there are much more readily accessible "playgrounds" within the United States. Indeed, even at our very doors, although for lack of good transportation facilities they may be more difficult of access than far distant points.

The nation owes it to itself, to the people of the present day, and even more to those of a future contented population to create into national parks the magnificent regions of the Rocky mountains and the High Sierra, which have little, if any, economic importance, and thus preserve always their natural, wholesome beauty. Transportation methods become accessible.

A national playgrounds association is being organized, with the growth-up, organized on some such basis as that of the Sierra Club of California, but with the United States for its field of activities, would find important work to be done and would enlist many ardent supporters.

Numerous national parks have already been established by the government, some because of their records of natural wonderlands, such as Yellowstone, and others through insistent championship of enthusiasts. The youngest member of the playground family, now knocking at the door for recognition, is the proposed Glacier National park in northern Montana. There are some people in the north who do not even realize that there are glaciers in the United States today, and that of them as extinct monsters belonging to a past geologic era. To such the very name, Glacier park, is an education.

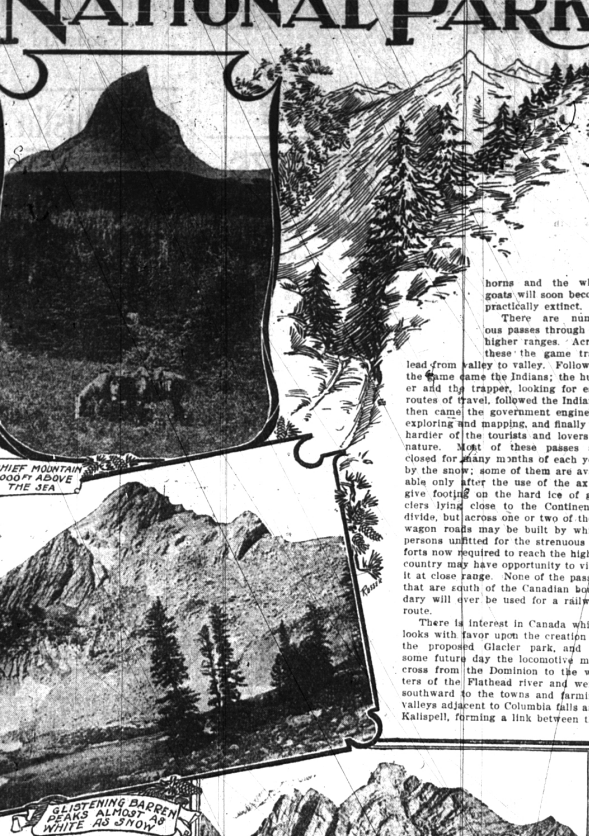
There are still continental glaciers; even the great frozen regions of Alaska are small in extent compared with the ancient glaciers that the remnants of the one-time universal ice sheets, such as are seen in Glacier park, are so majestic and numerous as to awaken in the mind of the traveler scenes of unbounded awe and wonder at Nature's matchless handiwork.

Give a month at least to this precious reserve," says John Muir, some ten years ago, in speaking of the delights of this region. "The time will not be taken from the sum of your life. Instead of shortening it, it will indefinitely lengthen it and make you truly immortal."

Nor are the attractions of the Glacier park confined to the scenic. Here lies, for instance, the majestic Lake McDonald, full of brack trout as described by Mr. Muir, in the heart of the splendid Flathead forests of giant pine, spruce and cedar, while ten miles away is Avalanche lake, shimmering at the foot of a group of glacier-like mountains. Far up the white peaks one can hardly fail to meet the white goat or American chamois, while in other retreats dwell deer, elk and bear, and many smaller, sleek-furred animals enjoying their beautiful lives in company with numerous bird species.

It is hoped that the present session of congress will preserve for the nation this latest playground and constitute it another of our national parks. It will then be our second largest park surpassed only by Yellowstone.

The Sixth congress made a favorable report on a Glacier park bill, which had also the strong support of the secretaries of the interior and agriculture. This report was based largely upon a topographic survey made four years ago by a United States geological survey party, and upon a later compilation by Robert H. Chapman, a 1,000,000 acres lying just south of the Canadian line and between Flathead river and the Blackfoot Indian reservation, which contains 60 square miles. It also contains over 250 glacial lakes from a few hundred feet to ten miles in length. The Rocky mountain system in the United States abounds in regions of wild and magnificent scenery. But it is doubtful if any of them surpasses in grandeur and interest that of Glacier park. From its area water flows to Hudson bay, the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific ocean. Mount Cleveland, its highest peak, reaches an elevation of 10,424 feet, and there are other rugged mountains ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level. This area of the northern Rocky mountains, says Mr. Chapman, lies to the north of the Great Northern railway and to the south of the Canadian boundary, is one of the most beautiful mountain regions in the world. Approaching the divide from the west to the east, the mountains present to the traveler a



rock wall of great steepness extending northwest by southeast for unbroken miles except where cut by deep U-shaped canyons. These have been formed by the great glaciers which once upon the higher peaks, and ridges forming the divide, between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans—the northern continental divide.

Deep in the canyons are roaring streams, coming from the melting ice and snow and flowing into placid mountains above below. Between the canyons the long finger-like ridges rise to considerable heights, the timber-covered slopes ascending steeply until a region of tremendous precipitous cliffs. The canyons at the head usually terminate in great amphitheatres, rising up the higher peaks, in the eastern side.

Many of the steps of these great stairways retain ice masses which slowly flow down the higher peaks, and above until a region of huge snow banks is reached.

The main Rocky mountain pass is actually made up of two principal parallel ridges, the Lewis and Clark range, which run approximately through the center of the proposed park. These ranges are the remnants of what was once a much wider plate-like region of rock, which, however, has been mightily carved and shattered by the forces of erosion, principally those of the great ancient glaciers. Reaching upon the higher peaks, in the eastern side, are pyramids and blocks, with cliffs, and precipices of hundreds and sometimes thousands of feet, plunging away down to the roaring streams at the canyons or ending in the great crevasses at the head of some glacier.

To the westward the mountains break precipitously, and from the foot of the steep, long, timber-covered ridges, which extend to the westward of the Flathead river. Between these ridges and extending up the canyons of the higher range are many miles of "lakes, formed by rubbing streams similar to those on the eastern side.

The whole park is inhabited by wild animals and birds and the streams abound in many kinds of fish. In the higher barren rocks above the white goat is found in great numbers, while on the slightly lower ridges, where some protection is afforded by stunted timber growth and brush from interference, will increase to such an extent as to furnish the main range and on the lower spurs are many white-tail and black-tail deer and moose; in places a few elk are found. On the highest peaks, where the snow is deep and the wind is high, are found the mountain sheep and goat. In places a few moose are found, and in some places a few caribou are found. The mountain sheep and goat are found in the highest peaks, where the snow is deep and the wind is high, are found the mountain sheep and goat. In places a few moose are found, and in some places a few caribou are found.

horns and the white goats and become practically extinct. There are numerous passes through the higher ranges. Across these the game trails lead from valley to valley. Following the game trails the Indians, the hunter and the trapper, looking for easy routes of travel, follow the Indians; then came the government engineers exploring and mapping, and finally the harder of the tourists and lovers of nature. Most of these passes are closed for many months of each year by the snow, some of them are available only after the use of the ax to force footings on the hard ice of glaciers lying close to the Continental divide, but across one or two of them wagon roads may be built by which persons untried for the strenuous effort would be required to reach the higher country may have opportunity to view it at close range. None of the passes that are south of the Canadian boundary will ever be used for a railway route.

There is interest in Canada which looks favorably upon the creation of the proposed Glacier park, and at some future day the locomotive may cross from the Dominion to the waters of the Flathead river and wind across the divide to the mountains and valleys adjacent to Columbia falls and Kalispell, forming a link between the

Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern railroads. A route on the west side of the Flathead river, says Mr. Chapman, is very available for the location of a railroad track.

In order to open up this region of superb and unique scenery for the public, a few main roads will be required along the stream together with horse trails to points of special interest. Lake McDonald, it is pointed out in the senate report, lying near the southwestern boundary of the proposed park, is at present a most active and matched beauty, surrounded by scenery of such signal grandeur as to make a roadway along its eastern shore extremely desirable, but this, it is stated, is a matter for the future consideration of congress.

The region combines all the elements of an ideal playground, as it stands. It needs only official designation to insure its protection and perpetuity as such to stimulate the establishment of transportation facilities, making it more readily available to visitors. In the west, the bulk of the park is of little, if any, economic importance. The conditions are particularly adapted to the study of the structure and history of mountain building, as the ancient forces of nature work most active and tremendous folding and warping of the once horizontally bedded rocks is in many places apparent. During the rest of the park, the bulk of the weight to the east of the divide, so that economic deposits, and the same may be said as to the whole of the park.

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